



**CITY OF GLASGOW  
COLLEGE**

### **William W. Hilton**

William Hilton studied engineering at the Glasgow College of Nautical Studies, joining on the day it formally opened on 4 October 1969.

Having grown up in Wallsend on Tyne, Northumberland, he now lives in Stranraer.

He completed his Phase 1 Engineer Cadet in 1971 returning up until 1988 to complete his second phase and Chief's steam and motor tickets.

"Although I was sent to the college by my then sponsoring company, I chose to continue my studies at the Glasgow College of Nautical Studies because the lecturers were superb," said William.

"I felt privileged to study in a brand new facility with such outstanding lecturers and staff," he added.

When he left the college, William started as a junior engineer aboard the William Wheelwright, a steam tanker which has since been broken up.

He ended a productive and rewarding career as a Port Engineer in Stranraer for Stena Line.

Now retired, William is keen to continue seeing the college classmates he's kept in touch with since graduating.

He credits his time at City of Glasgow College with instilling a sense of self-confidence and personal independence that has served him well throughout his career.

With many fond memories of his life at sea, William is confident he would choose to do it all again. However, he would tell his past self that "*you don't need quite as much baggage!*"