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## CURRICULUM VITAE

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Master Mariner

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### Qualifications

Master Mariner, STCW 95 11/2, Unlimited, Issued by MCA  
HND (BTEC) in Nautical Science  
Cargo Surveyor Course – Cambridge Refrigeration Technology  
Marine Cargo Surveying – Maritime Training Academy  
CMID Approved Vessel Inspector  
Identification, Preservation and Recovery of Marine Electronic Evidence course  
Qualified operator for Ultrasonic Tightness Testing of Hatch covers  
Qualified Expert in Inventory of Hazardous Materials (IHM)  
Completed Bond Solon's Expert Witness Familiarisation courses (3)

### Experience

#### **Principal Surveyor/Consultant**

Based in Maidstone, Kent, I routinely conduct a wide range of marine surveys and inspections, including P&I Club Ship Risk Review/Condition Surveys, On/Off hire Condition Surveys, Draft Surveys, Bunker Surveys, Ultra-sonic tightness tests of hatch covers, various stocktake calculations of large silos and stockpiles, Lashing and loading supervision of Out of Gauge (OOG) and Project cargo, Investigative Surveys and Cargo Surveys including perishable goods.

I am frequently appointed by law firms, P&I Clubs, shipowners, and port operators to investigate the cause, nature and extent of; dock damages, stevedore damages, water ingress to cargo holds, container stack collapses, car carrier lashing failures, steel cargo damages, heavy weather to name a few.

My work has taken me to ports throughout the UK, as well as at key maritime hubs around the world, where I have conducted a wide range of surveys.



With over a decade of surveying experience and 12 years of seagoing service, I am regularly called upon to provide expert advice and opinion in marine arbitration and litigation cases. My expertise spans a broad spectrum of disputes, including: Deadfreight disputes, Cargo ventilation disputes, Stowage, loading, and lashing disputes, General cargo stow collapses, Cargo hold cleanliness disputes, Pilot boarding arrangements and related accidents, Bulk cargo contaminations, Loading weather sensitive cargo, Operation of hatch covers and their weathertight integrity, Steel coil loading/stowage/damage disputes, Loaded quantity disputes, Vessel suitability for the intended cargo, Stevedore damage disputes, Damages and depreciation of container shells, Water ingress disputes bulk/bagged cargo, and Heavy weather avoidance decisions.

I have attended London Maritime Arbitrators Association (LMAA) proceedings.

I have also been involved in several casualties for a variety of clients, including P&I Clubs, Owners, Average Adjusters, and Cargo Interests; surveying and managing the distressed cargoes.

#### Notable cases

MAREN	Grounding/wreck removal – Turkey - 2023
CMA CGM KAILAS	Power outage to reefers, distressed cargo – Sri Lanka - 2022
HOEGH LONDON	Heavy weather damage/fatality – Italy - 2019
MSC ZOE	Container stack collapse – Germany - 2019
ISLA BARTOLOME	Grounding/Flooding – Ecuador - 2017
SAFMARINE MERU	Collision and Fire – China – 2016 (remote assistance)
STAR FIRST	Container stack collapse – UK – 2015
MAERSK KARACHI	Gantry crane collapse and fire – Germany – 2015
HOEGH OSAKA	Grounding – UK – 2015
SAN FELIPE	Fire – Malaysia – 2014

#### May 2014 – September 2023

##### **Marine Surveyor/Consultant – TMC (Marine Consultants) Ltd**

Based at the Medway office, I undertook a diverse range of survey assignments, provided expert opinions, and managed distressed cargo cases for a broad spectrum of clients, including ship owners, charterers, P&I Clubs, shippers, receivers, and solicitors.

#### January 2008 – April 2014

##### **Port Meteorological Officer, Met Office, Southampton**

As a Port Meteorological Officer, I used my Marine Expertise to maintain/promote UK Met Office's



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Voluntary Observing Ship (VOS) scheme. This role provided invaluable insight into the process of weather forecasting, allowing me to understand how observational data is assimilated into meteorological models. Additionally, I had the opportunity to engage with a diverse range of vessels, studying their plans and construction details including Military, Passenger, LNG, LPG, VLCC, Cape size bulkers, ULCV, Ro-Ro, Research, Offshore support, Ferries and coastal workboats.

June 2003 – December 2006

**Chief Officer, Egon Oldendorff, Germany**

During my time as Chief Officer, I primarily served aboard Multi-Purpose General Cargo vessels operating on liner trades. These assignments were considered among the most demanding within Egon Oldendorff—required exceptional attention to detail and resilience due to intense commercial pressures, the operational complexity of diverse cargoes, and the high stakes associated with any failure.

I have extensive experience carrying a wide range of cargo types, including containers, bulk commodities, and general cargo. My responsibilities included cargo planning, from interpreting booking lists to planning stevedore operations, ensuring safe, efficient, and commercially sound execution at every port.