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AMC NEWS

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CAPTAIN DANNY WATERS TO HEAD IMO WORLD MARITIME UNIVERSITY

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The Principal of the Australian Maritime College, Capt. Danny Waters, has accepted an invitation from the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO), Mr CP Srivastava, to take up the post of Rector of the World Maritime University (WMU).

Mr Srivastava is also the Chancellor of the WMU.

The following letter was circulated by the WMU to its staff and Members of the Student Council Executive Board:

"New Rector at WMU

The WMU Chancellor, Mr C P Srivastava has announced that the Principal of the Australian Maritime College (AMC) D M Waters has accepted to succeed Mr Erik Nordström as Rector of WMU.

Mr Nordström will leave at the end of 1989 and Captain Waters is expected to join by mid-March 1990.

Captain Waters has been associated with WMU since its foundation as Member of the Board of Gover-

nors and also as Member of the Executive Council of WMU. Captain Waters was also a Member of the Academic Review Team of WMU and has been a Visiting Professor to the University ever since its inauguration in 1983.

Captain Waters is the foundation Principal of the Australian Maritime College. He is an Australian citizen but was born in 1929 in northern Scotland. Before migrating to Australia in 1966 he was a lecturer at Plymouth Polytechnic and the University of Strathclyde — following extensive sea-going experience.

Prior to his appointment as Principal of AMC in 1978, he served in the Federal Department of Transport, gaining experience as a Marine Surveyor and Principal Examiner of Masters and Mates, and subsequently in general maritime administration.

In 1970 Captain Waters was awarded a Commonwealth Post Graduate Scholarship to investigate how Australia's maritime education and training needs could best be met. Following the Government's decision in 1974 to establish a national maritime training institution, the AMC was created by Federal legislation in 1978. It is now one of the major maritime training institutions in the world.

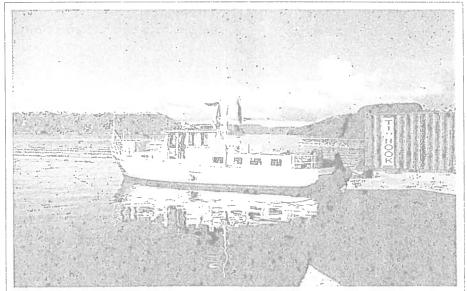
Captain Waters holds an Extra Master Certificate of Competency and a Master of Science degree of the University of Wales (UK)."

Although he has regrets about leaving the AMC, Capt. Waters considers that the imminent amalgamation of the three higher education institutes in Tasmania into a single comprehensive university, presents an appropriate time for a change.

"After twelve years at the helm and having had the challenge of leading the College during its development phase, I feel that it would be appropriate for someone else to direct the College within the new University" said Captain Waters.

The WMU is situated in Malmö, Sweden, and provides specialist maritime education and training, mainly at Masters degree level, for senior maritime personnel from the developing countries. Although established as recently as 1983, the WMU's graduates already hold highlevel positions in national maritime administrations, training establishments, port authorities, shipping companies and other maritime organisations around the world.

The AMC extend their best wishes to Captain Waters and hope that his time as Rector of WMU will be a happy one.



Tonga Maritime Polytechnical Institute's training vessel Ra Marama.

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