

Probus Neutral Bay Guest Speaker – Tues. 8th FEB. 2022

NOEL PHELAN– Aust. National Maritime Museum



“THE SINKING AND SALVAGING OF THE COSTA CONCORDIA”

The COSTA CONCORDIA sank on the 13th January 2012, one hundred years after the TITANIC sank and in similar circumstances. The ship had 3,229 passengers and a crew of 1,023. The captain of the ship was Francesco Schettino. He diverted the ship from its normal course to do a “salute” to a friend on Giglio Island.

Schettino had on the bridge the maître d’ and a woman he had dined with on the night. At around 9 pm he took control of the ship. Soon after it hit a rock which tore a 53 metre gash in the port side. All the vital compartments flooded resulting in the loss of most of the power and electricity. At this point everyone on the bridge knew the ship would sink.



Our Guest SpeakerNoel Phelan. Noel is a Team Leader at the Australian National Maritime Museum and has had a close connection with the water all his life. He has numerous historical maritime stories from which we can select.

Noel's first career was as a science and mathematics teacher. He then moved into IT with IBM where he spent 25 years in various technical and management positions.

Noel is a Past President of Northbridge Rotary and is an active volunteer in retirement.

Noel also spent several years with Marine Rescue and the Rural Fire Service. A special bloke.

His Presentation Join us on Zoom to hear what really happened, the chain of events that led to this disaster and the brilliant engineering that took 5 years and 2 billion dollars to salvage the ship.

You will enjoy what promises to be an intriguing story.