

CAPTAIN PETER ROBERTS
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CAREER HISTORY

June 2019	Octant Marine Limited Consultant
2015 to date	Loadlines Consultants Director
2005 to 2015	Cwaves Ltd Director
1997 to 2005	London Offshore Consultants Ltd Associate, Senior Marine Consultant

From 1997 to 2019, I have investigated a variety of marine incidents and appeared as expert witness at numerous arbitration hearings and at the High Court, in the U.K., U.S.A. and South Africa. Cases include Charter Party disputes, Unsafe Berths and Ports, Due Diligence, Collisions, Contacts and Groundings, including Total Loss; Hold Cleanliness, Cargo Damage and wetting, Cargo Fumigation, Cargo Quantity and Draft Limitations, Personal Injuries including Death, Fraud, Scuttling, Liquefaction, and the application of the ISM Code, Seamanship issues, ISM issues, Role of a prudent Mariner, Charter party Disputes. Seaworthiness and Cargo-worthiness; Deadfreight, Draft Surveys, Grain Loading/Stability.

I have provided practical mariner advice during settlement negotiations and at Mediations of disputes on similar matters to the above. I have carried out Marine Warranty Surveys and witnessed and approved the load-out, sea-fastenings, and transportation of heavy lift components on seagoing vessels and deep-sea barges;

1995 - 1997

Cathcart Shipping Ltd., London
Operations Manager, Marine Superintendent

I established an in-house ship management function for the Company, which previously used third-party ship managers, including formulating and monitoring operational policy. I assisted in pre-fixture and post-fixture calculations and negotiations with Charterers, Superintending maintenance and vessel performance, including the general supervision of hull and engine repairs, and liaising with Classification Societies.

1994 - 1995

Self-Employed
Technical Author and Marine/Cargo surveyor/consultant

1989 – 1994

International United Shipping Agencies Ltd.,
Shipmaster

1965 - 1989

Ocean Transport & Trading Ltd., Liverpool,
Seagoing Deck Officer

Served on general cargo ships, container ships, handy-size geared and Panamax gearless bulk carriers, both owned in-house and managed for third-party shipowners. These vessels traded on liner services, voyage and time charters.

Experience with a variety of cargoes, including general break-bulk cargoes, heavy lifts, containers, grain (various) and other agricultural products, fertilisers, coal, iron ore, pig Iron, bauxite, alumina cement rice, timber, concentrates, steel. Traded to most parts of the world - NW Europe, including Baltic; Mediterranean, including Black Sea; Middle East; North, West and South Africa; Australia and most parts of the Far East; East, Gulf and West coasts of North America; North and East coasts of South America; Transits of the Suez, Panama, North Sea and St. Lawrence ship canals. Experienced with crews of various nationalities.