



“Tugboat Bill” – William Smith (1942 – 2013)

It is with great sadness that we let everyone know that William Smith, better known as “Tugboat Bill” passed away. Bill was a much loved and respected volunteer for the Trust and we will all miss him very much.

Bill first sailed with the Trust on Malcolm Miller a 1,150 mile voyage from Delfzijl to Great Yarmouth in 1991 with Captain Mike Forward and Mate John Etheridge.

From 2001 to 2002, he sailed as Deck Hand and 3rd Officer on Prince William and then from 2003 he sailed on both Prince William and Stavros mainly as Assistant Engineer but also as Deck Hand and Cook’s Assistant. More recently, Bill also sailed a few times as Watch Leader on the Challengers.

Bill’s last voyage with the Trust was on Stavros voyage SSN603 from London to Southampton in September 2013.

Everyone at the Tall Ships Youth Trust send their heartfelt condolences to Bill’s sons and family.

Bill’s funeral took place on Friday 13 December 2013 at the Basildon & District Crematorium. The family decided that they only wished for family flowers but invited friends and colleagues to make a donation to the charities Tall Ships Youth Trust and MacMillan Cancer Trust.