

# “Ocean Joss”

## Spotlight on Cornwall

By

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Alan Rawlinson, Master Mariner, University Graduate, Senior Marine executive, and flourishing author, now resides in beautiful Cornwall. One of my original “Ocean Joss” followers and supporters.

Alan has enjoyed an interesting and varied career, since commencing his apprenticeship with the Bank Line Ltd., in the mid - 1950s, swiftly progressing through the ranks before moving to the TSS Duke of Lancaster where he served as Chief Officer on the Heysham to Belfast night ferry. This ship doubled as a Cruise Ship during the northern summer months, visiting the Scottish islands plus European ports from Portugal up to Denmark and Germany. TSS Duke of Lancaster was one of a turbine driven trio built for the once flourishing British Railways marine division. Alan also followed this with a fascinating shore-based career, serving in a variety of senior marine related roles, based in the UK, West Africa, Middle East, Singapore, and Hong Kong, amongst other locations. He has visited a great many cities and countries in the world as a result . Highlights included visiting the Falklands to arrange accommodation barges for the military

Now retired to the wonderful countryside of Cornwall in the UK, Alan devotes much of his time to his beautiful garden as well as writing. He has many published articles and has written a number of successful books, namely a memoir called “ Any Budding Sailors” and another popular account of life in the iconic Bank Line called “ Voyaging with Icons”. These plus other titles can be viewed on AMAZON, or purchased via a site called PAYHIP.COM

Alan and I have had the fortune to follow a very similar career path and therefore share much in common in most matters’ marine, also with the interest in gardening. He was one of my initial site followers and we collaborate on all aspects of the Bank Line on which he is an authority, through his site “bankline.wordpress.com”. I sincerely thank Alan for his ongoing support and following for “Ocean Joss”.



Alan (pictured center) surrounded by his deck crew

A lush garden in Cornwall to enjoy retirement