**Christopher Rynd FNI**

Christopher Rynd was born in New Zealand and grew up in Sri Lanka, Singapore, Fiji and Samoa.

He began his sea career as an apprentice in Union Steamship Company of New Zealand. On qualifying (Class 3) in 1974 joined the P&O liner S.S.Oronsay as Third Officer.

Kit gained his Masters (Class 1) Certificate in 1979 at the City of London Nautical College; During this period he combined service in passenger ships on worldwide itineraries with eight years as a Reserve Officer in the (British) Royal Navy where he attained the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

He completed training as an Instructor in Sea Survival (Aberdeen, Scotland) in 1980 and in 1987 trained in Fast Rescue Craft (Lowestoft, England) and instructed on board. He has also completed extensive and ongoing company sponsored training from Advanced Fire Fighting, Dynamic Positioning to Emergency Ship Handling on an annual basis as well as the STCW required training and updates.

In 2000 Kit was promoted to Captain and has commanded nine different classes/types of passenger cruise vessel from older steam powered single rudder ships to gas turbine /electric with podded propulsion including the liner Queen Mary 2.

In July 2009 he completed the Train the Trainer course at C-Smart in the Netherlands, a Simulator Training Centre. Kit has worked as a coach in the introduction of Bridge Resource Management in cruise ships. He has also completed the Accident Investigators Course at C-Smart to an IMO accredited standard.

He has served as an Expert Witness in maritime affairs for the High Court of New South Wales.

Christopher Rynd was appointed Commodore of Cunard Line in April 2011.

He is a Fellow of the Nautical Institute

Kit has been married to his wife Julie since 1980

He retired from full time seagoing career in September 2018 and is now a part time consultant in maritime affairs with special interest in Human Factors training and Bridge Team management implementation.