

Duncan J Waller
External Consultant

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Qualifications: Master Mariner (Foreign Going) 113052. Issued 1972
Ship Management and Personnel Relations

Affiliations: Member of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners

Education: HMS Worcester
London Schools of Navigation

Date of Birth: 17 July 1945

Nationality: British

Current Position at CWA

External Consultant. Master Mariner with extensive international experience of the investigation and analysis of marine casualties, ship and cargo damage incidents, advising on ship safety management, spanning the full range of vessel types; highly experienced in meeting the exacting requirements of the international insurance and legal markets; expert witness, closely associated with CWA over 20 years.

Experience

Duncan Waller commenced a career at sea with a traditional British shipping company and served as an apprentice and junior officer onboard passenger cargo liners in South Africa, Far East, Sub Continent and Middle East trades. After transferring to a tanker company he sailed as Second and First Officers in the coastal and deep sea trades onboard vessels from 2,000 to 200,000 tons deadweight carrying clean and dirty products about the UK coast and crude oil from the Middle East. His service included spells onboard dedicated bitumen and lubricating oil tankers. He worked subsequently as Second and Chief Officers onboard passenger, train and RoRo cross channel ferries. He was domiciled for several years in Singapore from where he sailed in command of a variety of ship types including a number of specialised oil field related craft, towing and salvage vessels together with voyages onboard dry cargo tonnage in the tramping trades.

Coming ashore as a marine consultant and surveyor he worked in London for CWA over the following nine years and was instructed by the majority of the P&I Clubs and most prominent law firms in a wide variety of matters including attendances for collisions, groundings, oil pollution, fire and explosion incidents, cargo damage, salvage and wreck removal operations, advice on ship safety and loss prevention issues. During this period he was regularly instructed by London lawyers to prepare expert evidence. He is an experienced expert witness. He moved to Dubai and continued with similar work involving a very wide range of casualty, oil pollution, ship and cargo damage incidents, spanning bulk, break bulk and containerised trades. He investigated a number of fire/explosion casualties during the Iran/Iraq conflict in the late '80s. He opened his own marine consultancy practice in 1995 which operated successfully in the same area for four years. Recently his firm in Dubai was amalgamated with and manned by Aquarius International Consultants as part of their expanding international association of marine consultancies. He returned to England as a Director of Aquarius International Consultants, London and attended a number of significant casualty incidents during 1999 and 2000.

Since 1 January 2001 he has worked as an independent consultant.

Summary of Previous Employment

1999-2000	Aquarius International Consultants, London Director
1995-1999	Duncan Waller Marine Consultants, Dubai Owner. Specialist in casualty investigation.
1988-1995	Cleghorn Wilton and Associates, Dubai Principal Surveyor. Specialised in casualty investigation.
1978-1988	London Marine Consultancies Cleghorn Wilton and Associates – Director CWA Consultants Ltd – Associate McLaren Dick Marine – Senior Surveyor

1962-1978

Sea Service

Master in Command

- Singapore Islands Line – General Cargo
- United Owners – General Cargo
- Western Geophysical – Seismic Survey
- Atwood Oceanics – Drillships
- Scan Drilling – Drillships
- Maritime Ltd – Ocean Towage/Salvage
- C-Lift Marine – Salvage (1987)

Deck Officer

- Ellerman and Bucknall – Passenger/General Cargo
Apprentice and Third Officer
- Esso Petroleum – Crude Oil and Products
Second and First Officer
- British Rail/Sealink – Cross Channel
Second and Chief Officer