

## ANDRE LEGOUBIN (Capt.) MNM MA FNI

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## SUMMARY

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Currently employed as a Mooring Master / POAC in the lightering trade, undertaking underway ship-to-ship transfers of oil, offshore in the USA and South America. Andre decided to return to sea in the summer of 2012 after over eight years ashore, working as a Marine Consultant in Houston, Texas. He emigrated from the UK to the USA in January 2004, leaving the London Pilotage Service where he was a first class marine pilot. Before becoming a pilot, he was Master of high-speed ferries, initially hydrofoils, then mono- and multi-hull ro-ro/passenger vessels. Andre's seagoing career formally (he left school with almost 6 months sea time) began with Cunard Shipping Services Ltd. where he served as a deck officer in various ranks, gaining experience of a wide variety of vessels. He has authored two books and is a recognised speaker at maritime conferences worldwide.

## Professional Qualifications

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- Class 1 Master Mariner (Unlimited) Revalidated to Nov. 2028
- Class 1 Marine Pilot
- POAC STS Operations (Oil Tankers)
- MA Pass with Distinction, Work Based Learning Studies (Marine Accident Investigation)
- HND Nautical Science

## Principle Courses

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- Advanced Ship Handling – Warsash, UK
- Pilotage Bridge Management – Warsash, UK
- OVID Inspector – Houston, USA
- DP Basic & Advanced Operator Courses – Houston, USA
- Oil Tanker Dangerous Cargo Endorsement - London, UK
- Human Behaviour & Crisis Management Instructor - Dover, UK
- Basic Sea Survival Instructor - Aberdeen, UK
- Sea Fisheries Officer – Guernsey, UK
- RYA (Level 5) Powerboat Instructor - Plymouth, UK

## Professional Recognition

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- President of The Nautical Institute 2022 - 2024
- Awarded the British Merchant Navy Medal in 2013 for services to the Merchant Navy and The Nautical Institute
- Elected Fellow of The Nautical Institute 2009

## EXPERIENCE

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### **AET Inc. Ltd. Houston, Texas, USA (2012- To Date)**

**Mooring Master** – An approved and authorized Mooring Master / POAC conducting and managing underway, ship to ship (STS) transfers of oil within the lightering trade, located in the Gulf of Mexico, the East coast of the USA, Uruguay, and Brazil.

### **DNA Marine USA LLC, Florida, USA (2013 - To Date)**

**Founder & Principal Marine Consultant** - Established company in 2013 (at former client's request) to provide straightforward, reliable, expert witness services to the marine industry, based on over 40 years' experience. Specializing in open and confined waters ship handling and STS operations. Has experience in providing written and verbal advice at all levels up to, and including, live testimony in US Federal Court at both Judge and Jury trials.

### **London Offshore Consultants Inc., Houston, Texas (2004 - 2012)**

**Associate Director – Marine** - A wide ranging experience of casualty attendance and investigation.

Has conducted numerous investigations, often involving Pilots, including unsafe port, grounding, collision, allision, surge damage, heavy weather damage and sinking.

Provided specialist advice on the manoeuvring, berthing, and anchoring of large vessels including the appropriate positioning and use of tugs.

Acted as Marine Warranty Surveyor for tow approval, inshore and ocean tows including emergency towage of vessels following casualty.

Provided services as Tow Master in critical channel moves, load out of rigs and transportation of breakwater caissons. Experienced in diplomatic negotiations relating to casualty work, particularly in South America and up to and including Government level.

Has attended vessels for salvage in various capacities including Salvage Master. Coordinated and conducted the successful salvage of a bulk carrier, heavily grounded for 4 weeks across the fast flowing Orinoco River.

### **Port of London Authority, London, United Kingdom (1999 – 2004)**

**Class 1 Marine Pilot** - Handled ships of all sizes within the tidal Thames Estuary including berthing with (and frequently without) the use of tugs. Experienced in handling ships of all sizes and with various manoeuvring control systems, ranging from the most basic to the most sophisticated. Regularly worked to critical UKC and is experienced in advising senior management teams of all nationalities.

### **Hoverspeed Ltd., Dover, United Kingdom (1994 – 1999)**

Commanded high speed RoRo / Passenger vessels operating on the Dover Straits. Advised on new route project. Was a trained instructor in human behaviour and crisis management.

### **States of Guernsey Civil Service, Channel Islands, UK (1991 – 1994)**

**Master Mariner** - Employed in various branches of the service, including Customs, Immigration and Sea Fisheries. Trained in investigative techniques, including the collecting, collating, giving of evidence and producing reports.

### **Condor Ltd., Guernsey, Channel Islands, UK (1989 – 1991).**

**Master Mariner** - Commanded hydrofoils and passenger catamaran, operating between France, The Channel Islands and the UK.

### **Cunard Shipping Services Ltd., London, United Kingdom (1980 – 1989)**

**Deck Officer** - Served on a wide variety of vessels including Product tankers, VLCC, Container vessels, RoRo /Container, and Reefer. Cunard Cadet of the year 1984.