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CAREER HISTORY

June 2019 Octant Marine Limited, UK
Marine Consultant

2018 to 2019 Independent Marine Consultant

2004 to 2018 John Swire and Sons-The China Navigation Company Pte. Ltd (CNCo)
DPA and Fleet Quality Assurance Manager
Fleet Safety and Security and Environmental Manager

Responsible for the safety of 52 ships where he was the first point of contact and first responder to all fleet matters relating to safety and environmental incidents.

Conducted investigations of fatalities on board ships including collisions, suicide, stevedore injuries/fatalities, major cargo incidents and human element issues such as bullying, harassment and sexual discrimination.

Supervised the fleet expansion (from 20 ships to 52 ships) where he was responsible for the compliance in all matters related to the ship's safety and security.

Responsible for the structuring of the Company's Safety Management System implementation and its implementation on board and ashore in accordance with the ISM Code. He managed and recruited a team of company auditors to conduct all types of audits and inspections as well as carrying out the same on board the fleet.

As DPA, he was responsible for maintaining the Company's Crisis Management Manual and organizing regular crisis exercises.

He was the leader of the team that was awarded the Lloyds List Asia safety award and was also a finalist in the Lloyds List Global Safety awards.

1976 to 2004

Worked at sea for 28 years with three International shipping Companies- Ellerman City Liners (4 years), Panocean Anco Ltd (8 years) and The China Navigation Company Pte. Ltd (16 years) on a total of 56 ships.

12 years in command on a variety of ships including VLCC's- DWT 274K, Cape Size - DWT 162K (Coal Ore), Container Ships DWT 15k – 23K, General Cargo/Break Bulk/Bulk DWT 42K and Feeder Ships DWT 12K.

Served as a Chief Officer on Chemical Tankers loading multi grades of chemicals

Experience with a variety of cargoes including: general break-bulk cargoes, containers, grain, rice and other agricultural products, coal, petcoke, iron ore, crude oil cargoes, liquid chemicals (various), heavy lifts, steel coils, and steel sections (various) and timber cargoes- logs and various other timber products.

Traded to most parts of the world: served in all continents, Artic Circle, Suez and Panama canals, circumnavigated the world and sailed through equator and International dateline.

In 1997, he obtained his Pilot's licence that allowed him to enter and berth/unberth the vessel while calling the Port of Jebel Ali, in Dubai. He was elected to the Hong Kong Victoria Pilots Examination Board in 2007 and remained a Member of the Hong Kong Pilots Advisory Committee until 2010

He is a past Vice President of the Nautical Institute (Hong Kong).