



THE NEW ZEALAND COMPANY OF MASTER MARINERS INCORPORATED

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Wednesday 10^h August 2022
To be held at the Canterbury Club, 129 Cambridge Terrace, Christchurch Central
commencing at 1230 with lunch (assembly from 1200)

1. **WELCOME – Master**
2. **GRACE & LOYAL TOAST – Captain Barradale**
3. **LUNCH**

MEETING AGENDA

4. **APOLOGIES & ACCEPTANCE OF PROXIES**
5. **REMEMBERING THOSE WHO CROSSED THE BAR**
6. **MINUTES**
 - 6.1 Confirmation - Minutes of the 2021 AGM held in Wellington on 11 August 2021 (Attachment 1)
 - 6.2 Matters arising from the minutes
 - 6.2.1 NZRSA (Master)
 - 6.2.2 Social Media
7. **COMMUNICATIONS**
 - 7.1 The General Secretary to summarize significant items of correspondence
 - 7.2 Matters arising from the correspondence.
8. **WARDENS' REPORTS**
9. **MASTER'S REPORT**
 - 9.1 The Master will present his report for the year
 - 9.2 Matters arising from the Master's report
10. **TREASURER'S REPORT**
 - 10.1 The General Secretary/Treasurer will report on the financial status of the Company for the year
 - 10.2 Any matters arising from the Treasurer's report.

Resolution: To receive and adopt the Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ending 31st March 2021.

- 8.3 Authority to operate accounts
- 8.4 Capitation levy for the 2022-2023 year

11. OFFICERS FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR

Report on Executive Council's election/confirmation of Officers.

12. GENERAL BUSINESS NOTIFIED FOR DISCUSSION

12.1 **WELLINGTON BRANCH. REMIT – Proposed changes to Rule 4. MEMBERSHIP**
(Attachment 3)

12.2 **PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO RULE 8.2 – waiving levies for Life Members** (Attachment 4)

12.3 **NOMINATION FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

14 NEXT MEETING

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held at the Bolton Hotel, Wellington on Wednesday 11th August 2021

The meeting was convened at 1340 following lunch

1. **WELCOME AND LOYAL TOAST**

Prior to lunch. Captain Barradale, Warden Auckland Branch, said Grace and Captain Good proposed the Loyal Toast.

In opening the meeting after lunch, the Master, Captain Ewbank, welcomed the 14 members and passed the chair to the Master Designate, Captain Eric Good, who welcomed everyone.

2. **PRESENT:** Captains Anand, Barradale, Brown, Camp, Date, Ewbank, Good, Kerswill, Mansell, Sweetman, van Kesteren, Watt, Williamson, and Commander Robbins.

APOLOGIES: Captains Daish, Ian Hall, Pryce, Lillico, Irwin. The apologies were **received** (Good/Barradale)

3. **CROSSING THE BAR:** A minute's silence was observed for those members who had 'crossed the bar' since the last AGM – Captain C. Barry Thompson, Captain W (Bill) Galer, Captain Alister Forbes, Captain Nic Campbell, Captain Peter Wright, and Captain W.Osmand

4. **MINUTES:**

4.1 The minutes of the AGM held in Mt Maunganui on 5 August 2020 were circulated and **taken as read** (Barradale/Ewbank). The following matters arising were discussed:

4.1.1 **NZRSA.** The Chairman commented that he had attended the Annual meeting of the NZRSA (by Zoom) and felt that the NZRSA has accepted the MN as the 4th Service. He will continue dialogue.

4.1.2 **NZMNA.** The NZMNA have just formalised their existence. Captain Good is working with them to further develop the relationship. Noted that the NZMNA is strong in Nelson and there could be an opportunity for the Company in that area.

4.1.3 **QUORA.** General Secretary advised that the rule change (quorum reduced from 15 to 10) had been lodged with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies and noted that this was a timely change given that only 14 members were in attendance at this meeting!

5. **CORRESPONDENCE:** General Secretary reported that he receives almost no postal mail. Most inwards communications are by email all of which have been routine administrivia this year. This item will be removed as a standard part of general meetings.

6. **WARDENS' REPORTS:**

6.1 **Auckland.** Captain Christopher Barradale. Reviewing meeting arrangements. Remuera Club venue fee increased from \$150 to \$200 per meeting next year. Enjoyed a very successful lunch time meeting at the Birkenhead RSA in March, so this could be an alternative venue for some of our meetings.

2020 Scholarship Award went to Zak Miers who successfully passed the OOW Deck exam during the year. Zak was a NZ Maritime School Cadet who completed his sea-time with Neptune Pacific Line but is now sailing as Second Mate with Myriad Sea Management Company of Switzerland.

The RSA's removal of the Merchant Navy flag from the Auckland Cenotaph where it had been displayed at every ANZAC Day since 1929, remains under discussion. The War Memorial Museum were unable to get the RSA to restore the flag so will give consideration to flying the Ensign from the Museum building itself. Was not successful in remedying this this for ANZAC Day 2021 but has a promise from Museum Director to revisit the request in time for 2022. However, the Museum did fly the Merchant Navy flag from the museum rooftop for Merchant Navy Day in September 2020.

Captain John Frankland has been Hon. Branch Secretary for 10 years and he has been excellent in that role. He has retired and has been replaced by Commander Mark Longstaff. Thanks expressed to the other officers and the committee, in particular Deputy Warden and Social Events organiser Captain Ben Johnson, our Membership Officer Captain Anup Pillai.

6.2 **Christchurch.** Captain Phillip Sweetman. Numbers are steady but the dispersed nature of the membership is a difficulty. Thanks expressed to office holders. Branch has agreed to proposal to support a trainee on R TUCKER THOMPSON and suggested to other branches and Warsash Association to join them.

This was discussed but it was noted that the Wellington and Auckland Branches had not supported the idea and Warsash Association had yet to decide. The Executive Council had not found favour with the suggestion and it was not put to the meeting for a formal vote.

6.3 **Wellington.** Captain John Mansell. Assumed role at the Branch AGM in April at which Captain Ken Watt retired as Secretary, with Captain Raminder Anand replacing him. Membership holding steady. Noted the loss of 3 members since last AGM with recent loss of Captain Wayne Osmond, Master with Bluebridge Shipping, who drowned swimming at Castlepoint Beach.

The annual SS OTAKI Remembrance Ceremony was attended at Otaki College. Important to maintain presence at this and similar events to maintain profile of the Company.

6.4 **Tauranga.** An eventful year. Pleased to host AGM last year. Membership numbers have remained static overall though lunch numbers are reduced especially in winter. Sad to report some members' wives have crossed the bar. Company represented at Anzac and Merchant Navy Days and Sea Sunday at local church.

RSA at Mt Maunganui now has a 'Merchant Navy Corner'.

7. **MASTER'S REPORT:** The Master presented a detailed report, copies of which were circulated to those attending. This has been his 6th year as Master and he is handing the helm to Captain Eric Good.

Master has devoted his efforts to raising the status of the Merchant Navy including with NZRSA and NZMNA. Efforts to have MN personnel recognised as Service Personnel continue.

He has represented the company at various events including the Waitangi Day Garden Party in Wellington.

Master has attended most of the funerals of Auckland Branch members this year.

Master noted the annual Maritime Associations Dinner which he has organised in Auckland each December and commented that the Company was well represented at the 2020 dinner. He has handed

responsibility for organising the dinner to IMarEst Auckland.

The Master thanked the Wardens and Committees of our four branches for their efforts in keeping the Company afloat.

On conclusion of the Master's Report, the incoming Master, Captain Eric Good, proposed a Vote of Thanks to Captain Ted Ewbank. **This was passed with acclamation.**

8. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Presented by General Secretary. Loss of \$519 for the year. The Consolidated Financial Report for the Company and Branches has been accepted by the Executive Council and will be lodged with Registrar of Incorporated Societies shortly.

Operating authority for Company Accounts confirmed and remain unchanged. One person to sign. Hon Treasurer, Larry Robbins has signing authority.

The Executive Council have decided that the capitation levy shall be increased to \$30pp for the year commencing 1 July 2022.

Captain van Kesteren requested that previous year's figures be included for reference in financial reports.

Resolution: To receive and adopt the Annual Reports and Financial Statements for the year ending 31 March 2020. (Robbins/Date). **Passed**

9. **OFFICERS:** The following appointments were advised/confirmed:

Master – Captain Eric Good

General Secretary/Treasurer – Commander Larry Robbins

Warden Auckland Branch – Captain Chris Barradale

Warden Christchurch Branch – Captain Phillip Sweetman

Warden Tauranga Branch – Captain Ken Camp

Warden Wellington Branch – Captain John Mansell

10. **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

10.1 Captain Barradale noted that the NZ Maritime School turns out 10-15 students a year but none seem interested in joining the Company. The need to recruit new members including pilots was discussed. Social Media (Facebook/Linkedin) was discussed as a potential aid to encourage recruitment. Captain Anand is reviving the Linkedin page and Facebook will be considered. Mentorship of young officers has been tried but has not been very successful, possibly due to the difficulty of matching personalities, availability etc.

10.2 **Next Meeting.** The next AGM will be held in Christchurch on a date to be advised in August 2022.

Members were thanked for their attendance, and the Master closed the meeting at 1440

Attachment 2
FINANCES

NZCMM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME & EXPENDITURE To 31 March 2022

	AUCKLAND Consolidated	CHRISTCHURCH	TAURANGA	WELLINGTON	COMPANY	This year to 31 March 2022	Last year to 31 March 2021	CHANGE
INCOME								
Subscriptions (membership dues)	7032	420	1050	1860	0	10362	9611	751
Donations or t/f ex Savings a/c	100		0	20	0	120	0	120
Interest	357	60	0	23	2	442	712	-270
Functions & meetings	2765			0	0	2765	5781	-3016
Levy Income	0	0	0	0	4400	4400	4475	-75
Sundry Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	710	-710
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Total	10254	480	1050	1903	4402	18089	21289	-3200
EXPENDITURE								
Auditor fees				0	0	0	0	0
Charities or t/f to Savings a/c				0	0	0	0	0
General expenses Sundry				0	58	58	859	-801
Levy to Company	2075	550	525	1250	0	4400	4475	-75
Meetings & Functions	3390					3390	0	3390
Functions/venue hire	450		403	206	0	1059	7747	-6688
AGM Meetings	0		154	0	218	372	1379	-1007
Travel/ Other meetings	420			0	2212	2632	1239	1393
Newsletter/Printing/Postage	0		35	0	0	35	70	-35
Postage & Stationery	0					0	9	-9
Secretarial cost/fees	307				2000	2307	1925	382
Bank charges/Wreath	5				0	5	40	-35
Donations	1575		100	613	0	2288	1406	882
Total	8222	550	1217	2069	4488	16546	19149	-2603
Excess Income/Expenditure	2,032	-70	-167	-166	-86	1,543	2,140	-597

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BALANCE SHEET

	AUCKLAND Consolidated	CHRISTCHURCH	TAURANGA	WELLINGTON	COMPANY	This year to 31 March 2022	Last year to 31 March 2021	CHANGE
ASSETS								
Current account	19712	226	1143	534	4285	25900	19375	6525
Inventories	348	0	100	447	112	1007	1016	-9
Debtors & Accruals						0	0	0
Investments						0	0	0
Term Deposit & Savings	3085	6770		7084		16939	21961	-5022
Total	23145	6996	1243	8065	4397	43846	42352	1494
LIABILITIES								
Creditors & Accruals	0	0	0	0	0	0	676	-676
Accumulated funds	0					0	0	0
Opening balance	20986	7066	1410	8231	5023	42716	41233	1483
Income/Expenditure	2032	-70	-167	-166	-86	1543	2140	-597
Adjustment to Opening (Retained) earnings	126	0						0
Total	23144	6996	1243	8065	4937	44259	42697	1562

Attachment 3

WELLINGTON BRANCH. REMIT – Proposed changes to Rule 4. MEMBERSHIP:

Background

The Wellington Branch committee has discussed at length the most effective means of addressing the Company wide issues of ageing membership and dwindling numbers, and the difficulty of attracting younger members. It was agreed that the most effective way of addressing these issues is to broaden categories of qualified seafarers eligible for membership, and to enable appropriate organisations, as well as individuals, to become Associates of the Branch.

Principles

In considering a wider range of equivalent grades of certificates the guiding principles are internationally recognised standards for all certificates, unlimited operational areas, and maintenance of the highest possible professional standards for membership of the Company

Draft Remit

A draft remit, as below, was considered by members at the Branch AGM on 13 April;

In light of falling membership and attendance at Branch meetings, the Membership Rules 4 of the Company should be reviewed and re-written to properly expand the eligibility for membership and for a person or organization to associate themselves/itself with the Branch

After a wide ranging discussion the principle of the remit was agreed with a recommendation that it be re-drafted to be more explicit and self-explanatory. It was also agreed that STCW and STCW-F Code standards for merchant ships, fishing vessels and superyachts be the minimum standards for both Ordinary and Associated membership, along with comparable RNZN competency standards for command and bridge watchkeepers aboard naval vessels. A table of 'equivalent grades of certificates' would be available for reference when applications for membership are vetted by Executive Council members. (Proposed Table attached)

Proposed Rule amendments

Accordingly, it is **proposed** that the Rules of the Company be amended to read as follows;

4.1.1 - Ordinary Membership

The holder of a certificate of competency as Master or an equivalent grade recognised by the Executive Council, issued by a properly constituted authority, or by the Royal New Zealand Navy for command of a major fleet unit

4.1.5 – Associated Membership

The holder of a certificate of competency as Watchkeeper or Chief Mate or an equivalent grade recognised by the Executive Council and issued by a properly constituted authority, or by the Royal New Zealand Navy as Bridge Watchkeeper, may apply for Associate Membership of the Company. Associate Members shall have the same voting rights as Ordinary Members

4.2 - Associate of the Branch

Any Branch may invite any person, or organisation, with an honorable record and associated with the Branch or with matters maritime and who wishes to associate himself, herself or itself with the activities of the Branch, to become an Associate of the Branch.

PROPOSED CERTIFICATION STANDARDS FOR ORDINARY AND ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Detailed information on operational limits and certificates for merchant ships, superyachts and fishing vessels can be found at;

<https://www.maritimenz.govt.nz/commercial/certification/masters-and-deck/default.asp>

ORDINARY MEMBERSHIP

MASTER	II/2	Any operating area - any tonnage
MASTER <3000GT	11/2	Any operating area
MASTER <500GT	11/2	Any operating area
MASTER YACHT	VII/1	Any operating area. <3000GT
MASTER YACHT <500GT	VII/1	Any operating area
COMMAND – MAJOR FLEET UNIT		Issued by the RNZN
SKIPPER FISHING VESSEL UNLIMITED STCW-F II/1		Any operating area – any tonnage

ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

CHIEF MATE	II/2	Any operating area - any tonnage
CHIEF MATE <3000GT	II/2 & 3	Any operating area
CHIEF MATE YACHT	VII/1	Any operating area. <3000GT
WATCHKEEPER DECK	II/1	Any operating area - any tonnage
BRIDGE WATCHKEEPER		Various grades - Issued by the RNZN
MATE FISHING VESSEL UNLIMITED STCW-F II/2		Any operating area – any tonnage

Addendum to Attachment 3

CURRENT RULES OF THE NZ COMPANY OF MASTER MARINERS

MEMBERSHIPS

4. *All persons who have been or who may from time to time hereafter be elected Members in accordance with the rules of the Company shall comprise the Members of the Company.*

4.1 *There shall be six (6)¹ classes of Membership:*

- 4.1.1 *Ordinary Membership – the holder of a certificate of competency as Master Mariner (Foreign Going) or an equivalent grade recognised by the Executive Council, issued by a properly constituted authority, or a RNZN Seaman Officer who has held seagoing command of a major NZ warship.*
- 4.1.2 *Country Membership – any person who qualifies as in 4.1.1 above, but does not reside in a port at which a Branch of the Company has been established, may join any other Branch as a Country Member at a reduced subscription. Country members shall be entitled to all the rights of Ordinary Members.*
- 4.1.3 *Honorary Membership – any Branch, subject to the prior formal approval of the Executive Council, may invite any person closely connected with the Company or with the seafaring*

¹ Amended at AGM 12 August 2015

community or who has provided or is providing a service either to the Company as a whole or to the Branch, to become an Honorary Member.

4.1.4 Life Membership – this accolade may be conferred on any Ordinary or Country Member of the Company by Members of the Company in general meeting in recognition of outstanding services rendered to the Company, provided that the proposal is made with the precedent approval of the Executive Council. The number of Life Members of the Company shall from time to time be in the discretion of the Executive Council. Life Members shall be entitled to all the rights of Ordinary Members.

4.1.5 Associate Membership – the holder of a certificate of competency as Watch Keeper Deck or First Mate (Foreign Going) may apply for Associate Membership of the Company. Associate Members shall have the same voting rights as Ordinary Members.²

4.1.6 Student Membership – any student of nautical studies – prior to obtaining a certificate of “Watch Keeper Deck” – can apply for this membership. This member shall have no voting rights, but will be accepted for Associate Membership once certificated, and then the same voting rights as for Ordinary Members will apply.³

4.2 Associate of the Branch – any Branch may invite any person with an honourable record and associated with the Branch or with matters maritime and who wishes to associate him or herself with the activities of the Branch, to become an Associate of the Branch.

4.3 Honorary Members and Associates of the Branch shall have no voting rights at any meeting of the Company. An Associate of the Branch shall not be considered to be a Member of the Company.

Attachment 4

Proposed Amendment to Rule 8.2 – waiving levies for Life Members

At the ECM meeting in August 2021 it was agreed that levies for Life Members would no longer be applied. Accordingly, the following amendment (in red) is proposed to Rule 8.2:

- 8.2 The Annual Levy shall be payable for the period from 1 April to 31 March in the following year, based on Branch numbers, including Associates of the Branch, but NOT including Life Members or Students, as at 1 July each year and shall be paid to the General Secretary/Treasurer by 1 August. Levies not paid within 3 months of the date shall be deemed to be in arrears.

² Amended at AGM 8 August 2018

³ Inserted at AGM 12 August 2015