

## Walter John Mew

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### NEWPORT

**Veteran Mariner's Death.** --- The funeral service took place at St. Paul's Church on Monday for Mr. Walter John Mew, aged 75, of 6 Riverside Cottages, Riverside, who died on Wednesday week. The vicar (the Rev. L. J. D. Wheatley) officiated, and the service included the 23<sup>rd</sup> psalm, and the hymn "Now the labourer's task is o'er." Mr. Mew had been well known in the harbour for 62 years, and was employed as a boatswain by the Vectis Shipping Company, Ltd., until he was taken ill shortly before Christmas. He started his working life on the old sailing barges at the age of 13, and was a former skipper of the vessels Match and Wessex. During the 1914-18 war he was a sergeant in the I.W. Rifles and served at Gallipoli. His main hobbies were boating, sailing and fishing. He was a former member of the East Cowes Sailing Club, the British Legion, and the I.W. Rifles Association. The mourners were : Mr. and Mrs. W. Mew and Mr. C. Dyer (sons and daughter-in-law), Mr. and Mrs. G. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. A. Thompson, and Mr. H. Lambert (sons-in-law and daughters), Mr. J. Mew, Mr. H. Mew, Mrs. D. White, and Mrs. L. Snow (brothers and sisters), Mr. and Mrs. H. Gale (brother-in-law and sister), Mrs. J. Mew (sister-in-law), Mr. E. Mew, Mr. K. Lambert and Mr. R. Dyer (grandsons), Mrs. A. Compton (niece), and Mr. A. Compton, jun.; Mr. and Mrs. H. Dunford and Mrs. H. Lambert (son-in-law and daughters) were unable to attend. The Vectis Shipping Co., Ltd., Messrs. Leigh Thomas and Co., Newport Marine Motor and General Engineering Co., Ltd., were represented. Floral tributes included those from the Vectis Shipping Company, Ltd., Mrs. M. Croucher and Mr. M. Croucher (directors), shipmates of the Vectis Shipping Co., staff of the Royal Yacht Squadron, staff of Newport Marine Motor and General Engineering Co., Ltd., and B.R.S. shipyard and marine fitters. Interment was at Newport Cemetery. Mr. F. Groundsell made the arrangements.

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