

## **IHMA's new President**

The International Harbour Masters' Association (IHMA) is delighted to announce that its new President is Captain Allan Gray, Harbour Master, Port of Fremantle, Australia.

Captain Gray had a 20 year career at sea and traded in various vessels including ro-ro, container, bulk carriers and LPG tankers. On coming ashore he was a Vessel Traffic Manager at Mackay/Haypoint and Reefcentre. He joined Fremantle Ports in July 2006 as Deputy Harbour Master and was appointed Harbour Master in September 2008. Captain Gray was previously the Federal Master for the Company of Master Mariners Australia and was later awarded Life Membership.

Of his appointment Captain Gray said: *'Harbour masters come from a broad range of backgrounds and experience, and ports around the world vary in structure and resource. My vision for IHMA is to see an organisation that supports its members, that speaks for them at the international level particularly at IMO, and which is close enough to its members to help meet their concerns as they face increasing expectations of port stakeholders and future challenges facing ports. We will continue to provide a forum for the exchange of professional expertise and support, and aim to expand our services for members. I am delighted to be taking on this role and will do my best to strengthen and develop this fantastic organisation to which all harbour masters should belong.'*