

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Master Mariner

PERSONAL

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QUALIFICATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES

1978 – Certificate of Competency as Master Mariner – South African Merchant Navy Academy, Cape Town. (Rev. 1992, 1997, 2002 and 2007)
1979 – Diploma in Management Studies (Shipping) – Plymouth Polytechnic.
1980 – Member of the Chartered Institute of Transport.
1982 – Member of the Society of Master Mariners of South Africa.
2002 – Member of the Nautical Institute.
2003 – British Certificate of Equivalent Competency as Master Mariner – MCA, Orpington. (Rev. 2007)

EXPERIENCE

June 2007 to present: *Marine Surveyor*, TMC (Marine Consultants) Limited. Draft surveys for shippers/receivers of various bulk commodities. Investigatory survey work for P & I clubs and maritime law firms. Cargo condition surveys.

June 2002 to June 2007: Mainly self-employed. Carried out sea-going or marine survey assignments for following employers/clients:

TMC (Marine Consultants) Ltd, London – *Marine Surveyor*. Various marine survey assignments.

UK Dredging Ltd – *Ch Officer/Relief Master* on dredger “UKD Bluefin”. Capital and maintenance dredging operations at various ports in the EETA range.

Dart Line Ltd – *Extra Master* and *Master* aboard cross-channel freight ferries, “Dart 2” and “Dart 9”.

De Beers Marine Namibia (Pty) Ltd – *Relief Master* aboard mining ships, mv “Debmar Atlantic” and mv “Gariep”.

February 1999 to February 2002: *Master*, De Beers Marine (Pty) Ltd, Cape Town.

First command, SA flag mining ship “Debmar Atlantic” (GT 7700.97, BHP 11000 kW) engaged in marine diamond mining operations in the exclusive economic zone and territorial waters of Namibia using the drill and airlift method to recover diamond-bearing gravel from the seabed. Second command, SA flag mining and exploration ship “Coral Sea” (GT 6053.86, BHP 4800 kW) engaged in mining and exploration operations in the exclusive economic zones and territorial waters of South Africa and Namibia.

October 1992 to January 1999: *Line Manager/Supercargo*, Marine Commodity Lines (Pty) Ltd. Responsible for planning and supervising the loading and discharging time chartered bulk carriers at ports in the Mombasa (Kenya) to Walvis Bay (Namibia) range. Also required to monitor and control port costs and appoint surveyors. Became familiar with the handling and marine transportation of the following cargoes:

BULK: Ferro Alloys - Agricultural Products – Fertilisers – Anthracite – Coal – Coke Breeze - Mineral Sands.

BREAK-BULK: Granite - Forest Products - Steel Products - Heavy Lifts.

July 1990 to September 1992: *Ships' Agency Manager*, Pakard Shipping, Durban.

Standard non-liner agency work. 80% of income from agency services associated with the export of coal and anthracite from Durban.

January 1988 to June 1990: *Lecturer*, Department of Maritime Studies, Technikon Natal. Subjects taught:

Maritime Law - all levels

Shipboard Operations - all levels

Navigation and Chartwork - T1 and T2 levels

Navigation Information Systems - T1 and T2 levels

October 1986 to December 1987: Self-employed as a *Marine Surveyor*. Work undertaken:

SURVEYS: Various P & I assignments - On and Off Hire - Draft - Cleanliness/Suitability - Lashing - Dangerous Goods - Cargo Condition.

CONSULTANCY: Loading and Stowage - Stability and Strength Calculations.

March 1980 to September 1986: *Ship Surveyor*, Marine Division, Department of Transport, Durban. (Currently called the South African Maritime Safety Authority.) Duties included:

Statutory safety surveys on foreign-going, coasting and fishing vessels.

Surveys for suitability to load grain in bulk and timber deck cargoes.

Surveys to confirm dangerous goods shipments carried in accordance with the International Maritime Dangerous Goods Code.

Measurement of ships for local and international tonnage certificates.

Accident investigations.

Examination of candidates for EDR and PISC certificates of qualification.

Examination of candidates for Short Sea and Limited Trade certificates of competency.

December 1969 to January 1980: From *Cadet* to *Training Officer* and *Chief Officer* in the employ of the South African Marine Corporation Ltd (Safmarine). About 70 % of service aboard break-bulk/bulk vessels and the balance aboard 3 reefers, 2 container ships, a tanker and a salvage tug.