



### Capt LG (Pat) Morrish (33-35)

Leo Grafton (known as Pat) Morrish was born in Leamington Spa in 1918 and in 1933 joined Conway, moored then at Rock Ferry, Birkenhead. A keen sportsman, he ran half and quarter mile, played for the Ship's cricket First XI, boxed, was part of the winning duo crew in the Ship's dinghy championship, and in 1935, stroked the Ship's 10-oared cutter in a two-mile race against Worcester and General Botha.

In 1935, Pat left Conway for the Merchant Navy, joining Harrison Line as a Cadet, his first ship being the SS *Delilian* carrying cargo between Liverpool and the Gulf of Mexico. He started on £1 per month (a quarter of unemployment benefit at the time). After three years with Harrison's, he enrolled in Sir John Cass Nautical College London and gained his 2nd Mate's ticket in May 1939. He then joined Blue Star Line as 4th Mate on *Norman Star* in June 1939 and once war was declared, applied for both the Royal Navy and the Army. When both realised he was in the Merchant Navy, they took his application no further and required him to return.

In February 1940, he joined the New Zealand Shipping Company and sailed on the *Surrey*, *Durham* and *Rangitata*, carrying troops and cargo mainly between New York, London, South America and New Zealand.

In March 1941 he took three months' leave to pass his 1st Mate's ticket at Leith Nautical College and joined Cunard the following year. In November, he was Junior 3rd Officer on *Scythia*, carrying troops to North Africa as part of Operation Torch, when it survived a direct hit from an Italian aerial torpedo off Algiers. He later joined the *Queen Mary* as Troop Officer, carrying 16,000 troops across the Atlantic. At Cunard, he progressed over a 23-year period from Junior 3rd Officer of the *Scythia*, through Chief Officer of both the *Queen Mary* and *Queen Elizabeth* to Captain of *Andania III* in 1965.

In July 1944, Pat married an ex-St Trinnean's girl (also Pat) whom he had met while studying for his tickets at Leith Nautical College. Wishing to spend more time with his family in Edinburgh, Pat joined David MacBrayne Shipping Company in 1966 as Marine Superintendent, retiring in 1983.

In 1971, Pat joined the Honourable Company of Master Mariners and also gained the freedom of the City of London. From 1984 to 1991, he served as Chairman of the Orkney Islands Shipping Company.

Pat died in December 2012, after celebrating his 68th wedding anniversary, and is survived by his wife Pat, son John and daughter Patricia, and four grandchildren.

### John Alan Brown (46-48)

Alan Brown, who was born in 1931, passed away peacefully at home in December 2011 aged 80. Alan had fond memories of his time at Conway and his subsequent time with the Clan Line. He leaves behind his wife Jean, three children David, Lesley and Alison, seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.