



CURRICULUM VITAE

CAPTAIN YUSUF SOOMRO DIRECTOR

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Experience and Background

Master Mariner who has served 21 years at sea, including 5 years in command of Panamax and geared handy size bulk carriers where he was involved in the carriage of a variety of bulk cargoes (coal, grain, ores, fertiliser and steel products) on a world- wide basis. After coming ashore in 2001 to complete a Master of Science degree in Maritime Operations, he has held three shore based positions in a commercial and regulatory environment. Since 2011, he has provided advice on a number of issues related to maritime operations, and has given evidence in the Coroner's Court, High Court and at Arbitrations in the United Kingdom.

Qualifications

- 2009 Accredited Marine Accident Investigator, awarded by MAIB
- 2006 Fundamentals of Accident Investigation, awarded by Cranfield University
- 2003 ISM Lead Auditor Course, Awarded by MCA
- 2002 MSc in Maritime Operations, John Moores University, Liverpool
- 1994 Nautical Surveyor's Certificate, awarded by the Nautical Institute
- 1991 Certificate of Competency, Master Mariner Class 1 Deck (UK)

Membership of Professional Bodies

- Fellow of the Nautical Institute
- Member of the Institute of Chartered Ship Brokers

From July 2022 to date

Mercator Marine Consultancy Ltd Director/Marine Consultant

I have investigated numerous marine incidents and claims, including fire, groundings, allisions and collisions, and provided expert advice and reports. I have also provided expert advice on the safety of ports and terminals, personal injury claims, liquefaction of bulk cargoes, hold cleanliness, cargo securing and navigational/stability issues, including loss of cargo, shifting and damage, and the exercise of prudent seamanship.

- Conducted Flag State Investigations on behalf of the Malta Administration
- Provided consultancy in SWAT analysis to marine industry, including Gap Analysis
- Undertaken Office and vessel riding audits
- Analysis of VDR and ECDIS

From April 2019 to June 2022

Octant Marine Ltd

Director/Marine Consultant

Provided Expert witness, investigations and opinions on a number of ship types and issues related to marine operations.

From December 2011 to March 2019

TMC (Marine Consultants) Ltd

Director/Marine Consultant

Work undertaken:

Expert witness, investigations and opinions provided on

Groundings	Unsafe port
Collisions	Damage to bulk cargo
Drift analysis	Liquefaction of cargo
Mooring incidents	Condition inspections
Navigation audits	Personal Injury
Office audits	Flag safety investigations
Navigational issues	

Conducted Flag State Investigations on behalf of the Malta Administration and Bahamas Maritime Authority
Provided consultancy in SWAT analysis to marine industry, including Gap Analysis

May 2006 – to November 2011

Marine Accident Investigation Branch (UK)

Marine Accident Investigator

- Responsible for the investigation and management of marine accidents and casualties
- Collection and analysis of evidence to establish the causal factors of accidents
- Use of statistics to identify particular accident trends

Accidents investigated:

Collisions	Groundings	Near-misses	Foundering	Fire
Occupational Injuries and fatalities		Contacts with fixed floating objects		

Types of vessels investigated:

General cargo	Bulker carriers	Tankers
Ro-Pax	Fishing vessels	Container vessels
Ro-Ro's	Pleasure crafts	Offshore supply vessel

May 2005 to May 2006 CMA CGM Shipping (UK) Ltd

Safety & Security Manager

- Responsible for all safety & security issues on board a fleet of 11 container ships
- Implemented ISM & ISPS Codes and conducting internal audits
- Worked with class, flag administrations and P & I clubs on operational matters

October 2002 to April 2005 Maritime and Coastguard Agency (UK)

Marine Surveyor

- Examiner of master and mates
- Conducted port state control & flag state inspections of merchant ships
- Responsible for arranging and conducting statutory surveys to SOLAS standards on different types of vessels, including Class V passenger vessels
- Carried out ISM & ISPS audits and certification
- Port Marine Safety Code
- Approval of professional course conducted under the authority of the Maritime Coastguard Agency

SEA GOING EXPERIENCE

Dec 1989 to Sept 2001 Transocean Maritime Agencies-Monaco

Sept 1996 to Sept 2001 Master

- In command of the company's vessels, both Panamax and Handy Size Bulk Carriers trading world wide
- Cargoes carried: Steel Products and Coils, Coal, Grain, Ores, fertiliser and other bulk commodities

Dec 1995 to June 1996 New Building Supervisor Koje, South Korea

- Responsible for the preparation and application of paint coating as well as the deck outfitting of a Panamax bulk carrier

Feb 1991 to Dec 1995- Chief Officer

- Served on board Panamax and Handy Size Bulk Carriers
- Cargoes carried: Steel Coils, Coal, Grain, Ores, fertiliser and other bulk commodities

1980 to Feb 1991- From Cadet to Second Officer

- Served on Bulk carriers, Ro-Ro, and General and multi-purpose cargo vessels trading world-wide
- Cargoes carried: Steel Coils, Coal, Grain, Ores, General Cargo, Project Cargoes and Paper Products