



## **Late Cmdr. Lalit Sharma**

### **A Star is Gone**

**The first Chairman of MASSA, Cmdr. Lalit Sharma has passed away early morning of 20<sup>th</sup> Aug 2022, whilst visiting family in Toronto, Canada, due to a heart attack. The end came peacefully, whilst he was asleep. Cmdr Sharma led Massa through a very trying period in Indian Maritime History, when 'liberalization' was the buzz word, and STCW 95, GMDSS etc. were the new kids on the block.**

**A true Mariner of the old school, resilient and compassionate, he led ship owners side in many a wage negotiations- at National level through the National Maritime Board (India) agreements and for the Indian seafarers on foreign flag ships- through the Maritime Employment Board (India), popularly known as the ITF TCC agreements.**

**He was an ardent supporter of Maritime Education and Training, supported many an initiative for training of Indian seafarers, the major being his association with TS Rahaman spanning a period of over 45 years!**

**He is survived by his wife, Shirley, daughters, grandchildren and a host of well-wishers.**

**Heartfelt condolences to the family members.**

**RIP Sir.**

**He will be sorely missed!**