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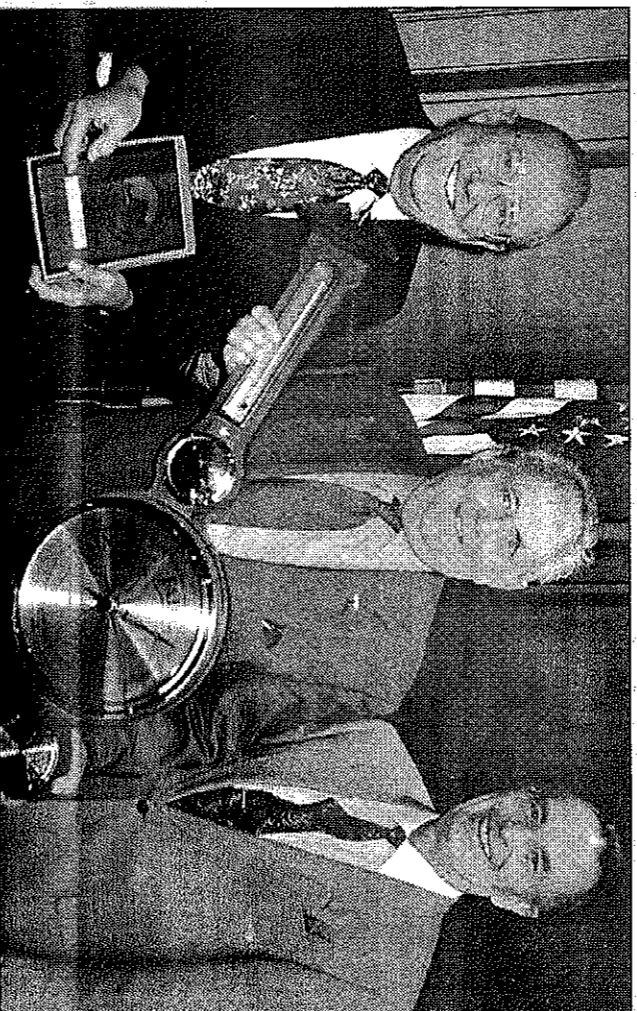
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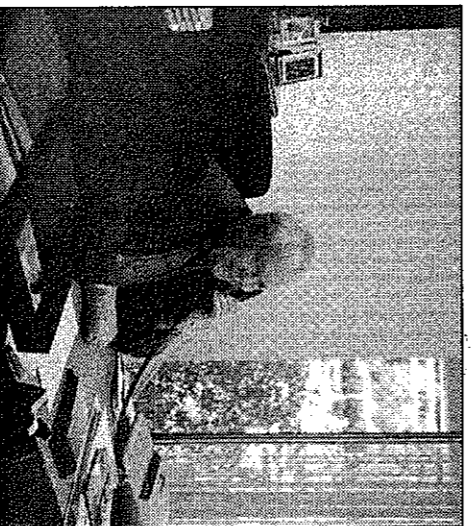
Ferry Division Manager Robinson Retires

On Wednesday, December 31, 1997, Golden Gate Ferry Division Manager Eric A. Robinson retired after 26 years and four months of service. Beginning his marine career at age 17 as an apprentice, Robinson obtained his third officer's license by the time he was 21. In 1952, he received his Master Mariner certification. From 1954 to 1968, Robinson worked for P & O Line, the largest shipping company in the world. In 1961, Robinson was Senior Navigator on the 45,000 ton *Oriana* during her maiden voyage around the world. Hailing from England, Robinson moved to the United States in 1968 to become Operations Superintendent for Mazon Terminals, San Francisco, CA.

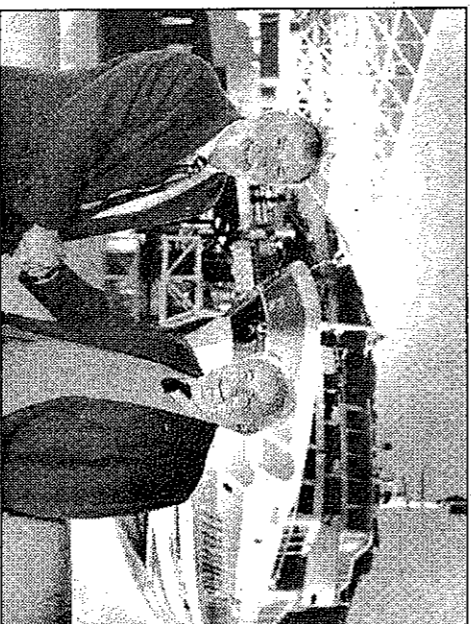
On August 24, 1971, Robinson joined the fledgling Golden Gate Ferry operation. Initially, he participated in the design and construction of the new Larkspur vessels, and the design and construction of new terminals in Larkspur and San Francisco. Robinson managed the conversion of Larkspur fleet from gas turbine engines to diesel in the 1980s and developed the on-going dredging program for the Larkspur Channel. He has been instrumental in acquiring the newest addition to the Larkspur fleet, the *M.V. Del Norte*, a new fast catamaran due to be placed into service between Larkspur and San Francisco in March 1998. Happy retirement Eric!



Robinson received his retirement gift from General Manager Carney J. Campion and Board President John E. Fraser. Robinson's wit and dedication to the District and the public it serves will be remembered for many years to come.



Robinson's favorite pose.



Robinson turns the helm over to Harrington.



Pictured above are the famous trio of Golden Gate Ferry Division Managers: Carl D. Harrington, Stanley M. Kowleski, Eric A. Robinson.

Carl D. Harrington Named New Ferry Division Manager

On Tuesday, December 30, 1997, Golden Gate Ferry Operations/Maintenance Manager Carl D. Harrington was promoted to Golden Gate Ferry Division Manager. Harrington took over the helm from Eric A. Robinson who retired after 26 years and four months of service with the Golden Gate Ferry Division of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District.

Harrington brings twenty-seven years of marine industry and management experience to his new position. He began his employment with the Golden Gate Ferry Division of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District on January 2, 1975 as a Marine Systems Specialist. In 1982, he

became Ferry Maintenance Superintendent and was promoted to Ferry Operations/Maintenance Manager in 1984.

Prior to joining the Golden Gate Ferry Division, from 1966 through 1974, Harrington served as Senior Field Representative for AVCO/Lycoming, Stratford, Connecticut. As manufacturers of gas turbine engines, Harrington consulted internationally on the installation, testing, operations and maintenance of gas turbine marine, industrial, and commercial engines. Projects included power plants, commercial aircraft, offshore oil platforms, self-contained emergency mobile oil pumping stations, and a wide range of projects for U.S. Navy and commercial ship builders.

Prior to his international consulting, Harrington served eleven years with the U. S. Army assigned to the Aviation Test Board and served as Chief of Quality Control to aviation units in Alaska and Vietnam. He received the U.S. Army's Air Medal when serving as Crew Chief on the first coast-to-coast nonstop helicopter flight requiring midair refueling.

Harrington resides in Greenbrae, CA with his wife Maryla (who is Bridge Manager Bob Warren's secretary). He is the 1998 President of Marin Shrine Club and is Senior Warden, Fairfax Masonic Lodge #556 Larkspur, CA. Harrington is an avid runner and can often be seen on the weekends blazing the trail around Mount Tamalpais.