



“Ocean Joss”

Introductory Newsletter # 1 - August 2022

Greetings to all followers of *“Ocean Joss”*, the website dedicated to marine enthusiasts, maritime art, books, nostalgia, and memories of sea-going days long past, including all matters of a nautical persuasion. It is entirely private, non-commercial, and not for profit platform and I receive no payment for what I personally post on the website. I have created this purely to share topical features with friends and colleagues in the maritime fields, or simply for those who just enjoy an active interest in nautical affairs, the sea, and ships.

May I first start by extending my appreciation to all those regulars that have supported and followed *“Ocean Joss”* since it commenced, a couple of years ago.

This the first of a monthly *Newsletter* which I intend posting on my site, so kindly bear with me if it seems a bit short. I am on a learning curve and need to develop some innovative writing techniques that will make it that little extra interesting and inspirational for my readers.

My *Newsletter* will be a compendium of *“This n That”*, recent web site events, upcoming plans and vision for the site, anything connected with the site, people, places, and most importantly to encourage greater creativity, participation, and a feeling of belonging to *“Ocean Joss”* by my growing international following.

Please do consider partaking in my new *“Spotlight”* review which is an acknowledgement to those who regularly follow my site. It can be as short or long as you like, non-intrusive, and all I need is a snapshot and a few basic details from which I compile a brief *“Spotlight Overview”* of the participant. A draft proof of the finished write-up is sent to the individual for their prior amendment, consent, and approval before posting. A few examples are now appearing on my site, so please check it out.

Over ensuing weeks, I intend to open several *“Forums”* on interesting maritime topics which, I hope will stimulate participation by my members, so keep an eye on my Blog spot for updates. I update my Blog most days. Also, do consider using my *“Chat”* tool – I spend many hours at my computer every day since my retirement, so you can always expect a prompt response, irrespective of my time zone (Australia AEST).

Do kindly remember that I value any constructive feedback, so feel free to comment; and next month’s *Newsletter* will be far more informative. So until then, onwards and upwards to all.

G. Walker