



Marine, Scientific and Technical  
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John Third has an Extra Master Mariner's Certificate. He joined Brookes Bell in 1981, and in 1982 and 1983 was staff surveyor, and then resident partner, with Brookes Bell, Marine Consultants, Hong Kong. He has been a partner of the firm in the UK since 1984.

His main specialist activity concerns navigation and seamanship, including ship-handling. He has conducted detailed investigations of casualties, including groundings both off-shore and in pilotage waters, port and berth safety, collisions between ships and between ships and off-shore structures. Investigations in this field of marine activity include salvage and refloating.

His second specialist activity is the investigation of major container stowage collapses and a range of cargo securing system failures, including very large packaged timber deck stowage systems. He conducted loss prevention investigations for underwriters at Lloyd's.

He has extensive survey experience with general commodities, refrigerated, timber, steel, dry bulk including grain, liquid bulk, hazardous and heavy-lift cargoes on a worldwide basis. He has undertaken hull structural surveys afloat and in drydock, surveys of collisions and damages, damages caused by missile attacks, and has prepared repair specifications for both minor and major works. He has investigated the loss of ships without trace.

He has attended special training courses in bridge organisation and teamwork and advanced pilotage. He attends ship simulator training on a regular basis.

He has prepared technical reports for, and has given expert witness testimony at, variously, arbitrations in the United Kingdom and the United States, the Commercial and Criminal Court in the United Kingdom, the Federal Court in the United States, the Supreme Court in Hong Kong, the Supreme Court in Singapore and at a Seeamt Enquiry in Germany.

Before becoming a marine surveyor, John Third was at sea over a fourteen-year period, serving on passenger and cargo liners, general cargo and refrigerated vessels, bulk carriers and off-shore diving and support ships, in all ranks from cadet to master. Immediately before joining Brookes Bell, he was project manager for a dynamically-positioned off-shore diving and support vessel.

### **Professional Qualifications**

Extra Master Certificate of Competency (Dual).

### **Awards**

Royal Society of Arts Silver Medal.  
Griffiths Award.  
(both for academic achievement)

### **Membership of Professional Bodies**

Member of the Nautical Institute.  
Member of the Society of Consulting Marine Engineers and Ship Surveyors.  
The Honourable Company of Master Mariners.

### **Surveying and Consultancy Employment**

1984-present	Partner, Brookes Bell.
1982-1983	Staff Surveyor, then Partner, Brookes Bell, Hong Kong.
1981-1982	Staff Surveyor, Brookes Bell.

### **Sea-Going Employment**

1976-1980	Swire Group - master of off-shore supply vessels, performing supply, anchor handling and rig towing, chief officer of general cargo/container vessel, and project manager for a dynamically-positioned off-shore diving and support vessel.
1969 -1976	British & Commonwealth Shipping Company and Ben Line Steamers - second officer of "S.A. ORANJE", mailship trading between the United Kingdom and South Africa, second officer of bulk carriers on worldwide trade and of fast cargo liners trading between Europe and the Far East.
1966-1969	British & Commonwealth Shipping Company - navigating cadet, fourth and third officer in general cargo, refrigerated cargo and passenger liners, including mailships of the Union-Castle Line.

**Particular Surveying and Consultancy Experience**

## Specialist investigation of:

Container securing system failures (60+ casualties investigated, including many major incidents with losses of 100+ units).

Packaged timber and log deck stowage securing system failures (North Pacific and Atlantic trades).

Collisions between ships, and between ships and off-shore structures (total cases investigated 75+, involving container ships, bulk carriers, ferries, etc). Collision reconstruction using mathematical modelling by computer, course recorder analysis.

Groundings of ships both off-shore and in pilotage waters (total cases investigated 70+, including examples in the Mississippi, Orinoco and Amazon, Congo, etc.

Total Losses (total cases investigated 25+).

Unsafe Port claims (total cases investigated 65).

Loss prevention investigations (stowage of packaged timber for Lloyd's Underwriters, pusher tug/barge operations in the Mississippi for P&I Insurers, container securing for major shipowners/operators).

## Other surveys:

Condition and pre-purchase surveys.

Hull structural surveys afloat and in drydock following collision, grounding and missile attacks.

Salvage operations (supervision of refloating with and without assistance from salvors). Salvage investigation.

## Experience in the survey of:

Chilled and frozen goods, including meat, vegetables, fish and dairy products.

Dry bulk cargoes, including grains, seeds and feedstuffs.

General cargo.

Hazardous goods.

Heavy-lift shipments.

Liquid bulk, including petroleum, vegetable oils and chemicals.

Neo-bulk cargoes, including sugar, newsprint and pulp.

Steel, unfinished, finished, structural and scrap.

Timber and forest products in packaged and lumber form.