



Bob Blair

“When I joined the nautical college, the building was brand new and everything was considered ‘state of the art’, he said.

Fifty years on Riverside campus, which replaced its legacy Glasgow College of Nautical Studies, and opened to staff and students in August 2015, is now considered to be the most modern and most technologically advanced maritime campus in Europe.

“I’ve kept in touch with a number of my classmates over the years, meeting up with many of them in various places around the world but, with the 50th anniversary now on us, we are in touch a lot more frequently.

“After leaving college I spent 10 years at sea then was offered a position to become a trainee driller with Atlantic Drilling. I then joined Gates Power Transmission Ltd on a six-month contract which lasted 24 and a half years,” commented Bob.

During that time Bob went from being a temporary maintenance engineer to project manager, then project director - based in China. From there he moved to India as operations director before being poached by a competitive company and working in Germany for seven months before returning to China as a vice president of manufacturing for Asia and the Americas.

He retired aged 59 and has committed full-time to the golf course.

“The college really set me up for a varied career and if I was given the choice, I would do it all again. I loved the travel and meeting so many different people and seeing such different cultures,” said Bob.