

# Manifest

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## Commodore to retire

Commodore **Alec James Hort**, commodore of the British and Commonwealth fleet since 1969 and master of *Windsor Castle*, completed his final voyage for the company at Southampton on August 10 and will retire on September 14.

Alex Hort joined the Union-Castle Company in 1936 after serving his apprenticeship with W. Hogarth & Son and seeing service with several other companies. From then until the outbreak of war he acted as a junior officer in three of the company's mailships and as chief officer of *Walmer Castle*. After service in the RNR he returned to Union-Castle, receiving his first command—*Rustenburg Castle*—in 1954. From then until taking command of *Windsor Castle* in 1965 he commanded no less than 13 of the company's vessels.

Commodore Hort has enjoyed an enviable reputation as a ship's master. His consummate skill as a sailor has often been reported in the South African press when he has carried out some difficult manoeuvre with his ship. His popularity with his passengers and his ability to mix with people make him a delightful and amusing host. This popularity has extended beyond the passenger accommodation: his honesty and sense of fair play have endeared him to all who served under him.

Commodore Hort is a keen gardener, an enthusiastic golfer, and a knowledgeable follower of racing. His retirement will be spent improving his skill in these fields.

## Retirements

**Phil Cannings** joined the Company in July 1927 as a third class assistant steward aboard *Arundel Castle*, and served on many vessels including *Kenilworth Castle*, *Armada Castle*, *Carnarvon Castle* and *Walmer Castle*.

Promoted head waiter on *Kenilworth Castle* October 1933, he spent many years as head waiter on various vessels, but left the company in 1945 to go into licensed trade and rejoined in 1947. Since that time he has worked partially on the shore and partially on sea staff, until his retirement on June 30.

**Alick Carey** retired on June 30 after over 40 years service with the Union-Castle Line, which he joined as second class assistant steward *Walmer Castle*. He joined *Warwick Castle* as BRS on her maiden voyage in 1931 where he remained until 1936, then joined *Stirling Castle* for her maiden voyage.

He came ashore from *Carnarvon Castle*,



■ On a recent family occasion at Southampton Capt. Alec Hort was joined aboard *Windsor Castle* by his two brothers, Philip (left) and Jeffery (right). Both of them are chartered accountants.



■ The Nautical Institute Trust was set up earlier this year to promote the establishment of a nautical professional body. Its trustees, pictured above, include Capt. R. Hart (fourth from left) nautical adviser to B&C. Left to right: Capt. S. A. M. Dickens, Capt. J. A. L. Cosh, Capt. R. Smith, Capt. R. Hart, Capt. Sir George Barnard, Capt. G. R. Hughes, Capt. J. Gulesserian, Capt. C. A. Rhodes and Commodore C. Colburn. Absent when the picture was taken were Capt. J. Dunkley and Capt. F. Boize.



■ A reception was held aboard *Clan Menzies* in London on July 6, for relatives and friends of members of the cadet unit. In this picture taken by Anne Haines (marine dept., Cayzer House), the complete cadet unit is seen with Capt. Hart and training officer D. Sinclair (third and second from left) and Capt. Ford (extreme right).