



Marine, Scientific and Technical
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Charles Bliault has an Extra Master Mariner's Certificate. He joined Brookes Bell in 1983 and became a partner in 1994.

His main area of surveying experience is with regard to dry cargoes, that is: dry bulk and bagged commodities; fruit and other refrigerated items; forest products; general cargoes; steel products; containers and ro-ro items. His specialist knowledge and activities are in the carriage of, damage sustained by, and discharge of, bulk cargoes such as coal, grain and animal feeds (seed cake) and how they become damaged, particularly by heat or by water. He also has knowledge of the various hatch cover arrangements necessary for the investigation of water ingress.

His second area of specialist activity is with regard to investigations in connection with a wide range of nautical matters including safe port/berth disputes, groundings and sinkings, securing of cargoes and the movement or collapse of stowages. Other incidents investigated have included hull damage resulting from collisions or contacts with other vessels or structures and damage to cargoes from fires and explosions on board. Some investigations have involved general average.

He has also undertaken investigations in connection with stevedore damage, condition of hatch covers and cargo gear, personal injury disputes and fishing vessel accidents, ventilation systems in holds and the ventilation of cargo. Groundings have involved salvage operations and on a number of occasions he has acted as Special Casualty Representative (SCR) where the SCOPIC Clause was invoked.

He has prepared technical reports for, and has given expert witness and witness of fact testimony at, arbitrations in the United Kingdom and the United States of America, Deemster's Court in the Isle of Man and Magistrates' Court in India.

Before becoming a marine surveyor, Charles Bliault was at sea over a thirteen-year period serving on refrigerated cargo liners, bulk carriers, refrigerated fruit carriers and container vessels in all ranks from cadet to chief officer.

Professional Qualifications

Extra Master Certificate of Competency.

Membership of Professional Bodies

Fellow of the Society of Consulting Marine Engineers and Ship Surveyors.

Member of British Association of Cargo Surveyors.

Member of the Nautical Institute.

Surveying and Consultancy Employment

1994-present Partner, Brookes Bell.

1991-1994 Associate, Brookes Bell.

1983-1991 Staff Surveyor, Brookes Bell.

Sea-Going Employment

1980-1982 Cunard Steam-Ship Co. Ltd. container vessel as chief officer trading from Europe and East-Coast North America to Australia and New Zealand.

1977-1980 Cunard Brocklebank Ltd. refrigerated fruit carrier vessels as chief officer trading between Europe, the Carribean and Pacific Coasts of Central America, Atlantic and Pacific Coasts of the US, the Far East and South Africa.

1975-1977 Cunard Brocklebank Ltd. bulk carriers as second officer trading worldwide.

1973-1975 Port Line general cargo/refrigerated cargo vessels as third and second officer trading between Europe, South Africa, Pacific Islands and New Zealand.

1972-1973 Cunard Brocklebank Ltd. general cargo vessel as third officer trading from Europe to Red Sea and Indian sub-continent ports, then to US gulf ports.

1969-1971 Port Line general cargo/refrigerated cargo vessels as navigating cadet trading between Europe, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand.

Particular Surveying and Consultancy Experience

Damage to and/or loss of:

Bagged products, including sugar, rice and animal feedstuffs.
Break-bulk cargoes, including palletised and cartoned goods.
Chemicals, including various dry and liquid, packaged, containerised and in bulk, both hazardous and non-hazardous.
General items, including machinery and vehicles.
Grains, seeds, seedcake, feedstuffs and coal in bulk.
Hydrocarbon oils, animal oils and vegetable oils.
Minerals, both packaged and in bulk.
Neo-bulk cargoes, newsprint, pulp.
Refrigerated and chilled cargoes, including meat, fruit, fish and vegetables.
Steel, unfinished, finished, structural, scrap and pipes.
Timber and forest products.

Collisions.
Condition surveys.
Damages to harbour installations.
Draught and deadweight surveys.
Fires and explosions.
Fishing vessel accident investigations.
General Average.
Lashing and securing of cargo.
Loss of containers/collapse of containers.
Personal injury/fatality investigations.
Pre-loading condition of cargo.
Safe port/berth investigations.
Salvage.
SCOPIC surveyor - on SCR panel.
Stability considerations.
Structural damage to vessels.