

ALVIN FORSTER IENG IMARENG MIMAREST ACII HEAD OF MARINE ENGINEERING SERVICES

Chief Engineer Unlimited STCW III/2 (Motor)

Member of the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology

Chartered Insurer

Advanced Diploma in Insurance

COURSES AND TRAINING

Investigating Human Performance – Cranfield University

Management and Leadership training programme - Roffey Park Institute

Refrigerated Container Cargo Surveying Course – Cambridge Refrigerated Technology

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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2024 to Present Solis Marine Consultants, UK
Head of Marine Engineering Services

Head of the expert marine engineering services for Solis Marine Consultants. His work involves acting on behalf of P&I and H&M insurers, brokers, lawyers, and shipowners/managers/operators. His responsibilities include conducting hull and machinery damage investigations, preparing expert reports for arbitration and court proceedings, carrying out hull and machinery damage surveys, investigating fuel quality, and offering loss prevention support to marine insurers.

2011 to 2024 NorthStandard (North of England P&I Association Ltd.)
Loss Prevention Senior Executive

Responsible for delivering loss prevention services aimed at understanding and preventing incidents that lead to marine liability claims. He provided loss prevention advice on various maritime subjects such as the safe carriage of



cargo, personal injury, admiralty risks, pollution prevention (including decarbonisation), engineering and fuels, and safety management.

He provided technical expertise and practical maritime advice to members, claims adjusters, and lawyers on marine P&I claims and commercial shipping disputes. He was also involved in researching, authoring, technically editing, and delivering loss prevention material, including articles and publications.

Additionally, he developed and delivered an interactive 'evidence checklist' app, performed risk analyses and claims reviews, and led advanced safety management initiatives based on contemporary safety thinking and human performance understanding.

He also led loss prevention efforts for Sunderland Marine, focusing on fishing vessel safety, and guest lectured at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne on Marine Insurance and Law for master's degree students. Furthermore, he conducted seminars, webinars, training, and workshops.

2009 to 2011

BMT Marine & Offshore Surveys Ltd
Marine Engineer Surveyor

He was appointed by and acted on behalf of H&M Underwriters, P&I Clubs, shipowners, charterers, and cargo interests. His experience included conducting on-site hull and machinery damage surveys, reviewing repair accounts, performing vessel condition surveys, conducting P&I investigations and surveys, providing loss prevention support to marine insurers, carrying out shipyard risk assessment surveys (type JH143), and preparing expert witness reports.

2008 to 2009

Svitzer Marine Ltd
Assistant Technical Superintendent

Responsible for the technical management of a fleet of tugs and workboats in North East England. He ensured continuous compliance with Class and Flag State regulations, maintained technical budgetary control, developed and implemented planned maintenance systems for the regional fleet, and prepared and undertook dry-dockings and repairs.

2007 to 2008

Intelligent Engineering
Project Engineer/Project Manager

Managed and undertook steelwork structural repairs using the patented SPS (Sandwich Plate System) overlay technique. He successfully managed projects in China, UAE, and Europe.

1991 to 2006

P&O Princess Cruises
Marine Engineer Officer
Cadet to First Engineer Officer on worldwide cruising vessels. He gained extensive experience supervising multi-national workforces.