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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2023 to Present Solis Marine Consultants, Singapore
Master Mariner, Marine Consultant

Assists Solis Marine's clients in Southeast Asia with marine incident investigations including collisions and groundings, offshore and towage operations as well as casualty management. He has extensive experience of working in the offshore sector, having an unlimited DP qualification and sound working knowledge of ECDIS, vessel management, modern bridge systems, Safety Management Systems (SMS) and onboard operations.

2008 to 2023 Swire Pacific Offshore / Tidewater
Master

In 2015 he was seconded to Swire Salvage as Marine Project Manager for the recovery of bunker fuel from the WWII tanker RFA DARKDALE which was sunk off Jamestown, St Helena in 1941. The role included both operational management and liaison between the salvage team, vessel management team, British Ministry of Defence (MOD) and St Helena Authorities during the oil recovery operation.

In 2018 he successfully took delivery of the newbuild PSV PACIFIC GRIFFON from JMU shipbuilders in Yokohama, Japan and completed the maiden voyage and naming ceremony in Singapore.



He has served as master of high horsepower Anchor Handling Tug Supply (AHTS) vessels with twin CPP propulsion systems (Kort nozzles) and independent high lift rudders, conventional clutch drive as well as Platform Supply Vessels (PSV) with diesel electric 660-volt Azimuth Stern Drive (ASD) propulsion systems.

On AHTS tugs he has carried out anchor handling of semi-submersible oil rigs and pipelaying barges and deep-sea towage of jack-up, semi-submersible oil rigs and pipelaying barges worldwide. SBM tanker operations has included static towing, heading control and export hose handling in West Africa.

On PSV's he carried out offshore support and supply operations with drill ships, semi-submersibles, jack-up rigs, and fixed platforms worldwide as well as DP vessel operations supporting ROV and diving operations. Work on PSV's also included DP operations supporting Fugro with Geophysical and Geotechnical seismic surveys in the Arabian Gulf.

2004 to 2007

Swire Pacific Offshore
Chief Officer

Undertook all aspects of offshore and oilfield operations including Dynamic positioning (DP) and subsea ROV operations, offshore support and supply, rig moving and towing (jack-up and semi-submersible), anchor handling, SBM operations, static towing and heading control and export hose handling. Areas of operation included West Africa, Middle East, South-east Asia, Mediterranean, India and Russia.

In 2005 he formed part of the new building delivery team and after a period in the shipyard assisted with taking delivery of the 23,000 BHP Ice Breaking Supply Vessel (IBSV) 'PACIFIC ENDEAVOUR' and completed the maiden voyage of the vessel from Norway to Sakhalin as Chief Officer.

Post delivery of the vessel to Sakhalin, he completed a two-year period working as Chief Officer and Technical Advisor supporting offshore operations for SEIC in the

Sea of Okhotsk. Work included extensive ice-breaking operations, tanker escort operations and offshore supply operations for several offshore gas platforms.

2002 to 2004

Smit Middle East
Master

Served on a conventional anchor handling tug (AHT) operating offshore on the Black Sea. Operations included offshore support and supply operations including SBM mooring operations, static towing and heading control, export hose handling and diving operations.

2000 to 2002

Tidewater – Africa
Chief Officer/Master

Was appointed as master of an Azimuth Stern Drive (ASD) tug in 2001. Operations included berthing operations, offshore support and supply operations, SBM and STS mooring operations, static towing and heading control, export hose handling and jack-up rig moving. Tug operations were carried out in West Africa.

1998 to 2000

Portnet
Master

Served as master of a Voith Schneider harbour tug (4500 BHP/ 43 Tonne BP) and undertook all aspects of port operations. This included berthing operations, dry docking and un-docking, dead ship movements within the port and barge handling in Cape Town, South Africa. Also berthing of tankers up 350 metres in length in the port of Saldanha, South Africa.

1991 to 1998

Safmarine
Deck Cadet and Deck Officer

Completed cadetship and sailed as a deck watchkeeping officer on container ships, bulk carriers and general cargo vessels. Managed general duties, including watchkeeping at sea and in port.