

# The Ground Rules

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News from the Consulting Firm of

Martin, Ottaway, van Hemmen & Dolan, Inc.

## Sydney Cook

### Eulogy

It is with great sadness that we learned of our friend and former colleague, Sydney Cook, having passed away on May 12, 2007, at the age of 88.

Those who did not have the privilege of knowing Sydney, nor worked with him, missed an opportunity to get acquainted with one of the most knowledgeable and experienced marine engineers and consultants that the shipping world ever produced.

Sydney was born in Kingston upon Hull, Yorkshire, England in 1918.

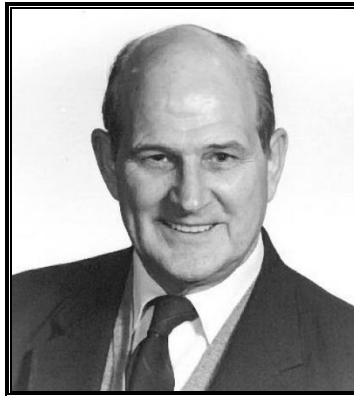
His father had served an apprenticeship in building wooden sailing vessels and sailed as a marine engineer in World War I.

Sydney followed in his footsteps by first attending the Hull Technical College, which in those days was one of the schools that had the reputation of delivering the best that England, as a seafaring nation, had to offer.

He passed through the standard mandatory apprentice training by working in a shipyard and acquired his marine engineer's certificates in the ensuing years at sea.

Sydney sailed North Atlantic convoys during World War

II, but also long ocean stretches worldwide without escort protection.



His remarkable versatile personality made him a trusted ship owner's representative for many years, during which he served steamship owners with unsurpassed loyalty.

The industry got to know him as an exceptionally fair man when it came to business dealings.

His integrity and fairness made other people reciprocate by dealing with him in a straightforward, strict and honest manner.

When his employer left the shipping business and invested in different businesses, Sydney started his own marine consulting firm, Union Marine, Inc., from where he soon amalgamated with our firm in 1985.

He semi-retired with his wife Lilika to Boca Raton, Florida in 1988, maintaining close ties with our firm and contribut-

ing to training of some of our new generation of engineers in his own, so typical professional style, while still taking on joint-projects.

We all miss him dearly. All who have known him reaped the harvest of his immense experience and knowledge, but most of all, recognized his warm personality.

Our thoughts are with Mrs. Cook and her sons John and Peter and family remembering a man we all are very proud to have known.

*Henk van Hemmen*

## Niall David Tantrum



Martin Ottaway van Hemmen & Dolan, Inc. would like to welcome Niall David Tantrum, born on June 8, 2007, at 6:20 p.m. in Long Branch, New Jersey.

Congratulations, David & Marianne; we wish you a lifetime of joy and happiness with Niall.

## Agreement with JSL Marine

Martin Ottaway van Hemmen & Dolan, Inc. signed a cooperation agreement with John Lillie's newly constituted firm of JSL Marine Associates Ltd., in Surrey, England on May 15, 2007.

This is a further step in expanding the Firm's cooperation with professionals in different locations throughout the world.

## Announcement for Junior Engineers

Martin and Ottaway is getting ready to train its next generation of surveyors to take the company beyond the 150-year mark and is looking for qualified applicants.

We have considered placing ads, but our ad copy always starts to look like the explorer Shackleton's ad:

### ENGINEERS WANTED FOR HAZARDOUS JOURNEY!

- SMALL WAGES;
- BITTER COLD;
- LONG MONTHS OF COMPLETE DARKNESS;
- CONSTANT DANGER;
- SAFE RETURN DOUBTFUL;
- HONOR AND RECOGNITION IN CASE OF SUCCESS.

If you are a reader of this newsletter, we suspect that you know a little about our company and that you will know that the up side is quite a bit better than the Shackleton ad. Still, we are looking for people who enjoy the challenges of our work as much as we do and who are looking for long-term success in our industry.

If you know of young engineers who might be interested in a career at Martin and Ottaway, please have them contact Rik van Hemmen at [rhemen@martinottaway.com](mailto:rhemen@martinottaway.com).

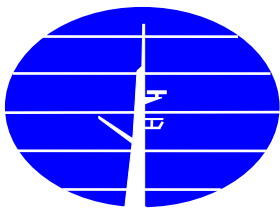
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## Association of Average Adjusters Forum:

The Association of Average Adjusters will be using the phrase: "But it looked so good on paper" as the starting point for its annual Forum on October 3rd at St. John's University in Manhattan.

At the forum Rik van Hemmen will be presenting "Tales from the Cutting Edge" on the, often-bizarre, relationship between failures in new technologies and how all the players in the marine industry deal with them.

We hope to see you there.



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