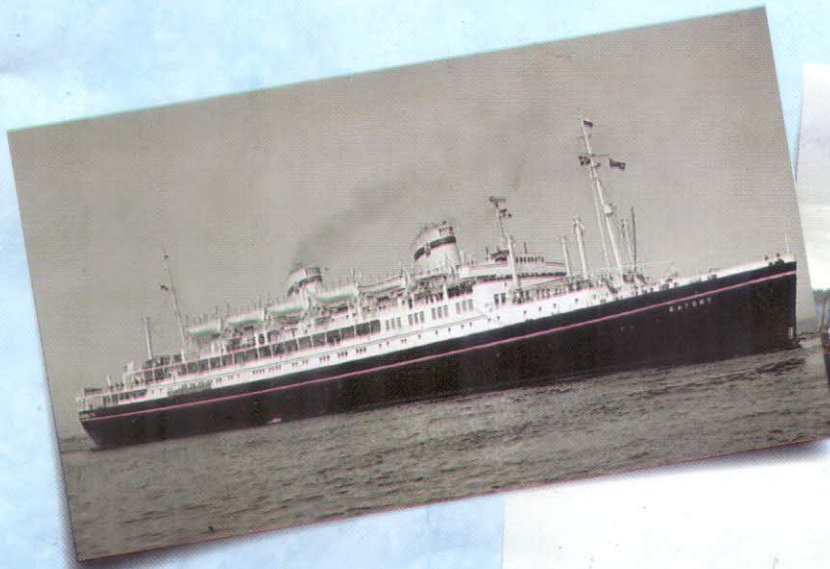




Heritage to Horizon

Honouring the Pioneers

16 December 2017 - Academy Campus



PIONEER MARINERS

They created Bangladesh Maritime Heritage during 1940-50's and that is now a Maritime Horizon for us.

...Let's Salute the Pioneer Mariners...

1940's:

- "IMMTS (Indian Merchant Marine Training Ship) Dufferin" - a Cadet training centre established near Bombay, India.
- Training Curriculum was in line with those of H.M.S. Conway and H.M.S. Worcester of UK.



1st Group of Pioneer Mariners (1 Batch – 1945/46): 14 Cadets

Excellence of Dufferin Ex-Cadets from East Bengal (later East Pakistan & then Bangladesh)

- **Late Commodore Abdur Rashid:**
 - (i) Chief of Naval Staff, Pakistan: 1954–1959.
- **Late Q. M. S. Zaman:**
 - (i) Served PRS & then PNSC;
 - (ii) Chairman & MD of BSC.
- **Late film-star Mohsin:**
 - (i) Popularly known as 'Fatty Mohsin';
 - (ii) Marine Pilot in CPA;
 - (iii) Marine Super, EPSC (East Pakistan Shipping Corporation).
- **Late Kabir Ahmed:**
 - (i) Served PRS;
 - (ii) First MD of EPSC.
- **Late Khawja S. Uddin:**
 - (i) While serving on a BI (British-India Shipping) ship survived after being torpedoed by Japanese Navy during the WWII;
 - (ii) Author of "My faith in God";
 - (iii) Son of late K. Shahabuddin and brother of late Lt.Gen. K. Wasiuddin.
- **Rear Admiral M. H. Khan:**
 - (i) Chief of Staff of Bangladesh Navy;
 - (ii) Dy. Martial Law Administrator of Bangladesh.
- **Late Anwar Mustafa:**
 - (i) Served Pakistan Air Force; died in a plane crash near Karachi;
 - (ii) Son of late poet Golam Mustafa and father of late Capt. Prodeep Anwar [5th Batch BMA]).
- **Late Hemayet Chowdhury:**
 - (i) Served BI (British-India Shipping) ships;
 - (ii) Later served Pak Bay which was subsequently taken over by BIWTC;
 - (iii) Chairman of BIWTC;
 - (iv) hailed from Sylhet and died in 2014.

- **Late Mr. Anis Ahmed:**
 - (i) Served PRS;
 - (ii) Principal, Deck & Engine Personnel Training Centre, BIWTA.

- **Late Engr. Nurul Huda:**
 - (i) Member, Bangladesh Engineering & Shipbuilding Corporation (BESC);
 - (ii) elder brother of late Saiful Islam, Naval Architect.

- **Shaheed (1971) Capt. G. A. Kazi:**
 - (i) Nautical Surveyor, MMD;
 - (ii) Dy. Conservator & Harbour Master of CPA;
 - (iii) a very honest & strict officer – so, made many enemies which was the cause of why he was killed by Pakistan Army in 1971.

- **MarEngr. Imtiaz Ahmed:**
 - (i) Worked in Chittagong Port as Dredger Superintendent.

- **Late Mr. Samad**
 - Yet to collect information

- **Late Capt. Akram Khan:**
 - (i) Nautical Surveyor, MMD at Karachi;
 - (ii) brother of Rear Admiral M. H. Khan.

- **Late Lt. Cdr A. M. L. K. Siddiqui:**
 - (i) Served BIWTA

- **Cdr Shamsul Islam Chowdhury:**
 - (i) Served Navy.



2nd Group of Pioneer Mariners (4 Batches – 1951-56)

After 1947 partition, training in Dufferin could not continue. The Govt. of Pakistan decided under Colombo Plan to recruit 12 boys per year from all over Pakistan through competitive examination conducted by the Pakistan **Public Service Commission** and send them to UK for training as Nautical and Engineering Cadets. The PSC Cadet Training continued during 1951–1956 (included one year gap).

PSC 1st Batch Cadets (1951): 5 Cadets

- Out of 12 Cadets, 10 embarked on a Polish Ocean Line passenger ship “S.S. Batory”.
- SS Batory sailed from Karachi on 14 June 1952 for Southampton via Bombay, Aden & Port Said (through Suez Canal).
- Other 2 Cadets sailed on cargo ship SS Landura that used to carry 12 passengers.
- S.S. Batory reached Southampton on 6th July 1952.

