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Professional Résumé

PRESENT POSITION

Owner and Principal Surveyor of Independent Maritime Consulting (Pacific) Ltd. – part of Independent Maritime Consulting LLC - and established as their North American West Coast Office. Surveyor and correspondent to Marine Underwriters to investigate causation, evaluate damages, monitor repairs, review repair costs and provide other technical advice related to Hull & Machinery, Loss of Hire and P & I insurance claims. Additionally, perform surveys, investigations, technical consulting and expert witness services for maritime law firms and ship owners in connection with marine casualties & disputes and pollution cases.

PERSONAL STATUS

Date of Birth 1961-02-23
Citizenship Canadian and British (Dual Citizen)
Visas TN (authorisation for working in the USA)

LANGUAGES

English Fluent, Native
Norwegian Functional

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Master of Science in Marine Engineering
University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England - 1988
- Bachelor of Science in Marine Engineering
Southampton College of Higher Education, England – 1984
- Marine Engineer Certificate of Competency (2nd Class)
UK Department of Transport - 1986
- Member and Chartered Engineer (C.Eng.)
Institute of Marine Engineering, Science & Technology (IMarEST)

SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Ten years as Marine Insurance Surveyor and Consultant performing Hull & Machinery, Loss of Hire, P&I surveys for major marine underwriters. Tasks involved onboard surveys, follow-up with owners & technical experts, analysis of costs, determination of cause and preparation of detailed reports. Acted as expert and testified in arbitrations for various maritime attorneys and ship owners in relation to fuel-related damage disputes, oil spill violations and Classification related issues. (*Independent Maritime Consulting (Pacific) Ltd. - Vancouver, Canada and Scandinavian Marine Claims Office Inc. - Connecticut, USA*)
- Nineteen years as Classification Society Surveyor & Station Manager. Wide operational experience and competence in Ships in Operation, New Building, Certification of Materials & Components and Safety Management. Notable positions held include internal software development and sub-standard vessel targeting and handling. (*Det Norske Veritas - Canada, USA, Korea, Norway*)
- Seven years experience as sea-going Marine Engineer in various positions on passenger/cruise ships worldwide (*P&O / Princess Cruises - UK*)

INTERNAL PROFESSIONAL TRAINING TAKEN

2018: ISO 9001:2015 Quality Management Systems Lead Auditor
2018: ISO 14001:2015 Environmental Management Systems Lead Auditor
2007: Machinery Survey Arrangements
2007: Surveyors Safety Training
2003: Project Management - Ship Newbuilding
2002: Project Management
2002: Train the Trainer
2001: Materials Technology
1996: ISM Code Auditor
1996: DNV Loss Control Rating System
1994: Shipping Course
1990: Classification Systematics
1990: Classification of Ships & Mobile Offshore Units

DETAILED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Independent Maritime Consulting (Pacific) Ltd. 2010 to Present

Marine Insurance surveyor & consultant performing Hull & Machinery, Loss of Hire, P&I and condition surveys on behalf of major marine underwriters as well as providing technical consulting services to ship owners and maritime lawyers. Typical types of cases handled include groundings & salvage, collisions, engine room fires, main engine and shafting damages, auxiliary engine damages, boiler damages, marine system breakdowns, fuel oil related disputes and facilities damages. Provided services as an expert to maritime law firms for a variety of technical cases, including oil spill violations, fuel-related engine damages, ship classification issues and ship repair related disputes.

Det Norske Veritas 1996 to 2010

August 1996 to June 1999: Vancouver, Canada

Classification Society Surveyor performing surveys of Ships in Operation, Safety Management Certification (ISM) and Certification of Material and Components. Other duties included Customer Service Manager for Teekay Shipping and other local Companies during implementation of ISM Certification. Additionally, worked as an appointed underwriter's surveyor for numerous Hull & Machinery, Loss of Hire claims and P&I surveys.

July 1999 to December 1999: Ulsan, South Korea

Ships in Operation (SiO) Surveyor and Safety Management Auditor involved all types of ship surveys and audits including many large dry-docking and renewal surveys at Hyundai Mipo Dockyard, Ulsan.

January 2000 to January 2001: Ulsan South Korea

Site Office Manager at Hyundai Mipo Dockyard Site Office managing the daily work for Ships in Operation and safety Management activities as well as overall co-ordination of office including the growing newbuilding activities. This appointment in addition to regular survey and audit work at the station.

February 2001 to June 2001: Oslo, Norway

Temporary assignment to DNV Oslo for work as part of a small team to evaluate and define and develop the systematics for Class machinery surveys based on condition-based monitoring.

June 2001 to January 2004: Ulsan, South Korea

Newbuilding surveyor & Project Manager based at Hyundai Heavy Industries Site Office. Major conversion of large ore carrier. Team member for 4 bulk carriers and responsible Project Manager for 9 tankers for major owners (Kristian G. Jebsen and Teekay Shipping). Management and survey of all aspects of hull, machinery and electrical classification surveys during the construction period.

January 2004 to July 2005: Oslo, Norway

Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for development and implementation of major, new production software platform. Duties involved development and writing of specifications from the surveyor's perspective, liaising with software developers, formulating data conversion strategy and extensive training and troubleshooting during roll-out and implantation worldwide.

July 2005 to June 2007: Oslo, Norway

Flying Squad Manager responsible for evaluation and targeting of sub-standard vessels requiring special attention and follow-up. Management and co-ordination of a small team of experienced surveyors based at offices around the world to attend identified vessels and follow-up/take appropriate action. Also active in performing such surveys. Additional duties included internal fact finding and quality case investigations at the request of the Technical Director.

July 2007 to May 2010: Vancouver, Canada

Station Manager with overall responsibility for production and technical customer service management in the unit as well as personnel and general office management. Extensive interaction and handling of technical enquiries/issues with locally based ship management companies (including Teekay Shipping & Seaspam Ship Management). Active in surveys of Ships in Operation and Certification of Material and Components. Significant other activities included damage and condition surveys for Hull & Machinery, Loss of Hire and P&I Underwriters.

Notable Projects

- *Newbuilding Project Manager – 7 x Suezmax and 2 x Aframax Tankers*
Management and survey of all aspects of hull, machinery and electrical classification surveys during the construction period..
- *Extensive Structural Modification of Large Ore Carrier*
Project Manager and surveyor for extensive structural modification of a large ore carrier due to extensive fatigue fractures. Work included replacement of over thousand tonnes and several thousand items of new structure.
- *Major Conversion of Ro-Flo vessel to Cable Layer*
Project Manager and surveyor for conversion of old Russian roll-on roll-off / float-on float-off vessel to a cable layer at Hyundai Mipo Dockyard. Installation of new machinery space and auxiliary engines, bow thrusters, additional superstructure decks, cable tanks and Dynamic Positioning System.
- *Co-ordination of Initial ISM Certification for Teekay Shipping*
DNV's Customer Service Manager responsible for coordination of the initial ISM certification by DNV for local client, Teekay Shipping from 1997 to 1998.

Scandinavian Marine Claims Office Inc.

1995 to 1996

Marine Insurance Surveyor based in Stamford, U.S.A. working with vessel Hull & Machinery and Loss of Hire insurance claims throughout North and Central America. Work involved onboard damage surveys, follow-up with owners & technical experts, analysis of costs, determination of cause and preparation of detailed reports.

Det Norske Veritas

1989 to 1994

Classification Society Surveyor based in Vancouver, Canada involved in surveys of Ships in Operation and Certification of Material and Components. Additionally worked as appointed underwriter's surveyor for Hull & Machinery damage claims.

P&O Steam Navigation Company / Princess Cruises 1977 to 1989

Marine Engineer, originally hired as Cadet and supported through college and University by the Company. Includes seven full years sea-going experience as Marine Engineer in various positions on passenger/cruise ships worldwide. Positions included regular engine watchkeeping duties, in charge of all ventilation & refrigeration systems onboard and also hotel services maintenance.