

PAUL WALTON AFNI CONSULTANT MASTER MARINER

Master Mariner STCW II/2.1

Associate Fellow of the Nautical Institute

Lead Auditor (ISO 9001, ISM, ISPS)

Member of the Society of Consulting Marine Engineers and Ship Surveyors

p.walton@solis-marine.com

T: +44 (0)20 3794 3076

M: +44 (0)7838 218994

Solis Marine Consultants, Temple Chambers, 3-7 Temple Avenue, London, EC4Y 0DA, UK

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

September 2020 Solis Marine Consultants LLP, London
Consultant Master Mariner

Provides his extensive seagoing, management and consultant experience as an expert witness, nautical assessor, ship master, marine manager and consultant to Solis Marine to assist with the investigation of marine incidents globally.

2010 to 2020 London Offshore Consultants, London and Hong Kong
Master Mariner, Associate and Director (London), Director (Hong Kong)

He has given expert oral evidence in the High Courts of London, Dublin, Bergen and Hong Kong and during arbitration tribunals in London, Hong Kong and Singapore. He has also acted as a nautical assessor to the High Court of Hong Kong.

Investigations and expert reports have been carried out for collision incidents, unsafe ports/berths, groundings and vessel damage and repair, cargo worthiness and cargo securing, steel replacement surveys (Hull and Machinery), container loss and damage, cargo damage including steel products (on and under deck), heavy lifts, timber deck cargoes, logs (on and under deck), cargo fires, fertiliser and grain cargo contamination including damaged and wetted bulk cargoes. He has also



carried out instructions on navigation, unseaworthiness, personal injury cases and ISM and ISPS related issues.

His practical experience of the ISM and ISPS codes, having produced company Safety Management Systems (SMS), Ship Security Assessments (SSA) and Ship Security Plans (SSP), as well as managing and auditing them has been utilised in a number of ISM and ISPS related cases leading to the giving of oral expert evidence in arbitration.

His experience of the International Maritime Solid Bulk Cargoes Code (IMSBC) has involved investigation of the liquefaction of mineral ores as well as coal and bauxite cargoes. In particular, he has provided expert advice on coal, direct reduced iron (A) and (B), ammonium nitrate, and other MHB and DG bulk cargoes.

He has carried out accident investigations on behalf of Malta Transport (affiliated to the Maltese Flag State).

As a consultant, and as a marine surveyor, he has carried out numerous H&M and condition surveys of various vessel types on behalf of shipowners and offshore contractors. As a Marine Warranty Surveyor, he has been involved with subsea construction projects for oil majors in Europe and West Africa involving dynamically positioned heavy lift and construction vessels, transportation of topsides and their installation and towage approvals. He has also carried out instruction in the renewables sector for the marine transportation of wind farm turbines (nacelles), transition pieces, towers, and blades together with the installation of wind turbines.

In addition, he has carried out suitability surveys on Dynamically Positioned (DP) heavy lift and construction vessels, dive support vessels, dredgers, multipurpose fall-pipe rock dumping vessels, jack-ups, supply vessels, deep sea tugs and anchor handling vessels and cable laying vessels and barges.

2003 to 2010

Meridian Marine Management Ltd

Fleet Superintendent, Marine and Safety Manager

As the technical team leader and Deputy DPA, he was responsible to the Commercial General Manager for the safe technical management of a fleet of British registered RoRo and Ropax vessels operating in the North Sea and Mediterranean.

Responsibilities included day to day technical management and exchanges with the Maritime Coastguard Agency (MCA), Flag State and Classification Societies ensuring the fleet met all statutory and commercial requirements for safe operation.

He was also responsible for the day to day operation of CSVs and DSVs operating out of Aberdeen. Duties included onboard training and conducting internal ISM and ISPS audits as Deputy DPA, also liaising with the UK Health and Safety Executive (UKHSE) when carrying out incident and accident investigations.

For a period of two years, he was also the general manager for Massoel Meridian (Geneva), a joint venture company with Meridian Marine Management. The role involved direct responsibility to the CEO for the overall technical management of a fleet of, Swiss owned, geared bulk carriers. A full Safety Management System (SMS) and associated security procedures was prepared, as required for the implementation of the ISM and ISPS codes. The post also included the role of DPA/CSO and Director in charge of the Emergency Response Team. He was also a member of the BIMCO anti-piracy working group.

During 2006, he was seconded to Doha, Qatar, being responsible for the operation of self-propelled and towed jack-up rigs, liaising with the various clients and for technical, crewing and safety personnel.

As the Marine and Safety Manager for Meridian Marine Management and Indo China Ship Management he was responsible for a number of different vessel types. Initially for, a fleet of LPG/C and chemical tankers, container vessels and bulk carriers. Latterly, offshore vessels were added, including CSVs, DSVs and self-

propelled/towed jack-ups. His role included safe operations, including compliance for MARPOL 73/78, SOLAS and flag state requirements including arranging and monitoring SIRE II, CDI, offshore client inspections and all associated follow-up and close-out operations.

The role also involved the setting up of OPA 90 and California Contingency Plans for each vessel, as well as being a key member of the Emergency Response Team. As Deputy DPA, Internal ISM/ISPS (2004 onwards) auditing was conducted for the fleet including third parties.

As a qualified lead auditor, he has also conducted HSE audits of a number of dry docks worldwide.

1997 to 2003

Bibby-Harrison Management Services Ltd
Marine and Safety Manager/Ship Manager - Operations

Responsible to the fleet manager for carrying out day to day operational criteria and to ensure the fleet maintained the charter party requirements, including post fixture work. The role also involved dealing with claims for a fleet of container vessels, LPG/C, chemical tankers and bulk carriers.

1993 to 1997

Denholm Shipmanagement (IOM)
Master/Chief Officer

Served as chief officer and then as master on container vessels/forest product carriers/panamax, cape size and handy size bulk carriers.

1988 to 1993

Caribbean Overseas Lines, UK
Container Stowage Co-ordinator

Seconded to the office from sea staff as a consortium stowage co-ordinator for Hapag Lloyd, Nedlloyd, CGM and T & J Harrisons for their container ship operation between the Caribbean and Northern Europe.

1974 to 1988

T & J Harrison Lines, UK
From Deck Cadet to Chief Officer

Serving on general cargo vessels, heavy lift vessels, container vessels and handy size bulk carriers.