



MOVIE FESTIVAL – 1ST NIGHT
THE BRITISH OFFICERS' CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA

Lt Paul Lee has a “war library” of some 120 World War I, World War II and other military movies. A lot of members have expressed curiosity and interest in seeing some these historic UK and USA-made epics.

And so, we’ve scheduled the first showing! It will be:

The Cruel Sea

Friday, August 20, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.
 To be held at THE CORINTHIAN YACHT CLUB
 300 W. 2ND Street, Essington, PA 19029

Cocktails 6.00 p.m. (cash bar)
 Dinner and Movie 6:30 p.m.
 Dress: Casual Clothes

This is a stirring story of the Battle of the Atlantic by the legendary British author Nicholas Monsarrat: the movie was released in 1953: it is the story of an ocean, two ships, and a handful of men. The men are the heroes; the heroines are the ships. The only villain is the sea, the cruel sea, that man has made more cruel... .. Jack Hawkins (dubbed by many as the British ‘John Wayne’) commands HMS Compass Rose, a newly built Flower-Class Corvette intended for Atlantic Ocean merchant convoy escort duties. After close to three years of service, including one U-boat sunk, Compass Rose is herself torpedoed and her crew forced to abandon ship. Ericson – the Captain (Jack Hawkins) survives this ordeal along with his first lieutenant, Lockhart (Donald Sinden), and with the few crew left, they are picked up the next day. Ericson is then assigned to command a new Castle-Class Frigate, HMS Saltash Castle. Ericson now leads an anti-submarine escort group as they continue the monotonous but vital duty of convoy escort. Late in the war, while serving with Arctic convoys, they doggedly pursue and sink another U-boat, marked as U-53. As the war ends the ship is shown returning to port, as guard to a number of German submarines that have surrendered! Sir Michael Balcon is the film’s Producer.

Spouses/Partners/Guests most welcome

Please post/mail RSVP no later than Saturday August 14th to:
 Dick McConnell @ 16 Karrens Way, Downingtown PA 19335-1704
 OR register by email or phone: sgtmac69 @verizon.net or call cell 484-802-2746

Please detach and return the portion below with your check. If you register by email or phone, you may bring your check with you to the event .

Menu: *variety of salads, grilled chicken, BBQ pork, sausages, hamburgers, desserts, and beverages.*

Host’s Name: _____ email _____ cell _____

I will attend The Movie Night and Dinner and will bring the following guests:

I enclose my check for \$ _____ (\$45.00 per person) payable to “The BOC.” I cannot attend, but enclose my check for \$ _____ as a contribution to the current BOC St Peter’s Church Food Pantry Drive for ‘food insecure’ families.

