

# manifest

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## Clan Line gets its first shipboard music lessons

An electronic organ, given to B&C by the Seafarers Education Service, has been installed aboard the refrigerated cargo vessel *Clan Ramsay*. It is believed to be the first electric organ to be put aboard a British merchant cargo ship.

Organist Malcolm Rudland travelled on the ship's voyage to Cape Town and back, demonstrating the scope of the organ and giving lessons to those keen on learning. Rudland, on his first ocean voyage, said the beauty of that particular organ, a Yamaha, is its auto-record device which makes it comparatively simple to get good results.

B&C are making a review of crew welfare because of the trend toward shorter working hours at sea, making more spare time available. As well as sending professionals such as artists and musicians to sea, the company hopes to encourage voluntary

learning, discussions and hobbies. It is also hoped that within the next few years it will be possible to assemble crews whose members share a similar hobby, such as music or painting, and appoint them to a ship on which facilities exist for that particular hobby.

### Eight get Met. awards

Eight B&C ships have been nominated for excellent awards by the Meteorological Office, by virtue of the quality of their meteorological records received during the year 1974. As in previous years, three awards are available for each ship, one for the master, one for the principal observing officer and one for the senior radio officer. The list of ships is at centre of back page, this supplement.

The full list of awards appeared in the July 1975 number of *The Marine Observer*. In the meantime, all recipients have been notified by letter and asked for an address to which the award may be sent. Any officer seeing his name on the list before hearing officially should write to the Met. Office in Bracknell, claiming his award and giving an address. This would probably save a considerable amount of time all round. The address is: Meteorological Office, Headquarters Annex, Eastern Road, Bracknell, Berks. RG12 2UR.

### Memorial plaque

Fleet management in London recently received a letter from E. J. (Curly) Brown, sent from *Clan Ramsay*, then at Drammen, Norway. Curly attached a photograph showing a plaque installed at the Flying Angel Mission in Cape Town.

The plaque carries an engraving of *Nina Bowater* and the inscription: "In memory of Edward Gie-Hamilton, assistant steward of mv *Nina Bowater*, drowned at sea 5th August 1973. From ship's company of *Nina Bowater*".

Curly wanted B&C seagoing staff to know about the plaque, as it was made and installed with their donations.

### 1975 safety contest: £200 prizes

With the support of the accident prevention sub-committee, the General Council of British Shipping is sponsoring a new safety competition open to all seafarers serving in ships sailing under the British flag. This latest competition has been devised so as to attract the interest of all seafarers and prize money totalling £200 will be awarded for the best entries received.

Posters depicting three different situations, one on deck, one in the engine room and one in the galley, illustrate a number of hazards and unsafe practices. Entrants are invited to select any one of the three situations and identify at least ten of the hazards or unsafe practices. In addition, entrants are required to add a caption of not more than ten words. Separate entry forms will be supplied.

Posters, entry forms and helpful information for Masters have been distributed to ships. Entries close September 30.



■ Malcolm Rudland, at keyboard, shows ship's officers how to play the organ, soon after it was installed aboard *Clan Ramsay*. Left to right, standing: Mark Williams, second officer; Joe Banks, chief refrigerating engineer; Craig Thomson, chief officer. Picture: H. J. Wood.

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