



## Capt John Silberberg AFNI Consultant Master Mariner

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### Overview

- Master Mariner and Marine Consultant
- Major casualty investigations
- Safety Management Systems and Safe Systems of Work
- Human factors
- Expert opinions
- Extensive and diverse experience in the offshore oil and gas industry
- Subject matter expert on navigation and collision avoidance
- Subject matter expert on shiphandling
- Subject matter expert on watchkeeping practices
- Salvage and wreck removals
- Marine Assurance and Marine Warranty Survey
- Operational risk assessment and mitigation practices
- 15+ years command experience
- 18+ years offshore support vessel experience
- 25+ years sea-going experience
- Dynamic Positioning operations
- Semi-submersible MODU anchor-handling
- Lay-barge anchor-handling
- PSV operations
- Offshore towage of semi-submersible and jack-up MODUs, lay-barges, materials barges, export hoses and vessels
- Emergency towage support
- Offshore mooring installation, maintenance and decommissioning
- HAZID meetings
- Pilot Exempt Master

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## Qualifications

- Master Mariner (unlimited) – Certificate of Competency (AMSA)
- Dynamic Positioning Operator (unlimited)
- Graduate Certificate of Transport Safety Investigation (Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology)
- Graduate Certificate of Business Administration (Torrens University)
- Diploma of Applied Science (Nautical Studies) (Australian Maritime College)
- Incident Investigation Certificates (ICAM, Kelvin TOPSET and Nautical Institute)
- Maritime Law and Shipping Contracts Certificate (Lloyd's Maritime Academy)
- Navigation Assessor Certificate (Nautical Institute)
- Marine Warranty Surveyor Certificate (Lloyd's Maritime Academy)

## Professional Memberships

- Associate Fellow of The Nautical Institute
- Company of Master Mariners
- Master Mariners Association of Tasmania
- Institute of Managers and Leaders
- Member of Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand
- Member of Risk Management Institute of Australasia

## Education

### **2021-2022 – ROYAL MELBOURNE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY**

- Graduate Certificate of Transport Safety Investigation

### **2019-PRESENT – DEAKIN UNIVERSITY**

- Masters of Business Administration

### **2016-2018 – TORRENS UNIVERSITY**

- Graduate Certificate of Business Administration

### **1993-1996 – AUSTRALIAN MARITIME COLLEGE**

- Diploma of Applied Science (Nautical Studies)
- General Botha Award for highest marks by year 4 student for training aboard WYUNA
- HMS Conway prize for best performance by a year 4 student in Ship Operations
- BHP Sea Transport prize for the highest marks by a year 4 student in Sea Transport
- Baird Publications Prize for best performance by a year 3 student in the field of seamanship and ship operations
- Captain Thomas Swanson prize for best performance in guided study

### **ADDITIONAL TERTIARY LEVEL STUDY**

- Law
- Electronics engineering



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## Background and Experience

2017-Present

TMC Marine Pty Ltd

Consultant Master Mariner

### Major Investigations

- 2023 – Grounding – Unsafe port, passage planning, bridge watchkeeping practices
- 2022 – Allision – Underway vessel and moored vessels, bridge-watchkeeping practices
- 2021 – Fire – Engine room fire on DCV, safety management system
- 2020 – Causation – Foundering of laid-up vessel, maintenance systems
- 2020 – Causation – Mooring breakaway and vessel stranding, safety management system

### Marine Assurance

- 2022 – Decommissioning – Subsea operations, procedure reviews, HAZID, constructability, vessel operations, disposal, IHM, NORMs

### Expert Opinions

- 2022 – Grounding – Seaworthiness, passage planning, watchkeeping practices
- 2022 – Submarine Cable Damage – Anchoring practices, ECDIS use, passage planning, safety management system, VDR analysis
- 2022 – Collision – Semi-submersible vessel and fishing vessel, VDR analysis
- 2022 – Collision – Commercial vessel and recreational vessel
- 2022 – Grounding – Seaworthiness, actions by Master
- 2021 – Cargo Loss – Container stow collapse, actions by stevedores
- 2021 – Vessel Crewing – STCW requirements, crewing numbers, watchkeeping practices
- 2020 – Personal Injury – Passenger on cruise vessel, safety management system, watchkeeping practices
- 2020 – Cargo Loss – Container stow collapse
- 2020 – Collision – Commercial vessel and fishing vessel
- 2019 – Grounding – Salvage dangers, bulk carrier
- 2019 – Allision – Vessel and wharf, unsafe navigation, watchkeeping practices
- 2018 – Breakaway – Offshore mooring failure, materials barge, cyclone response procedures
- 2018 – Breakaway – Cruise ship, watchkeeping practices

### Salvage and Wreck Removal

- 2021 – Depollution – ITT, contract negotiation, hot-tapping, saturation diving, oil removal, remote supervision
- 2021 – ROV Inspection – ITT, contract negotiation, remote supervision
- 2020 – Container Vessel – Wreck removal, on-site client representative, stakeholder management
- 2020 – Fishing Vessel – Wreck removal, ITT, stakeholder management
- 2020 – Offshore Support Vessel- Wreck removal, ITT, contract negotiation, on-site client representative, stakeholder management

2001-2019

Swire Pacific Offshore Pty Ltd

Master (16 years): PSV, AHTS, OSV, Seismic Survey, Accommodation Barge

- Senior SDPO on PSV – full ASOG-guided operations



- Extensive anchor-handling operations for semi-submersible MODUs and pipe-lay barges
- Towing of MODUs (semi-submersible and jack-up), materials barges and pipe-lay barges, including in-field, inter-state and international voyages
- Operational support for semi-subs, fixed platforms, FPSOs, jack-ups and pipe-lay vessels
- Various sub-sea operations including SPM mooring installation, chain and anchor-handling and jacket installations
- Emergency response and towing vessel for Dive Support Vessel EMERALD SEA
- Emergency towing support operations for seismic survey vessels performing in-field close passes
- Static tow operations for FPSO/offtake tankers
- ROV surveys including pipeline inspections
- 18 months supporting FLNG PRELUDE – commission Enhanced Ship Follow Mode DP
- 1675nm tow of MODU SONGA MERCUR from Timor Sea to Singapore – single boat tow
- Managed accommodation barge, ensured compliance with Australian Standards for Work Health and Safety requirements including enclosed-space entry and work at heights, ran inter-departmental planning meetings, conducted all operations under the strict environmental goals of the Gorgon LNG project, included de-mobilisation and tow away for cyclone avoidance
- 1750nm tow of materials barge from Batu Ampar to Western Australia – single boat tow, included significant diversion for severe weather avoidance
- Lead vessel for 1700nm dual-boat tow of launch barge INTERMAC 650 with jacket for Angel Field, from Batu Ampar to Western Australia

### **Master with Pilotage Exemption Certificates for the ports of:**

- Broome, Western Australia
- Burnie, Tasmania, Australia
- Corner Inlet, Victoria, Australia
- Dampier, Western Australia, Australia
- Darwin, Northern Territory, Australia
- New Plymouth, Port Taranaki, New Zealand
- Portland, Victoria, Australia

**Chief Officer: AHTS, OSV, Seismic Survey**

**Second Officer: AHTS, Seismic Survey**

**1998-2001**

**Australian LNG Ship Operating Company Ltd**

Second and Third Officer: LNG Carriers

Ship's Safety Officer: 10-year drydocking of LNG Carrier NORTHWEST SANDERLING

**1997-1998**

**Shell Trading and Shipping Company Ltd**

Second and Third Officer: LNG Carriers

Ship's Safety Officer: 5-year drydocking of LNG Carrier NORTHWEST SEAEAGLE

**1993-1996**

**BHP Transport Pty Ltd**

Cadet: LNG Carrier, LPG Tanker, Ro-Ro, Bulk Carriers, General Cargo