

Our guest speaker was none other than Natasha's partner, James Laurent. James is a qualified 'Master Mariner' and we all learned what that means. Although he has not yet been assigned such a role, he is qualified to be a Captain of any ship. Up until recent times he has been working on Cruise Ships as the Navigation Officer, plotting the Ship's course. Covid created significant issues and it became problematic for him and his crew on his last voyage to find a port that would allow the ship to dock. He was stuck on the ship for 3 months. Now James has had to reconsider his options, with many cruise ships being laid up. He is now offering his services to superyachts as a qualified crew member. It will not be too long now and he will be sailing again as an officer on a superyacht. More stories to come, I feel!!

Many of you will not know I was once a Master Mariner. I survived some very stormy weather with huge waves confronting my ships. I was adept at controlling several ships at one time. Mind you my mother was not pleased with the state of the bathroom and often had to pull the plug on my exuberant Marine activities. I was about 6 years old and gave my career away when I was 10 years.

Next week we look forward to Natasha speaking on her journeys as a dancer on cruise ships. Natasha is a very competent dancer and ballerina. We will find out next week, but I doubt she was what some may envisage as a pole dancer. If you want to know more then be sure to attend this coming Tuesday.

I Look forward to seeing you on Tuesday. I am sure, it will be worth your while to hear Natasha's talk.

President Hugh