



CURRICULUM VITAE

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Professional Qualifications

DOT certificate of competency as first mate foreign going.
ONC in nautical studies.
BSc (Open) International Studies
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 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. Carriage of forest products, bulk and project cargoes.

Shore career – 1984 to present

1984 to 1985

Hofflinghouse Ltd/London

International metal trading house with offices in London, Brazil, USA and Japan. Ship planner and operations superintendent co-ordinating the transportation of steel, non-ferrous products and ferro-alloy products 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 the maritime 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. Occasional loading of bulk, project and general cargoes.

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.

Day to day liaison with the Brazilian mills on production and cargo delivery to ports planning.

Frequent visits to the mills.

Lay-time 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 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.

1991 to present

TMC (Marine Consultants) Ltd/London

Surveyor, superintendent and consultant with special responsibility to steel, forest product and project cargo related work.

Appointed a Director of TMC (Marine Consultants) Ltd. in 1995 and is responsible for the running of the South East (Medway) office, which undertakes a wide variety of local and international survey work.

Survey Work

Operates out of the TMC Medway Office as a Surveyor, Superintendent and Consultant with special responsibility to steel, forest products, project and general as well as bulk cargo loading, discharge, stowage, carriage, lashing and securing related work.

First-hand experience with the various methods of loading, stowage, lashing and discharge of:-

Steels:

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

Forest products:

- sawn lumber (on/under deck)
- logs (on/under deck)
- newsprint/printing paper
- board products
- woodpulp

Project cargoes:

- on and off-shore oil and gas equipment
- engineering and manufacturing plant equipment

Has prepared and given evidence in arbitration on virtually every type of steel product traded at sea on many issues including pre-load condition, stowage, carriage, damage and market loss claims. Has given evidence on timber deck cargo shift and loss overboard, a variety of project cargo shifts of both on and off shore oil drill equipment as well as many general project cargoes such as power generating equipment, smelting equipment and large harbour piling systems often involving substantial damage claims. Has also attended cargo and container stowage collapses on both general cargo vessels as well as cellular container ships. Has given advice on



the carriage of bagged rice as well as bulk commodities such as fertilizers, clinker and scrap metal.

Has given detailed advice and expert evidence on appropriate ventilation regimes for different commodities such as steel and rice.

Has frequently been asked to discuss the veracity of draft surveys and consider evidence on bulk cargo shortages.