



■ Top: Capt. H. Charuley holding the inscribed silver tray presented to him by officers of *Pendennis Castle* when he relinquished command on February 5. From left to right, E. Edwards (first engineer), A. Charlesworth (second purser), R. Somers (chief engineer), W. Pritchard (staff commander), Capt. Charuley, A. J. Hodge (chief purser), and Miss A. Kelly (French of London). Picture: J. F. H. Constantine, Transocean Photographic.



■ Elder Dempster (Canary Islands) Ltd., Union-Castle agents at Las Palmas, made presentations to Commodore and Mrs. Wright when *Windsor Castle* called at Las Palmas homeward bound on the commodore's last voyage, February 22. Main present (seen above, held by Commodore and Mrs. Wright and Eugene V. S. Pavillard and Mrs. Pavillard) was a landscape of Gran Canaria in oils. Eugene Pavillard, managing director of the agency, also presented the commodore with a bottle of very old Malvoasia wine from Lanzarote. The bottle was one of three kept since 1960, when they were specially prepared for passengers on the maiden voyage of *Windsor Castle*. Another was given to Commodore Hort on retirement, and the last is being kept (as Eugene Pavillard writes to Capt. R. Hart) for the last voyage of *Windsor Castle* herself.

Many presents were also given to Commodore Wright by the officers and crew of *Windsor Castle* during his last voyage. CLANSMAN looks forward to listing these alongside the company presentation marking Commodore Wright's retirement, in a future issue of the magazine.

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A. P. Churchill, who retired on January 1, joined the company on September 5, 1930, as a trimmer in *Walmer Castle*. He was promoted to greaser in 1947 in *Capetown Castle* and joined *Arundel Castle* in 1951. In 1967 he joined *Pendennis Castle* where he remained until retirement.

Master Mariners

SOUTHAMPTON—Congratulations to Capt. Brian O'Connor, our cargo superintendent, on his appointment as captain of the Southampton Master Mariners Club.

He was installed by the retiring captain, Capt. Ralph Stephenson, at the club's annual sea-pic supper at the Polygon Hotel on February 5. Guest speaker for the evening was the High Sheriff of Hampshire, Commander Colin Balfour, R.N., Rtd., and among the guests was one of the club's famous "stowaways", Lord Maybray King, former MP for Southampton and Speaker of the House of Commons.

Capt. Reg Kelso, former assistant marine superintendent at Southampton and now master of the *King James*, was also appointed sea captain, reports N. Hodson.

Aid planned for seamen's wives

A register of seamen's wives is to be established by The Missions to Seamen in an attempt to alleviate problems which wives face when husbands are at sea for months at a time. Wives who write to the society will be put in touch with others, and it is hoped that groups will be formed throughout the British Isles.

A spokesman for The Missions to Seamen said that the register was in line with efforts being made by other societies in the International Christian Maritime Association, and followed a resolution made at the association's conference in the summer of 1972. "This move is a logical extension of our work among seafarers throughout the world", he said, "and should go some way towards meeting a very great need. Seamen's wives have to face many pressures, and we hope that by contacting others in a similar situation they will be better able to cope with their difficulties."

The scheme is being co-ordinated from the headquarters of The Missions to Seamen at St. Michael Paternoster Royal, College Hill, London EC4R 2RL.



■ At left: A lunch was held in London by Safmarine on January 31 to mark the retirement of Capt. A. A. Freer, and to thank him for his services to Safmarine. Here, F. Smith of Safmarine presents Capt. Freer with an engraved plaque to commemorate the rescue of W. Honeywill (which took place when Capt. Freer commanded *SA Vaal*). On the right is Capt. J. Molyneux and on the left Capt. R. Hart, fleet manager.