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Professional Résumé

Senior Marine Surveyor - Independent Maritime Consulting LLC (IMC)

IMC acts as Commercial Correspondents for several major Hull and Machinery (H&M) and Protection & Indemnity (P&I) underwriters, which includes providing claims handling assistance to their assured, performing surveys and investigating casualties of all kinds, mitigating and evaluating damages, assisting in coordinating repairs and providing technical advice. In addition, IMC provides surveys, technical consulting and expert witness services to maritime law firms, vessel Owners, Charterers and their liability underwriters in connection with major casualties, personal injury and cargo claims.

Areas of Expertise

Marine Consultancy and Surveying
P&I Surveys
H&M Surveys
Bulk Liquid and Chemical Carrier surveys
Vessel Surveys & Audits
Pre-vetting & pre-USCG inspections
Pre-Purchase evaluations and condition surveys
Port Superintendence and Cargo planning
Crew Safety Training

Experience and Work History

The majority of Vasant's seagoing career has been working on large deep-draft vessels, including oil tankers, bulk carriers and container vessels. He has also worked ashore in a ship repair company where he was involved in both repairs and certification of ship's gear. He has been based out of New Orleans since 2014 and is well versed with all facets of the ports, terminals and support industries all over the US Gulf area. He has regularly represented P&I clubs, underwriters, flag state, owners/operators and maritime law firms to undertake a variety of assignments.

Surveyor in New Orleans (2014 – Present):

Worked in a consulting company for a little more than a year and from August 2015, worked as an Independent Surveyor at New Orleans. In December 2018, started working for Independent Maritime Consulting, LLC.

- Regularly represented maritime law firms, P&I Clubs and underwriters as an attending surveyor and consultant. He has conducted initial response, on-site attendance, and investigation into cases involving
 - Allision with ship at anchor / barges in the river.
 - Stranding of vessel and touching the bottom in the Mississippi river.
 - Wake damage, Dock damage and breaking adrift of mooring buoys.
 - Oil pollution in the Mississippi river.
 - Anchor loss and ships not being able to pick up the anchor due to strong currents mainly during high river condition.
 - Liquid cargo contamination, tank rejection / first foot sample failure, cargo quantity discrepancy and loss verification.
 - Crane damages.
 - General and solid bulk cargo damage / contamination issues.
- External & Internal ISM, ISPS, MLC audits, sailing Navigational audits, and Marine Incidence Investigations.
- Sailing on ships coming to Louisiana Offshore Oil Port (LOOP) to assist the crew in preparation for discharging at the terminal.
- Pre- purchase inspections and condition inspections.
- Pre- vetting inspections and working as owners' representative during vetting.
- Flag State safety inspections.
- On/Off hire surveys, Bunker surveys, Draft surveys, Cargo condition / Hatch opening surveys and Shore tank cargo gauging.
- Experienced in training vessel crews for USCG Port State Control Inspections and Certificate of Compliance for tankers.

Nautical Faculty for an Institute of Maritime Studies: (2012 – 2014)

- Conducted a Forum for the clients (Ship Management Company) on Maritime Labor Convention 2006 implementation and Officers' seminar.
- Conducted promotion assessment for the clients' Sailing Staff.
- Conducted various value-added courses for sailing staff including Bridge Team Management, Maritime Resource Management, Command orientation Course, Theory and Practice of Ship Handling (conducted for prospective Master Mariner Candidates), Ice Navigation / STS simulator course, Risk assessment and mitigation course, MARPOL Course & Root cause analysis Course.
- Certified by JRC to conduct type specific ECDIS Training.

Working ashore in a ship repair business: 2008 – 2012

- Setting up Life Saving Appliance servicing station approved by Government of India, complying with all regulatory and legislative affairs.
- Looking after day to day operation of FFA Division that conducted Inspection and certification of Ships Fixed Firefighting installation.
- Looking after day to day operation of Cargo Gear Division that conducted Inspection and certification of Ships Lifting Appliances.
- Conducted Tanker Safety Course / Liquid Cargo Handling Simulator courses at LBS college as a Visiting Faculty for 2 years.

Career at Sea: 1986-2008

- Led a team of Officers and Crew for 10 years as Master Mariner on Tankers, including VLCC, product and Noxious Liquid Substances (NLS) Parcel Tankers.
- Part of delivery team as Master for takeover of 308,000 MT VLCC, first one in the N-Class series built at Dalian Shipyard for Maersk Tankers.
- Vast experience in Ship to Ship transfer in US Gulf, preparing and operating in LOOP, SBM operations, tank cleaning, gas freeing and dry docking.
- Sailed for 5 years as Chief Officer on Oil Tankers.
- Extensive operational experience as junior officer not only on Tankers, but also on Bulk Carriers (Cape & Handy size) and Cellular Container vessels.

Education:

- Class 1 FG Master Mariner - Unlimited Tonnage, with Dangerous Cargo Endorsement for Oil Tankers, Directorate General Shipping, India 1994.
- LBS College of Advanced Maritime Studies, Mumbai 1993.
- Training Ship Rajendra (1984-86 batch).

Other Marine Courses and Certifications:

- Shipboard Management (Tankers) and Vetting (SIRE);
- Operational use of Electronic Chart Display and Information System (ECDIS);
- JRC ECDIS Type – Specific Trainer;
- Harmonized ISM/ISPS, Marine investigation-Lead Auditor Course;
- Application of ILO –MLC 2006, Flag state Inspector Course;
- Internal Auditor ISM-ISPS-MLC for shipping companies;
- ISO 9000:2000 Awareness Program;
- Liquid Cargo Handling Simulator;
- Specified Training on Oil Tanker Operations;
- Bridge Team Management;
- Crew Resource Management;
- Safety Officers Course;
- Ship Security Officer's course;
- NIS Familiarization Course for Masters;
- ARPA, Radar Observer/simulator Course;
- Ship Captains Medicare;
- Advanced Firefighting;
- Proficiency in Survival Craft and Rescue boat;
- GMDSS General Operators Certificate