

## **Captain David Ingham. R.I.P.**

Dear Club Members,

It is with great sadness that I have to report the death of our Honorary Life President, Captain David Ingham (aged 91), who died peacefully at home in Bentley yesterday, 5th May.

His funeral service details will be advised later by his family and we will relay the date, time and place information to all members who wish to attend.

Captain Ingham was a founding member of the club back in 1976 when it was known as the Dolphins. In that time the club has brought together hundreds of active and retired ships' officers, marine pilots, superintendents, and others in the local and global transport industry who are based in Suffolk and North Essex.

Captain Ingham was just 24 when he first took command of an FT Everard ship, and went on to captain around 20 of their vessels, travelling as far as the Bay of Biscay and the Baltic, before becoming a Trinity House pilot for the Ipswich district. He was appointed district sub-commissioner in 1973 and later seconded to Saudi Arabia for 16 months as a pilot in the port of Jeddah.

In the late 1980s, with Ipswich harbourmaster the late Capt John Bain, he negotiated the integration of Ipswich pilots with those from Thames North Channel and Harwich Haven Authority.

He retired aged 62 due to an injury he suffered to his knees in a pilot launch hit by an easterly gale. He went on to take on a Trinity House consultancy on pilotage reorganisation outside the UK.

In 2008 he brought a 70ft barge yacht back from Brussels for her owners, travelling by canal to Calais and across to the River Deben estuary and Woodbridge. He had been an active Bentley village parish councillor and chairman.

Best regards,  
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