

Captain Geddes Gilmour Grant

2021 National Heroes Day Awards Nomination – Seafaring Heritage

In 1952, at age 16, Captain Geddes Gilmour Grant started his sea career as an Oiler on the M.V. Husvik, owned by Webster Shipping Company. He later joined National Bulk Carriers as an Ordinary Seaman. While with National Bulk, he obtained his Liberian Third Mate (1962), Second Mate (1966), Chief Mate (ca. 1969), and Captain's Licenses (1977). Capt. Geddes is known to be one of the few Bracker's with a Liberian Master's License.

One incident happened in 1963, 3 months after the birth of his first child, while he was Third Mate on watch aboard the S.S. J. Louis. As they passed Cuba, the ship, transporting bauxite from Ocho Rios to Corpus Christi, came under heavy gunfire from Cuban gunboats. No one was injured but the dangerous experience was not something he spoke of freely to anyone including his wife.

His sea career took him to Europe, Africa, UK, the Americas (Central, North and South), and the Caribbean. In September 1967, he joined the Danzler Shipping Company as Chief Mate. Notable for its time, he and a crew of other Cayman Brackers boarded the Danlzer Ocean Springs off Stake Bay. The ship was enroute to Port Moresly, New Guinea via the Panama Canal, to work with oil rigs.

Captain Geddes was also recognized as an excellent navigator and in 1975/76 worked as Master on the M/V Inagua Beach. It would be in 1977 when he obtained his Master's License. That qualified him to captain ships of any gross tonnage. He would become Captain of the M/V Hancock Trader, a 299.71 tonnage tanker that often-transported explosives, serving four years. Throughout his career, family was his heart and focus. In 1984, at the age of 48 years old, Captain Geddes retired from the sea, returning to the safety of home.

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321612

LICENSE OF COMPETENCE TO MERCHANT MARINE OFFICER

Pursuant to the authority contained in Title 22 of the Liberian Code of Laws of 1956, as amended, it is hereby certified that

GEDDES G. GRANT

has been found duly qualified to perform the duties of
MASTER

on OCEAN GOING vessels of ANY GROSS TONNAGE
and is licensed to perform in said capacity on board vessels registered under the Maritime Law of the Republic of Liberia and engaged in international service. This license is valid for a term of five years from its date of issuance or renewal and is subject to suspension or revocation by the Commissioner or any Deputy Commissioner of Maritime Affairs.

		BIRTHDATE 7TH JANUARY 1936	
		BIRTHPLACE CAYMAN ISLANDS B. W. I.	
		CITIZENSHIP BRITISH	
HEIGHT 5' 08	WEIGHT 175	EYES BROWN	HAIR BLACK
PERMANENT ADDRESS KNOB VILLA, P. O. BOX 81 WEST END, CAYMAN BRAC CAYMAN ISLANDS, B. W. I.			

Issued by order of the Commissioner of Maritime

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Deputy Commissioner of Maritime Affairs, R.L.