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Professional Résumé

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Director of Yacht Services division. 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, liability underwriters in connection with major casualties, personal injury and cargo claims. Responsibility for all aspects of services related to yachts of all types and sizes, including mega yachts.

Senior Marine Surveyor

2014-2017

Chubb Recreational Marine Claims

Provided technical support for a major US marine insurance carrier. Responsibilities included field investigation of claims as well as review and technical supervision for claims nationwide. Consulted with underwriting department on coverage interpretation from a technical standpoint as it applies to policy language. Oversee, recruit, and develop network of marine surveyors across the country for claims investigation. Developed training programs, both in house and for vendors. Organized and established hurricane catastrophe team of field surveyors for emergency response. Specialties included failure analysis of composites, wood, and mechanical systems.

Marine Surveyor

1991 – 2014

JKK Marine Surveyor (self employed)

Vessel inspection and technical consulting for the marine industry. Perform condition, valuation, and damage assessment of recreational vessels both power and sail. Inspect wood and fiberglass hull construction, rigs, machinery, and systems. Specializing in materials failure analysis (wood, metal, and composite construction), accident reconstruction, and claims investigations. Wide client base including underwriters, financial institutions, legal counsel, as well as private vessel owners. Technical writer for Woodenboat Publications. Perform ultrasonic flaw detection for composites.

Notable Projects - Hurricane Catastrophe Team

Member of industry leading emergency response team to assist major US carrier. Responsibilities include ability to locate vessel and determine proper method of salvage, contract and oversee salvage, deal with potential conflicts involving hostile property owners, salvors, and/or state/government officials. Ability to identify and defend third party claims. Following salvage, provide technical assessment of vessel to determine extent of damage and reasonable cost of repair. Provide ongoing stream of information to underwriters to adjust reserves and update status.

Marine Surveyor

1991 -1995

Ocean Marine Specialties

Member of specialized marine surveying firm to perform accident reconstruction, claims investigation, and failure analysis for the marine insurance industry. Coordinate arson and theft investigations. OMS is a licensed marine adjusting firm, and is associated with the International Association of Marine Investigators as well as the Int. Assoc. of Arson Investigators.

Marine Surveyor

1988-1991

Capt. G. W. Full & Associates

Conduct pre-purchase, condition/valuation, damage and appraisal examinations of pleasure/commercial vessels both power and sail. Inspect wood, fiberglass, and metal hull construction, rigs, machinery, and systems. Firm has a national reputation as a specialist in traditional wooden construction.

Rigger

1987-1989

Marblehead Trading Company

Member of rigging crew to cover four yard facility with 1000+ boat seasonal load. Individual responsibility required inspecting all rigs for defect (e.g. galvanic/pitting/stress corrosion, metal fatigue, point loading, wear, fracture). Experience renewed through commissioning of various production boats.

Rigger

1985-1987

Little Harbor Boatyard/Little Harbor Marine

Lead man of rigging crew. Primary duties included commissioning Little Harbor Custom Yachts. Technical specialty: rigging and service of Hood Yacht Systems spars and products. Responsibilities revolved around the successful start up of major marine facility. Operations capability of yacht/commercial/government vessels up to 120' - 160t.

Assistant Service Manager

1984

Marblehead Yacht Sales

Right hand man to commission, deliver, and maintain Cape Dory and Nassau yachts. Developed extensive product knowledge. Sales representative at trade shows.

Yacht Broker

1983

Bill Thomas Yacht Brokerage, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

Independent agent commissioned for the listing and sale of sailing vessels from 30' - 60'.

Sales Associate

1979 -1980

Forepeak Chandlery, Graves Yacht Yard

Marblehead, MA Coordinate sales between brokerage, yacht yard, and retail.

Instructor:Wooden Boat School

1998-2002

Design and conduct week long course as an introduction to the marine surveying profession. The program emphasizes the use of basic engineering principles to understand and assess wooden vessel construction. The course is geared for the working professional as well as USCG wooden vessel inspectors. The teaching approach uses a combination of classroom and field instruction.

American Boat and Yacht Council

2001-2012

Marine Accident/Collision Investigation Co-instructor for three day seminar. Specific areas taught include failure analysis of metal and fiberglass composites as well as forensic photography.

Independent Insurance Agents of New Hampshire

1998-2000

Marine underwriting and claims handling procedure

Travelers Insurance Company

1996-1997

Marine Claims Procedure Design program and publish 200 pg. manual to teach marine claims handling. Instruction given in five one day programs at regional offices, including 2 1/2 day seminar at marine claims unit headquarters in Houston, TX.

Professional Organizations:

- National Association of Marine Surveyors, Certified Marine Surveyor, *Chairman Yacht and Small Craft*
- International Association of Marine Investigators, Certified Marine Investigator, *Investigator of the Year 1995*
- American Boat and Yacht Council, *member* Certified ABYC Standards

Speaker

Various – Available on request

Education:

TUFTS UNIVERSITY - Medford, MA - 1982
BA (History) *magna cum laude*

ST. MARK'S SCHOOL - Southborough, MA - 1978
*Diploma with Distinction
cum laude, St. Mark's Scholar*

Court Appearances

Stedman, et al v. MacDonald, et al (D)
Civil Action # 97-862
Cambridge Superior Court
8/2000

Stillman v. Sunsail (D)
Arbitration
BAR Assoc.
New York, NY
8/2003

in re Peter & Karen Rhoten (P)
Federal Court
Boston, MA
9/2003

Flagship Marina Holdings v. Godehard Guenther (D/P)
Norfolk Superior Court
Dedham, MA
8/2004

Kenneth Short v. One Beacon Insurance(D)
Arbitration
Boston MA
11/2004

Boston Harbor Sailing Club v. New England Aquarium (D)
Boston Municipal Court
3/2005

William Curtiss v. Acadia Insurance (D)
Arbitration
Danvers, MA
7/2005

Craig MacIntyre v. Metan Marine (P)
Hingham District Court
2/2006

Lussier v. Jeanneau (D)

Arbitration
Federal Court Boston
5/2006

Braese v. Barbera (P)
Arbitration
4/2007

Haleen v. Lauzon, Chaprales, Kimpa Yacht Sales (P)
Superior Court, Barnstable MA
7/2008

Micheal Diggs v. Glen Brewington (D)
Boston Municipal Court
Civil Action # 08-004402
3/2010

Kakridas V. REM trucking (D)
Superior Court, Nashua, NH
4/2010

Liccardi v. Steffano (P)
Superior Court, Boston, MA
12/2011

Fat N' Sassy Trust v. Boston Boatyard and Marina (D)
District Court Boston/Brighton, MA
1/2013

Brown v. Henry (D)
Essex Superior Court Salem, MA
2/2013

Concordia Company v. Paul Castaldi & Sharon Delucca (D)
Bristol County Superior Court Taunton, MA
9/2013

Robinson v. Onset Bay Marina
Lawrence District Court Lawrence, MA (P)
1/2014

Dell O'rto v. ACE Insurance
Arbitration, Quincy, MA (D)
2/2015

Johnston v. Chubb Insurance
Dedham District Court (D)
8/2016

King vs. Chubb Insurance
Superior Court Freehold, NJ (D)
3/2017

Deposition

Murphy v. Origo stoves (D)
Lawrence, MA

8/22/2000

in re Peter & Karen Rhoten (P)
Boston, MA
11/2002

Kelly v. White (D)
Providence, RI
12/2003

Short v. One Beacon Insurance (D)
Boston, MA
02/2004

Carney Family Trust v. Professional Mariner/Burr Yacht Sales (P)
Wellesley, MA
2/2005

Rudolf Loew v. Wayfarer Marine (D)
Portland, ME
11/2005

Wm. Southworth v. MacMillan (P)
Boston, MA
11/2007

Still Water Design, Inc. v. Mayer Spivack v. Theodore Warren (P)
Suffolk Superior Court Action # 04-5202 C
Boston, MA
9/2008

Margaret Perry v. Capeway Welding, Parker's Boatyard, et al (P)
Natick, MA
9/2008

Margaret Perry v. Capeway Welding, Parker's Boatyard, et al (P)
Plymouth, MA
6/2009

King v. ACE Insurance (D)
Manasquan, NJ
11/2014