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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2012 to Present Solis Marine Consultants Pte. Ltd., UK
Director, Master Mariner

Co-founder of Solis Marine Consultants and since establishing the company has attended salvage operations on behalf of P & I interests and provided expert advice and prepared reports for High Court and Arbitration Tribunals on criminal prosecutions, groundings, unsafe ports, ship handling, manoeuvring and pilotage issues. He has given expert evidence in London, Hong Kong, and Indonesia.

2003 to 2012 London Offshore Consultants Ltd
Director in Hong Kong and London, Consultant in London

Acted as a nautical assessor to the High Court, Hong Kong and given expert evidence in Hong Kong. Expert reports have been prepared for Court and Arbitration in Singapore, Hong Kong and London. He has also given expert evidence in Haifa, Israel and Halifax, Nova Scotia.

He has also provided expert advice and reports with respect to pilotage of all types of vessels and other ship handling and manoeuvring issues for collision and fixed object damage claims in ports around the world.



He has carried out numerous instructions involving unsafe port and berth claims, seaworthiness issues, criminal prosecutions, under keel clearance, groundings and tug/towage operations.

Instructions to provide expert advice have included personal injury and death claims, the investigation of voyages with respect to cargo securing, navigational and stability issues including loss of cargo when encountering heavy weather.

He has also prepared expert's reports on bulk cargo shift, general and project cargo damage, hull failure, stability problems, anchor damage to subsea pipelines.

He has acted as SCR and been involved with the bid process for contracting services and later attended on site as a representative of Owners and P&I for the pollutant and cargo discharge and storage, salvage and wreck removal of a number of vessels in Europe, the Azores, China, Philippines, Indonesia, Brazil and Canada.

Carried out vessel surveys for Underwriters and attended for oil pollution incidents and claims.

2002 to 2003

Seabulk Offshore (Switzerland)

Master – Offshore maintenance, anti-pollution and dive support vessel

Master of multi-role dive support vessel in Falkland Islands Military Port on charter to the Ministry of Defence. Provided dive and surface maintenance for an oil delivery Single Point Mooring (SPM) and other buoy moorings in the Falkland Islands and South Georgia. Responsible for pollution control within the harbour and at the SPM.

Assisted tankers mooring at the SPM and pipeline and valve monitoring during loading or discharging operations. Marine advice provided to senior military personnel for operations and military exercises within the port area and seas around the Falklands and South Georgia.

Wreck location, dive support and marking of sunken warships to facilitate military teams monitoring hull deterioration.

1991 to 2002

River Humber, UK

Marine Pilot – All vessel types to 200,000 tonnes

Pilot for the Humber pilotage district extending over 60 miles containing the ports and berths of Grimsby, Immingham, Killingholme, Salt End, Hull, New Holland, Hessle Haven, Barrow Haven, Goole and wharves on the River Trent.

Appointed a First class Pilot in 1995. Responsibilities included the berthing, unberthing and transit of vessels on a tidal estuary with currents exceeding 8 knots at times using minimum calculated under-keel clearance when necessary.

Ship handling experience has been gained on every type of vessel including tankers and bulk carriers up to 200,000 tonnes also transiting narrow channels and manoeuvring in restricted areas with and without tugs.

During this period over 1,800 acts of pilotage were completed, manoeuvring vessels, into and out of docks and havens as well as exposed jetties at all stages of the tide. Experience gained in the pilotage control tower monitoring traffic arriving and departing including allocation of pilots to vessels.

Organisation and use of passage plans, mooring plans and tug requirements for large vessels using bollard pull, exposed and underwater hull calculations together with under-keel considerations when using restricted channels for manoeuvring.

1988 to 1991

Ocean Inchcape Ltd (OIL)

Master - High horse power AHTS vessels

As Master operating in the North Sea and West Africa involved with the shifting of semi-submersible rigs, jack-up rigs, heavy lift and lay barges as well as laying deepwater moorings and undertaking all types of anchor handling and associated offshore operations including heavy lift work in tandem with barges. Undertaken contract salvage of grounded and disabled vessels in West Africa and deep-sea and coastal towage of rigs, ships, barges and floating structures for offshore oil fields.

1987 to 1988

Dredgework Services Ltd

Contracts Manager - maintenance dredgers

Responsible for carrying out pre and post dredge hydrographic surveys for UK maintenance dredging projects in Plymouth Royal Dockyard, at South Shields, Sunderland harbour and various River Humber berths. Production of hydrographic charts of dredged areas and quantity calculations.

1979 to 1987

Offshore Marine / Zapata Gulf Marine

Chief Officer and Master (from 1984), AHTS and dive support vessels

Chief Officer, and from 1984, Master of anchor handling, dive support and safety / fire-fighting vessels in the northern, southern and continental sectors of the North Sea.

1972 to 1979

Fyffes Line Ltd., United Baltic Corporation, Booker Line Ltd.

Cadet to 2nd Officer - Refrigerated, container and general cargo vessels trading world-wide.