



Marine, Scientific and Technical  
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Malcolm Dann is a master mariner with a First Class Honours degree in Nautical Studies. He joined Brookes Bell in 1984, was a partner from 1990 until 2007 and is now a Consultant.

His main area of surveying and consultancy is in the field of bulk oils, chemicals, edible oils and other liquid cargoes including molasses and oil cargo-related problems; that is, shortages, contaminations and pollution incidents. As a cargo inspector he has experience in tank cleanliness inspections for various types of bulk liquid cargoes including molasses, edible oils, chemicals and hydrocarbons. As a surveyor and consultant to shipowners and their P&I interests he has advised in disputes arising from the alleged contamination of various bulk liquid cargoes and in disputes involving tank cleanliness. His specialist knowledge includes investigations on board tankers of all types and also in shore oil installations.

His second area of specialist activity is with regard to vessels grounding or sinking, lightening to re-float, hull damage resulting from collisions or contact with other vessels or fixed and floating objects, and from fires and explosions on board. Groundings have involved salvage operations, and he has acted as Shipowners Casualty Representative where the SCOPIC Clause was invoked. He has also acted as surveyor for the General Interest when General Average has been concerned.

During his time as a surveyor he has worked on numerous ship types, including general cargo vessels, bulk carriers, container ships, ro-ro vessels, clean and dirty oil tankers, OBOs, and chemical and parcel tankers. Surveys have included investigations in oil terminals and refineries, both in the UK and abroad. He has also been actively involved in the development and operation of claims handling offices in Spain and Venezuela following major pollution incidents, and has attended at a number of other major pollution incidents on behalf of shipowners.

He has prepared technical reports for, and has given evidence at, arbitrations, in the High Court and Coroner's Courts, and in the Isle of Man High Court. He has also given evidence in Scottish, Spanish and Greek Courts.

Before joining Brookes Bell, he was, for two years, the assistant manager at an oil terminal on the River Thames and, for four years before that, area manager and then managing director of the UK arm of a major oil inspection company.

Malcolm Dann's sea-going experience covered an eleven-year period starting as an apprentice sailing on the tankers of an oil major, working through to second officer before joining the Royal Fleet Auxiliary where he sailed in ranks up to first officer.

### **Professional Qualifications**

Master Mariner (Foreign-Going).

### **Academic Qualifications**

First Class Honours degree in Nautical Studies, Plymouth Polytechnic.

### **Membership of Professional Bodies**

Nautical Institute.

Institute of Petroleum.

The Society of Consulting Marine Engineers and Ship Surveyors.

British Association of Cargo Surveyors.

### **Surveying and Consultancy Employment**

2007-present Consultant, Brookes Bell

1990-2007 Partner, Brookes Bell.

1988-1990 Associate, Brookes Bell.

1984-1988 Staff Surveyor, Brookes Bell.

### **Industry-Related Shore Employment**

1977-1981 Area manager and subsequently managing director, E.W. Saybolt (UK) Ltd. Cargo inspector dealing with quantity and quality aspects of bulk oil and gas shipments for various oil majors and international traders. Safety inspector on behalf of the Irish government for crude oil washing operations on board ULCC vessels at Bantry Bay. Responsible for operations at various locations in West Africa.

1975-1977 Assistant terminal manager, Murco Petroleum Ltd., Purfleet. Responsible for daily operation of oil products storage and distribution terminal. Responsible for imports by sea and distribution by road and rail transport.

**Sea-Going Employment**

- 1970-1975 Royal Fleet Auxiliary, serving on fleet replenishment tankers, ammunition and stores vessels, and landing ships, up to the rank of first officer. Navigating and operations officer with experience in passage planning and execution, and blind pilotage. Operating ships in close-quarters situations, including fleet manoeuvres and replenishment at sea. Helicopter operations, including qualification as helicopter control officer and flight deck officer. Landing ship beaching experience.
- 1968-1970 Shell Tankers (UK) Ltd. Cargo and navigating officer up to second officer rank. World-wide trading in crude oil, bitumen and product tankers.
- 1964-1968 Shell Tankers (UK) Ltd. - apprentice on crude oil and petroleum products tankers.
- 1977-1980 Royal Naval Reserve - commissioned in Operations Branch with service as navigating and operations officer in minesweepers.

**Particular Surveying and Consultancy Experience**

Damage to and/or loss of:

Break-bulk cargoes.  
Chemicals, including various dry and liquid, packaged, containerised and in bulk, both hazardous and non-hazardous.  
Grains, seeds, and feedstuffs in bulk.  
Hydrocarbon, animal fats, vegetable oils and molasses.  
Minerals in bulk.  
Neo-bulk cargoes, including newsprint.  
Steel, unfinished, finished, structural and scrap.  
Timber and forest products.

Condition surveys.  
Damage to harbour installations.  
Draught and deadweight surveys.  
Investigation of collisions and groundings.  
Operation of overseas Joint Claims Offices, handling claims arising from a major pollution.  
Personal injury/fatality investigations.  
Pre-loading condition of cargo.  
Salvage.  
Ship to ship transfer of oil cargoes.  
Structural damage to vessels.  
Tank coating condition and tank cleanliness inspections.  
Unsafe ports claims.