

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### **Eric Crabtree – Master Mariner**

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An experienced marine professional with over 15 years of sea-going experience on a variety of vessels to include crude and product tankers and DP offshore top side heavy lift and sub-sea pipeline construction ships.

Over 10 years shore-based experience in the USA and internationally working as a marine Salvage Master, Marine Consultant and vessel manager (Tankers).

#### **Qualifications:**

- Unlimited Tonnage Master Mariner USCG License
- Unlimited Dynamic position certificate issued by the Nautical Institute.
- Commissioned Naval Officer US Navy
- SMIT Salvage emergency management training.

#### **Key Skills and experience:**

- Expert witness with evidence provided in Deposition
- Collisions and groundings of all vessel types:
  - Cruise and ferry, Bulk, tanker, general, container, reefer, Ro-Ro, LNG, offshore, tugs, and fishing
- Tankers and DP offshore construction vessel operations
- Accident Investigation specialist
- Personal injury, including small commercial vessels, leisure, and fishing vessels.
- Management, leadership, and commercial operations.
- Quality Assurance and auditing
- Seagoing experience and operational experience on tankers and offshore construction vessels and pipe lay vessels.
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills, including public speaking.



**Feedback and Recommendations:**

Establish executive professional Chris Demas SVP at Marsh stated:

*"...Eric is an extremely hard worker with a no-quit attitude until the job is complete; this is infectious and motivating for his team members. He has a unique adaptive ability to work well with others on complex projects and through extremely stressful situations."*

Former colleague and longtime associate Ken Doyle Program Manager at NAVSEA, Captain US Navy said:

*"I have always been impressed with Eric's effective and results-driven ability to communicate via writing and verbally."*

**APPOINTMENTS and RESPONSIBILITIES**

**TMC Marine Consultants Ltd, a Bureau Veritas Group Company, London, UK**  
**Master Mariner & Marine Salvage Consultant**

**2025 - Present**

**Key Responsibilities and Achievements**

Providing marine and business consulting services to ship owners, vessel managers and P&I clubs. Working as a subject matter expert for legal litigation support, conducting marine surveys and audits with compressive report writing for the client. Marine salvage oversight and management from start to finish for emergency response and wreck removal projects. Conducts marine salvage wreck removal ITT (invitation to tender) and selects the preferred contractor to execute the project.

- Oversee and take responsibility for marine salvage projects emergency response and wreck removal.
- Conduct vessel/cargo surveys with investigations on behalf of P&I Clubs, Law Firms and Ship Owners.
- Maritime Expert Witness: litigation support, fact finding, gathering evidence and comprehensive report writing.
- Marine Warranty of Offshore Services to include dynamic position audits and assessment.
- Audits: Navigation and ISM Audits / SIRE-OCIMF based 3<sup>rd</sup> party and independent vessel inspections / Marine terminal and shipyard assessments.



Kirby Corporation  
Houston, TX  
Port Captain

2024-2025

Key Responsibilities and Achievements

Accountable for safe and reliable shoreside management of articulated tug and barges trading within the US Jones Act Service.

- Direct line of contact for shipboard captains to shoreside management, provided daily operational guidance to vessel masters.
- Managed communication with the following entities, ensuring vessels remain in safe operation: USCG, Classification Society (ABS), internal company communication, and external client communication.
- Attended and managed all OCIMF SIRE vetting's external and internal vessel audits for managed vessels.

**BROOKES BELL**

**2021 – 2023**

**Master Mariner & Marine Salvage Consultant**

Key Responsibilities and Achievements

Implemented marine and business consulting services to ship owners and P&I clubs, providing subject matter expertise for legal litigation support, conducting marine surveys and audits with comprehensive report writing for the client. Marine salvage oversight and management from start to finish for emergency response and wreck removal projects.

- Conducted countless vessel surveys and investigations on behalf of P&I Clubs, Law firms and ship owners.
- Maritime expert witness; litigation support, fact finding gathering evidence with comprehensive report writing.
- Marine Warranty and offshore services to include dynamic position audits and assessments.
- Audits: Navigation & ISM Audits / SIRE-OCIMF based 3rd party & independent vessel inspections / Marine terminal and shipyard assessments.



**ARDENT**

**2019-2020**

**Salvage Master/Project Manager**

**Key Responsibilities and Achievements**

Provided salvage assistance (emergency response and wreck removal) to ships in distress globally and maintained a strong focus on safety, innovation, problem-solving, and client relations while supporting multimillion-dollar salvage projects.

- Conducted situational evaluations for vessels in need, developed relationships with owners, and offered support in emergencies and wreck removal.
- Successfully communicated with numerous parties, including governmental agencies, P&I clubs, ship owners, vessel crew, and Coast Guard and kept all parties informed during all operations.
- Determined the safest and most environmentally friendly course of action to take. Took mitigating measures to reduce further loss and damage to vessels in distress.

**CROWLEY PETROLEUM SERVICES**

**2017-2019**

**Port Captain/Vessel Manager**

**Key Responsibilities and Achievements**

Accountable for safe and reliable shoreside management of up to 10 articulated tug and barges and or product oil/chemical MR tankers, trading within the US Jones Act Service.

- Direct line of contact for shipboard captains to shoreside management, provided daily operational guidance to vessel masters.
- Managed communication with the following entities, ensuring vessels remain in safe operation: USCG, Classification Society (ABS), internal company communication, and external client communication.
- Attended and managed all OCIMF SIRE vetting's external and internal vessel audits for managed vessels.
- Maintained and was responsible for the company's internal vessel management software for shipboard maintenance and vessel safety management system.



**SMIT SALVAGE A BOSKALIS COMPANY**  
**Salvage Master/Assistant Salvage Master**

**2015 - 2017**

**Key Responsibilities and Achievements**

Provided salvage assistance (emergency response and wreck removal) to ships in distress globally

- Conducted situational evaluations for vessels in need, developed relationships with owners, and offered support to assist in emergencies and wreck removal. (such as TROLL SOLUTION in Mexico and Freighter Roger Blough refloating on Lake Superior)
- Accounting: Wrote contracts and made proposals to engage customers and secure business. Evaluated scope of work and determined time and financial implications associated with various projects, resulting in securing new business and fully executing multimillion-dollar projects from start to finish.
- Built and directed teams to complete salvage operations safely, on time, and under budget.
- Shoreside manager on call for all shipboard emergencies, guiding captains, and company.
- Determined the safest and most environmentally friendly course of action to mitigate and reduce further loss and damage to vessels in distress.

**Seagoing Career**

**2000 - 2015**

**Deck Officer to Master**

**Key Responsibilities and Achievements**

Commanding role onboard various vessels, showcasing versatile leadership and technical proficiency. My tenure at sea encompasses the successful management and operation of Suezmax Crude Carrier Tankers and Aframax Product/Chemical Carrier Tankers, where meticulous attention to detail and stringent adherence to safety protocols were paramount. Additionally, my technical acumen extends to specialized vessels, including Crane ships and Pipe Lay Ships, further illustrating my comprehensive skill set.



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**Education:**

- Bachelor of Science in Marine Transportation from Massachusetts Maritime Academy

**Memberships and additional information:**

- Eagle Scout- achieved the highest rank attainable in Boy Scouts of America.
- US government Security Clearance – level “Secret”
- Avid SCUBA Diver PADI Open water/Advanced/Rescue Diver.
- SHELL / FEMA ICS 100 - 800 Emergency Management Training.
- SMIT Salvage Emergency Management training.
- Member of the Massachusetts Maritime Academy Alumni Association of Houston TX
- Houston TX Propeller club
- Completed several business and professional growth courses from Coursera through the following schools, Yale University, University of London, University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business, Columbia University, Rice University, Queen Mary University of London, and University of Colorado Boulder.