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**GENERAL MANAGER**

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### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2017 to Present Solis Marine Consultants, London  
General Manager, Master Mariner

Marine consultant providing investigation and expert reports on collisions and groundings; providing expertise for all types of marine incidents, including the investigation of collisions, allisions, cargo matters, and ECDIS related casualties. Fatal accident investigations and personal Injury for cruise, commercial, LY Code yachts and fast craft. Further advising on safety issues involving inspections and audits relating to operational management, systems and the delivery of training programmes both onboard and ashore. Providing support to P&I Clubs for wreck removals, including tender invitations, contract negotiation and attendance on-site. Provided analysis of the UK's emergency towing vessel capability for the MCA's review, following MAIB's recommendation.

2015 to 2017 Meikle Marine Consulting Limited, UK  
Managing Director

Inspector and accident investigator for the Antigua and Barbuda Flag Administration in the UK. Provided project management services, audits and ship inspections to the marine industry both in the UK and overseas. Also oversaw high value projects for cruise ship refits.



- 2013 to 2015      Saga Shipping, Saga PLC, UK  
Fleet Director
- Responsible for the safe and cost-effective management of a fleet of cruise ships trading world-wide. Oversaw the transition of the in-house technical management to third party management. Directly responsible for the sale and delivery of ships to new owners. Developed the technical and marine aspects of the programme for new-builds from concept through to contract signing. Also responsible for the technical and budgetary delivery of high value refits and dry-dockings, as well as all operational expenditure. Led the company's significant cultural change programme following its transition to a PLC.
- 2006 to 2013      Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB), UK  
Inspector of Marine Accidents (Accredited)
- Carried out investigations into collisions, groundings, fatal accidents and cargo related incidents. He provided effective evidence collection, analysis and made valuable recommendations to prevent the recurrence of similar accidents. Provided expert witness evidence at Coroner's hearings in UK courts. Carried out industry-wide safety analysis to determine the underlying causes of accidents.
- 2002 to 2006      EuroShip Services Limited, UK  
Safety and Quality Manager
- Marine Manager and Designated Person Ashore (DPA) for a fleet of bulk carriers and ro-ro vessels. He ensured compliance with all industry codes and best practice, also introduced the ISO 14001 Environmental Management Code into the fleet.
- 1998 to 2002      Renaissance Cruises, UK  
Master
- In command of new cruise ships operating on innovative itineraries. Holder of a pilotage exemption certificate (PEC) for the Society Islands of French Polynesia.
- 1997 to 1998:      Lowline Cruises Ltd, UK  
Master in command of the cruise ship 'EDINBURGH CASTLE'.