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Professional Profile

Captain Lawson-Earley is a Master Mariner who sailed in command of crude oil tankers from AFRAMAX to VLCC. Since coming ashore, he has worked as a Marine Superintendent, Marine Consultant, Marine Advisor, Marine Manager for an LNG Shipowner, Marine Terminal Manager for LNG regasification terminals and as a Marine Technical Instructor.

As an independent Marine Consultant Captain Lawson-Earley provides expertise in LNG Shipping operations; oil, chemical and gas tanker shipping operations; port and marine terminal operations; navigation; seamanship; ship-handling and offshore operations. He also covers charter party disputes, S&P contract disputes, cargo claims and disputes, investigation of marine incidents and accidents, including provision of reports, expert opinions and expert witness testimony if required. With experience in LNG, oil, chemical, gas tanker and marine terminal operations and management Captain Lawson-Earley provides proactive services including safety analysis, risk assessment, and project feasibility studies.

He is a Marine Technical Instructor responsible for the development and delivery of STCW compliant and bespoke short courses in the classroom, using simulation, online or at clients premises, covering Gas, Oil and Chemical Tanker operations, Gas as Marine Fuel, Port and Terminal Operations, Ship and Port Security, Ship to Ship (STS) cargo operations, Crisis Management, and Human Element at Operational and Management Level.

Captain Lawson-Earley has firsthand operational experience of refrigerated cargo ships, container ships, patrol vessels, high speed ferries, crude oil, black oil, product and gas tankers, offshore support vessels, LNG terminal development projects and management of LNG marine terminal operations. In addition, he is familiar with LNG Floating Storage and Regasification Unit (FSRU), Floating Production and Storage Offshore (FPSO), oil, LPG, and LNG Ship to Ship transfer (STS) operations and offshore marine operations including rig moves, jacket and topsides installation, pipelaying, and subsea operations.

As Shipping Operations Superintendent of a large LNG receiving terminal Captain Lawson-Earley was responsible for safe and effective marine operations at the terminal including training of operations staff and marine services personnel.

Captain Lawson-Earley has been involved with Small Scale LNG development, including the use of LNG as a marine fuel, as a technical authority responsible for the review of project proposals, inspection of facilities and training of staff.

Captain Lawson-Earley has conducted audits and inspections of ports, marine terminals, ship owners, ship managers and ship operators for energy majors based upon OCIMF MTMSA and TMSA Programs and is familiar with the requirements of OCIMF SIRE Program, OVID database, CDI Inspections and IMCA CMID.

As Marine Manager and Marine Superintendent, Captain Lawson-Earley was the Designated Person (DP) and Company Security Officer (CSO), he is familiar with the requirements of the International Safety Management (ISM) Code and International Organization for Standards (ISO) quality, environmental and safety management systems such as ISO 9001, ISO 14001, and ISO 45001/OHSAS 18001.

As Marine Consultant Captain Lawson-Earley has provided expert advice and opinion on disputes and claims involving, personal injury, ship operations, marine terminal operations, ship handling, unsafe ports, grounding, arrest and detention, coatings and deck maintenance, oil and gas cargo quantity and quality (including LNG Boil-off losses), oil spills and pollution and ship performance speed and consumption leading to arbitration and litigation.

Prior Experience

Director – Marine Consultant - Bridge Marine Consultants Limited 2020 – present
Marine & Technical instructor – Stream Marine Training 2020 - present
Manager – Master Mariner, Marine Consultant - Exponent International Limited 2018 - 2020
Nominated Terminal Manager - Teekay Marine Solutions (LNGSTS) 2016-2018
Marine Manager - Thenamaris LNG 2015-2016
Marine Advisor - ENI International Resources 2013-2015
Marine Superintendent - Gazprom Global LNG 2011-2013
Shipping Operations Superintendent - South Hook LNG Terminal Company 2006-2011
Marine Consultant - London Offshore Consultants 2005-2006
Marine Superintendent - Novoship 2004-2005
Captain - International Marine Transportation (ExxonMobil) 2000-2003
Chief Officer - Mobil Shipping and Transportation 1994-2000
Second Officer - Mobil Shipping and Transportation 1989-1994
First Officer/Second Officer - Hoverspeed 1987-1989
Launch Captain/Deputy Port Captain - James Fisher 1986-1987
Flight Lieutenant - Royal Air Force Marine Branch 1979-1985
Second Officer - Blue Star Ship Management - 1978-1979
Third Officer - Blue Star Line - 1977-1978
Deck Cadet - Blue Star Line - 1973-1977

Education

1990 – 1991 Southampton Institute of Higher Education, Southampton UK.

STCW Class 1 Master Mariner / Certificate of Achievement BTEC HND Nautical Science

Professional Affiliations

Freeman of the Honorable Company of Master Mariners – member of the Professional and Technical Committee.

Associate Fellow of the Royal Institute of Navigation– Chair of the Professional Marine Navigation Group and member of Technical Committee.

Associate Fellow of the Nautical Institute