



Curriculum Vitae

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Synopsis

During 14 years as Master on 22 vessels and 9 years as Chief Officer on 12 vessels, I gained experience on tankers, bulk carriers (handy to cape size), OBO and general cargo/container vessels.

During four years of shore based work experience with ship management companies, I gained experience in managing oil tankers, chemical tankers, gas tankers, bulk carriers, container, Ro-Ro and Ro-Pax vessels.

As a marine consultant since 2010, I have worked on various matters involving various navigational incidents, fire, capsizing, crew injury/death, unsafe port disputes, bulk and liquid cargo quality and quantity disputes, over-pressurisation damage to cargo tanks, loss of containers, cargo liquefaction disputes, new building disputes, cargo/crane damages, and wreck removals besides others. I have carried out numerous navigational audits, pre-purchase inspections, condition surveys, and towage approval surveys. I have also given 'Expert Evidence' in commercial courts on matters related to collisions, groundings, tanker over-pressurisation incidents and cargo liquefaction, among others.

Professional Qualifications

- Certificate of Competency as Master of a foreign going ship.
- Dangerous cargo endorsement for oil tankers.
- IRCA certified Auditor/Lead Auditor.
- Certified 'Company Security Officer' by ABS Singapore.



Background and Experience

2010 to Current:

Director/Marine Consultant with TMC Marine Pte. Ltd., Singapore.

My experience includes:

- Investigations:
 - Collisions;
 - Groundings;
 - Fire and explosion;
 - Capsizing and sinking;
 - Crew injury and death;
 - Cargo damages (containers, grain, steel, oil, and chemical);
 - Cargo disputes (liquid and dry bulk cargoes);
 - Damage to cargo and ballast tanks due to over-pressurisation;
 - Loss of containers at sea;
 - Machinery damage (deck cranes).

- Disputes:
 - Collisions (including jetty damage);
 - Cargo liquefaction;
 - Unsafe port;
 - Tank over-pressurisation incidents;
 - New building disputes – Chemical/Oil tanker.

- Surveys:
 - Collision and grounding damages;
 - Tanker terminal damage;
 - On/Off-hire surveys for bareboat/time charters;
 - Tug/barge surveys for towage approval;
 - Pre-purchase condition surveys to assess and comment upon on the vessels' condition, and/or make recommendations for improvement.

- Salvage operations:
 - Wreck removal;
 - Oil/pollutants recovery;



- Navigational audits to assess and comment upon on the navigational practices, and make recommendations for improvement.

2008 to 2009:

'Marine and Safety/Quality Superintendent' with 'EMS Ship Management (Singapore) Pte Ltd.' managing chemical, gas & oil tankers, container vessels, and bulk carriers.

Responsibilities:

- All safety and marine operation functions of a ship management company.

2005 to 2007:

Served as a 'Fleet Safety Specialist' with Northern Marine Management Ltd (UK). Northern Marine, a ship management division of Stena AB, Sweden and managed a variety of vessels including Ro-Ro, Ro-Pax, High Speed passenger crafts, oil tankers (product & crude oil including VLCCs), gas tankers (including VLGCs), and chemical tankers (IMO type II/III).

Responsibilities:

- Internal audits of the fleet vessels;
- Inspection of the time chartered vessels;
- Attendance during SIRE & CDI inspections;
- Attendance as safety superintendent during docking;
- Investigation of Incidents/Accidents to determine the root causes;
- Implementation of 'Behaviour Based Safety' process across the fleet vessel and the Company offices;
- Familiarising the Master and the senior officers with the Company's 'Safety Management System'.

1991 to 2004:

Served as a Master at sea on 22 different vessels, and gained experience on oil tankers (product and crude oil, including VLCCs), and general cargo ship. Between 1996 and 2000 I have carried out numerous 'Ship to Ship' transfer operations in the US waters.

1983 to Oct 1990:

Served as a Chief Officer on 12 different vessels, and gained experience on oil tankers (crude & product), bulk carriers (handy to cape size), Oil-Bulk-Ore (OBO), and general cargo/container vessels.

1979 to Jan 1982:



Second/Third Officer at sea on oil tankers, bulk carriers, and general cargo/container vessels.

Apprenticeship and Pre-sea Training:

After passing out from the prestigious “Training Ship Rajendra” in 1976, I chose to join “The Shipping Corporation of India” for my apprenticeship. The Company owned and managed almost all types of vessels and was the most diversified shipping company in India.

Nautical Credentials

- ‘Certificate of Competency’ as ‘Master’ of a foreign going ship.
- ‘Quality Management Systems’ (QMS) ‘Auditor/Lead Auditor’ (ISO 9001:2000) certified by ‘IRCA’.
- ‘Company Security Officer’ (CSO) certified by ABS.
- ‘Dangerous Cargo Endorsement’ for oil tankers.
- ‘Global Maritime Distress and Safety System’ (GMDSS) – General Operator Certificate.
- ‘Bridge Team & Resource Management’ (BTRM) training.
- ‘Risk Management & Incident Investigation’ training by Lloyds Register.
- ‘Internal Auditor and ISM Code’ training by Bureau Veritas.
- ‘Wire Rope & Lifting Gear Examiner’ training by Carl Stahl Evita Ltd.
- ‘Gas Tankers’ familiarisation training by Glasgow Nautical College.
- ‘Chemical Tankers’ familiarisation training by DNV Maritime Academy.