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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 insured, 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.

Education and Work History:

2018 to present Independent Maritime Consulting, LLC Senior Marine Surveyor

2008 to present Cooper Marine Inc., Houston, TX Senior Marine Surveyor

2010 to 2018 Inbesa America, Inc. Steel Terminal Certified Master Inspector (Surveyor)

2004 to 2008 Alan O'Brien, Houston, TX Marine Surveyor

1998 to 2004 Texas Terminal, Houston, TX Vessel/Terminal Safety Officer

Bachelor of Science Business Administration – South West Texas State University

Ultimate Diver and NDT testing – The Ocean Corporation (TOC)

Other Marine Courses and Certifications:

- Rigging (API RP2D)
- Offshore Safety & Survival
- ACDE Commercial Diver
- Safe Gulf
- Level 1 & 2 MT/UT NDT
- ADC Entry Level Diver/Tender
- TWIC Card
- 40 HR Hazwopper 29 CFR 1910, 12D
- HASC ARSC Basic Plus
- NAUI Master Diver
- FRMC-ISO 9001-2001 Basic Plus
- Red Cross FA/CPR/AED Certified
- Port of Houston Authority Lower Lever Dock
- ANSI-ACDE-01-96 (commercial diving)
- Air Diving Systems & Emergency Procedures
- HASC 19 Background/SSV Basic Plus
- Personal Survival Suit & Survival Craft (USCG)
- Eagle Scout Troop 540

- Bell Saturation Diving Systems
- Mixed Gas Operations & Tables
- Deco Chamber Operations
- Offshore Underwater Welding & Cutting
- Ultimate Diver and NDT testing
- Hazardous Waste Operations & Emergency Response
- Liquid Penetrate Testing, Magnetic Particle Testing, Ultrasonic Testing
- Offshore Structure, Task & Functions of ROV, Components of ROV Systems, Responsibilities Primary Functions of Support Equipment
- Dan O2 Diving Injuries/Oxygen First Aid

Recent Experience and Work History:

Over two decades' experience of marine/vessel operations, damages and claims on a variety of vessel and cargo types. Regularly appointed to attend cargo pre-load, stowage, discharge and turnout surveys of a variety of cargoes.

Specializes in pre-load, turnout and damage survey of container cargoes, all steel products and break bulk, including cargo handling, loading, stowage and discharge operations.

Experienced in vessel/terminal safety inspections, stevedores' operations and compliance with OSHA regulations and has assisted in the implementation of 18001 Safety Management Systems for terminals.

Investigated cargo, damage and personal injury claims on behalf of various insurance interests, including P&I Clubs, to establish nature, cause and extent of loss.

Experienced in loss mitigation, salvage, and best market value of damaged goods.

Cargo:

Steel Product: Hot and cold rolled steel coils; large and small diameter pipes; slabs; plates; rebar; angle and channel; prefab steel; wire rods.

Containers: General cargo (breakbulk); fruits and vegetables (delays & temperature); reefer temp abuse; off-temp disposal; dropped collapsed; pre-loading inspections; wet pallets (condensation) cargo damage; condensation (temp changes/wet cargo).

Break Bulk/General Cargo: Special handling instructions; warranty inspections; windmill towers and blades; generators & transformers; proper handling; pressure gauge inspections; rig loading; rig disassembly/identification/labelling; parts identification.

Flat Rack: loading/securing; damaged cargo; Out of Gauge/Overweight; accident roll over/shifting investigation.

Other:

Stowage failure; condensation damage; rust damage; handling damages; hatch cover inspections and testing; abandoned cargo (general cargo, equipment, grains, steel, personnel, perishable); pest infestation; equipment failure, personal injuries; inland transportation; haulage; loss mitigation; asset investigation and recovery; commercial & warehouse reclamation and inspection; container accident investigations; heavy equipment; heavy lift; wind energy; rail lashing, securing and stoppers; rail squareness.