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Dear Friend

**Welcome to all attending The Prince of Wales Sea Training School Reunion
2nd September 2005**

On behalf of the British & International Sailors' Society we wish to extend our warmest welcome to those attending this reunion. I would particularly like to thank Andy Gale for his part in organising what will be, I am sure, a moving and nostalgic experience for you all. I would also like to thank our Chaplain Revd. Sean Carter, for his part in the reunion weekend.

I know that many of you have travelled from overseas to attend this reunion and others from all parts of the UK. It is a testament to the high regard in which you hold the Prince of Wales Sea Training School and also to the many friendships that you made during your time there.

The British & International Sailors' Society are pleased to be represented at this event and also invite those attending to receive more information about the Society in the form of publications and news. We are sending to you today, the latest copies of our Chart & Compass Magazine so that you can see our extensive work. Should you wish to receive this on a regular basis, or indeed hear more about our work and perhaps how you can help us, please complete the attached form.

BISS is embarking on a new and exciting phase of its life as it responds to the needs of the 21st Century seafarer. Our plans include extending our operations both in the UK and overseas. With Hurricane Katrina still very much in the news we are reminded of the terrible strength of the sea and how powerless mankind can be. Our prayers are very much with those who have lost loved ones or who are struggling with the aftermath.

I hope that you all enjoy the camaraderie of this reunion. There will be much laughter as you reminisce as well as the solemnity of the services, but all in all it will be a memorable occasion and one which I am sure you will all enjoy. I am only sorry that I will not be able to share it with you.

Alan Smith
General Secretary

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