



CURRICULUM VITAE

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Qualifications

DOT certificate of competency as first mate foreign going.
ONC in nautical studies.
BSc (Hons) International Studies (Open).

Professional Bodies

Member of the Nautical Institute.

Background and Experience

Sea going career – 1973 to 1983

1973 to 1977

Ellerman City Liners/London – Cadet/3rd Officer

General cargo, reefer, container and ro-ro vessels employed on worldwide liner trades.

1977 to 1978

Townsend Car Ferries/Dover – 2nd Officer

Car and freight ro-ro ferries on Dover cross channel services.

1978 to 1979

Geest Line/Boston – 3rd Officer

Reefer/passenger vessels employed on UK–Caribbean fruit trades.



1979 to 1983

Bolton Steamship/London – 2nd Officer & Chief Officer

Handy size bulk carriers on worldwide tramp trades. Steel carriage experience in the capacity of chief officer on frequent UK/Continent finished product steel loading to the US and Canadian Great Lakes and loading from Brazil to the US East Coast and Great Lakes. Frequent primary steel loading and carriage from South American mills to the Far East and South East Asia. Also timber deck cargo, grains and bulk cargo loading experience in capacity of chief officer.

Shore career – 1984 to present

1984 to 1985

Hofflinghouse Ltd./London

International metals trading house with offices in London, Brazil, USA and Japan.

Ship planner and operations superintendent co-ordinating the transportation of steel, non-ferrous products, ferro-alloy bulk products and pig iron with mills, traders and buyers. The company was heavily involved in trades between the Black Sea and Far East, Brazil and Far East, and Brazil and the USA. There was frequent travel worldwide overseeing and co-ordinating the load, discharge and transportation of the commodities.

1985 to 1990

Townsville Shipping Inc./Brazil

(International (Seapath) Projects Ltd. Canada)

Steel, non-ferrous and ferro-alloys products parcel operator involved in lifting hundreds of thousands of tons of prime and semi-finished steels, pig iron and alloys from north, central and south Brazil and Argentina to the Far East and USA annually.

Managing director for the company's South American operations overseeing the commercial and operational aspects of the business including:-

- * Cargo fixing and liaising with both major and minor Brazilian mills, trading houses and ship brokers. Included COA negotiation and general management with Brazilian State (now privatised) mills and private mills.



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- * Day-to-day liaison with the Brazilian mills on production and cargo delivery to ports planning.
 - * Frequent visits to the mills.
 - * Laytime calculations and negotiations with the various exporters.
 - * Pre-load planning and preparation liaison between ship's masters, stevedores and exporters.
 - * Stevedore contract negotiations where appropriate.
 - * Day-to-day loading and lashing superintendency aboard the vessels.
 - * Liaison with pre-load condition surveys, damage inspections, involvement with loss prevention methods on both stowage and lashing systems on all types of steel products, familiar with damage notations and clauses, and cause and effect of steel commodity damage.

1990 to 1991

Great Circle Navigation/Canada

(Fleetwood Shipping, Montreal)

Operations superintendent/supercargo for handy size parcel operator loading steel products, forest products and project cargoes from the US and Canadian Great Lakes and the US and Mexican Gulf to South East Asia and the Far East. Frequently supervised the loading of timber deck cargoes from Lower St Lawrence River ports.

1991 to present

TMC (Marine Consultants) Ltd./London

Surveyor, superintendent and consultant with special responsibility to steel, timber deck and project cargo related work.

Appointed a Director of TMC (Marine Consultants) Ltd. in 1995.

Work

Steel cargo

Have first-hand experience as chief officer with the loading, carriage and discharge of steel products. Have provided pre-load and discharge condition surveys on steel and non-ferrous products, and loading/discharge superintendency/supercargo work on part and full steel shipments including aluminium and steel scrap worldwide.



Have first-hand experience with pre-load inspections, with loading, stowage and lashing methods peculiar to the steel trade (including California Block Stowage, CSR BC Coil Loading rules), carriage and ventilation, discharge methods and post discharge damage inspections to various steel and non-ferrous products including:-

- * wire rod in coil
- * hot rolled plate in coil
- * cold rolled (uncoated and various finish) plate in coil
- * plate (various type)
- * hot and cold rolled (various finish) sheet in bundles
- * cobble plate
- * slabs
- * blooms
- * billets
- * reinforcing (debar) bar
- * sections/merchant bar
- * steel project cargoes
- * tube
- * small and large diameter pipe
- * piling
- * various grades of pig iron carried in one hold or several
- * aluminium billet, ingots, sows and slabs
- * zinc, lead and tin ingots
- * various types of steel scrap

Have provided expert advice and reports and given expert evidence at mediation and arbitration pertaining to the steel, non-ferrous products and scrap loading, discharge, stowage, damage and general carriage since 1993.

Have provided advice on steel stowage and lashing systems to vessel owners which has sometimes included the production of a Cargo Securing Manual.

Timber deck cargo

Have first-hand experience with the loading of timber deck cargoes as chief officer and supercargo on handy size bulk carriers. Have experience as a surveyor in attending timber deck stowage including stowage shifting issues. Have provided expert reports and given expert



evidence at arbitration on timber deck loading disputes of both sawn lumber and logs within both the old and new IMO rules.

Project cargo

Have first-hand experience with the loading of project cargoes as chief officer and supercargo on handy size bulk carriers. Have attended project cargo shift incidents and provided expert reports and given expert evidence on project cargo loading, stowage and carriage on both multi-purpose vessels and handy size bulk carriers. (Experience includes cargoes of power stations, on-shore oil and gas drilling rigs, car plants, off-shore riser units, copper smelters.)

Reefer cargo

Have regular survey experience with reefer vessels and their cargo on both break bulk reefer vessels as well as reefer container on a wide variety of chilled and frozen produce.

Containers

Have survey experience with cellular container vessels (including stow collapse, loss overboard, fire and explosion). Have survey experience with damage to containers and their contents, securing of containers and their contents including out of gauge on flat racks.

Forest products

Have survey experience with specialized forest product carriers including stowage and carriage issues of paper and pulp. Have wide survey experience with forest products including logs, sawn lumber, chipboards, pulp, liner board, newsprint, printing paper both on roll and sheeted.

Rice

Have survey experience with bagged rice cargo and have provided expert reports on rice damage related to inappropriate carriage.

Cement

Have superintendency and survey experience with bulk cement and clinker.

Bulk cargo

Have survey experience with various bulk cargoes including grains, raw sugar, ores, wood pellet and recycled chipped wood.



Have made pre-loading hold condition surveys prior to loading different cargoes on bulk carriers and have provided expert reports on hold cleaning disputes.

Make regular draft surveys on bulk carriers of all sizes and have provided expert reports on disputes and issues related to draft surveys.

Make ultrasonic hatch cover tests and have provided expert reports on disputes and issues related to hatch cover weather tightness issues.

Have attended vessel grounding and fire salvage operations as assistant SCR and P&I Club representative.

Make regular vessel damage and dock damage surveys on behalf of ship owners, P&I Clubs and berth/port managers.

Make regular on and off hire condition and bunker surveys.