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## PROFILE

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Master Mariner (Unlimited)  
BSc Maritime Studies  
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Associate Fellow of Nautical Institute (AFNI)  
Member of WISTA

## CAREER HISTORY

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**2019 to 2021**                      **KC Maritime Consultancy Limited, UK**  
**Director, Consultant Master Mariner**

**2014 to 2019**                      **Waves Group, UK**  
**Consultant Master Mariner**

In the two roles above from 2014 to 2019, I investigated numerous marine incidents and claims, including groundings, fire, explosion, allisions and collisions, attending on site where necessary, and provided expert advice and reports. I have also provided expert advice for safety of ports and terminals, personal injury claims, navigational issues, ship hull biofouling (speed and performance claim), cargo stowage related damage during heavy weather and ship stability issue.

I prepared expert opinions on anchor damage to underwater cables, business interruption claims, hatch cover issues, bulk cargo self-heating issues, project cargo shifting and damage, including semi-submersible ship cargo unloading.

In a Fixed Object Damage case, I successfully established cause and fault for tanker damage to a jetty, enabling a reduction in the original claim from USD52m to USD27m for a reputable P&I Club in London. I carried out Flag State vessel inspections on behalf of the Bahamas Maritime Authority and warranty surveys for various clients on Ro-Ro and heavy lift cargo sea-fastening, loading and unloading attendances as well as conducting associated vessel suitability surveys. As third-party representative, I protected clients' interests during cable laying, dredging and rock dumping vessels' operations.

**2013 – 2014**    **Lowestoft College, UK Senior Lecturer**  
**2011 – 2013**    **University of Trinidad and Tobago, T&T Senior Lecturer**

From 2011 to 2014, I worked as Senior Lecturer at maritime colleges teaching various nautical subjects to students, organising, managing and delivering various academic and professional programs and courses.

I taught and assessed Maritime Law, Ship Stability, Ship Construction, Meteorology, Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) and Electronic Navigation, including use of multi vessel full mission bridge simulators to train and assess deck officers, training in the use of ECDIS, radar, ship handling and bridge teamwork. I prepared students for the MCA professional examination (operational and management level).

**1995 to 2011 Various International Shipowners – Master (from 2009) and Deck Officer**

Served on geared and gearless Bulk Carriers (Handymax, Panamax and Capesize), Log/bulk carriers, General Cargo, Container, Reefers, Multi-purpose, Semi-submersible Heavy Lift vessels and Passenger Ferries.

Experienced with a variety of cargoes including general break-bulk cargoes, including heavy cargo loading and unloading by skidding; containers; grain (various), rice, sugar, cocoa and other agricultural products; refrigerated cargoes; fertilisers; coal and petcoke, iron ore; bauxite, alumina; cement; concentrates; steel (pipes, coils, sheets, plates, slabs, etc.); paper, newsprint, used cars, granite, wood pulp, timber.

Traded to most parts of the world – Europe, including Baltic (also during ice season); the Mediterranean, including the Black Sea; Indian sub-continent; Africa, Gulf of Mexico, East and West coasts of North America; North, East and West coasts of South America; transits of the Suez, Panama, Kiel canal and St. Lawrence river up to Montreal.