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Neil Gardiner is a Master Mariner with a BSc (Hons) degree in Marine Technology and Maritime Law. He joined Brookes Bell from a position as Ship Inspector for a leading P&I Club, and had previously investigated casualties for another UK-based marine consultancy for 6½ years. He served on a variety of vessel types, including container vessels, refrigerated cargo vessels and high-speed ferries; he sailed as Master for nearly 7 years.

Professional Qualifications

Class 1 Master Mariner, foreign-going
ISM, Internal Auditor

Academic Qualifications

BSc (Hons) in Marine Technology and Maritime Law
HND in Nautical Science

Professional Bodies

Associate Fellow of the Nautical Institute
Member of the Royal Institute of Navigation

Employment History

- 2012-present Associate, Brookes Bell.
- 2011-2012 UK P&I Club: Ship Inspector
- Working for the Loss Prevention department, inspecting the Club's entered vessels and producing risk profiles of those vessels using Bowtie software. Assisted with other Loss Prevention initiatives.
- 2009-2011 OOCL: Master
- Sailing on ice-classed panamax container vessels, primarily trading between N. Europe and Montreal.
- 2002-2008 TMC (Marine Consultants): Consultant/Surveyor
- Investigating and advising on various claims issues, including collision, grounding, salvage, fire/explosion, personal injury, port safety disputes, pollution, speed and performance, hull damage, crane damage, aspects of the ISM Code and various cargo-related matters including containerised cargoes – losses/damage, lashing systems, planning and stowage, bagged/bulk claims, breakbulk, refrigerated, RoRo, etc.
- While working for TMC, Neil was invited to the UK P&I Club's *Carefully to Carry* Committee, sitting on the Container and Dangerous goods sub-committees, advising the Club's members on various cargo claim-related issues, and had 2 articles on container stowage and securing published in *Carefully to Carry Bulletins*.
- 2001-2002 UK P&I Club: Technical Advisor to Loss Prevention department.
- 2001 Spent half a summer season sailing as Mate on Condor's high-speed ferries.
- 1996-2001 Columbia Ship Management: Master, sailing on refrigerated vessels and container ships.
- 1992-1996 Columbia Ship Management: Chief Officer, sailing on Chiquita's refrigerated vessels, primarily carrying bananas under controlled atmosphere conditions, sometimes breakbulk, general and refrigerated produce.
- 1982-1992 OCL/P&O Containers: 3rd and 2nd Officer.
- 1979-1982 P&O: Group cadet, sailing on various vessel types – product carrier, general cargo, ferries (pax/RoRo), passenger and container.

Particular Surveying and Consultancy Experience

He has prepared technical advice and expert reports for commercial litigation with respect to the following issues:

Damage to and/or loss of:

- Containerised cargoes, including planning, segregation, stowage and securing
- RoRo cargoes
- Bagged and bulk cargoes
- Breakbulk and project cargoes
- Refrigerated cargoes

Other claims:

- Collision and ColRegs analysis
- Grounding and wreck removal
- Fire and explosion
- Personal injury
- Port safety disputes
- Pollution
- Hull damage
- Dock and crane damage
- ISM issues
- Vessel performance disputes

He has acted as expert witness in court, arbitration and mediation in the UK and abroad.