



## CURRICULUM VITAE

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An experienced marine professional with 20 years sea-going experience on cruise ships, bulk carriers, container, and reefer ships, and over 20 years shore-based experience in the UK. An experienced marine consultant who has provided evidence to the Admiralty Court, Coroners Court, and Arbitration.

Seven years at the UK's Marine Accident Investigation Branch, with experience of investigations across the marine industry. As a Fleet Director, experienced in commercial, marine, and technical ship management.

#### **Qualifications:**

- Masters Foreign Going Certificate of Competence, Liverpool John Moores University
- Accredited Marine Accident Investigator - MAIB

#### **Key Skills:**

- Expert witness with evidence provided in Admiralty Court and at Arbitration
- Accident Investigation
- Management, leadership and commercial
- Quality Assurance and auditing
- Seagoing experience and operational experience on cruise, bulk, container, and reefer vessels
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, public speaking, and presentations.



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**APPOINTMENTS and RESPONSIBILITIES**

**TMC Marine Consultants Ltd, London, UK  
Group Head of Marine**

**2022 - Present**

**Key Responsibilities and Achievements**

- Global TMC Marine, technical marine authority lead
- Advising the master, managers, charterers and/or insurers concerning legal and practical matters including collisions, fires, groundings, weather damage, total losses, unsafe ports and personal injuries.

**Solis Marine Consultants, London, UK  
Partner and General Manager**

**2017 - 2022**

**Key Responsibilities and Achievements**

Partner, General Manager

2019 - 2022

General Manger

2017 - 2022

Marine Consultant

2017 - 2019

**Key Responsibilities and Achievements**

**Responsible for the operation, finance, and development of Solis Marine Consultants head office in London.**

- Advising managers, charterers and/or insurers concerning legal and practical marine issues such as collisions, fires, groundings, weather damage, total losses, unsafe ports, injury, salvage, subsea cable, and pipeline damage disputes.
- Attended various courts as expert witness in UK, plus courts abroad.
- Provided independent investigation into the risks to shipping around the UK coast for the MCA

**Saga Shipping Limited, Folkestone, UK  
Fleet Director**

**2015 - 2017**

**Key Responsibilities and Achievements**

- Fleet Director responsible for the marine and technical operations a fleet of cruise vessels
- Executive Board member
- Responsible for managing safety culture, technical resilience, and marine personnel
- Development of new build cruise vessels for the Saga fleet
- Responsibility for £12m budget for operations and technical



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**Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB), UK**  
**Inspector of Marine Accidents**

**2006 - 2013**

Key Responsibilities and Achievements

- Inspector of Marine Accidents for the Government Department for Transport
- Completed numerous investigations worldwide into a broad range of shipping accidents, including: collisions; groundings; technical failure; cargo related incidents and fatal occupational accidents.
- Investigations into accidents in the commercial, fishing and leisure sectors

**EuroShip Services Ltd, UK**  
**Safety and Quality Manager**

**2002 - 2006**

Key Responsibilities and Achievements

- Designated Person Ashore (DPA) for a fleet of RoRo and bulk carriers
- ISM / ISPS and quality inspector and auditor
- Safety Inspections and investigations

**Seagoing Career**

**1982 - 2002**

**Renaissance Cruises:** Master in command, with pilotage exemption certificate, 1998 – 2002

**Edinburgh Castle Ltd:** Master in command trading worldwide, 1996 – 1998

**P&O / Princess Cruises:** Deck officer 1986 – 1996

**P&O Group:** Deck Cadet – General, bulk, container, refrigerated cargo and cruise vessels trading worldwide, 1982 - 1986

**Memberships:**

- The Corporation of Trinity House - Younger Brother
- The Honourable Company of Master Mariners – Liveryman
- Nautical Institute – Associate Fellow