



Marine, Scientific and Technical
Consultants and Surveyors



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Paul Davidson is a Master Mariner with a BTEC in Nautical Science. He joined Brookes Bell in 2008 from a position as Marine Surveyor with the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) where he served for almost four years. Prior to joining the MCA he spent four years as Fleet Marine Superintendent with Charles Willie Shipping which followed over 16 years at sea. During his time at sea, he served on a variety of vessels including clean oil tankers, container vessels, multi-service vessels, passenger ferries, freight Ro-Ro's, anchor handling tug supply vessels (AHTS), semi-submersible mobile offshore drilling units (MODU) and cruise vessels. Paul started his sea career as a deck boy and worked his way up to Chief Officer.

His main surveying and consultancy experience is in the field of STS collisions; hold cleaning disputes; unsafe port disputes; charter party disputes including speed and consumption performance claims; cargo damage; piracy issues; container vessels; and offshore vessels and oil rigs. Paul has given expert evidence at arbitration.

Professional Qualifications

Class 1 Master Mariner - Foreign-Going.

Academic Qualifications

BTEC Nautical Science.

Professional Associations

The Nautical Institute (Member).

The Society of Consulting Marine Engineers and Ship Surveyors (Member).

Shore Employment

2005–2008 Maritime and Coastguard Agency–Marine Surveyor (Nautical).

Duties included Port State Control Inspections, Flag State Inspections, ISM Lead Auditor, survey and certification of various vessels, Safety Management System plan approvals, Flag-Ins, Western Region Focal Point for Boatmaster's Licences and Examiner of Masters & Mates.

2001–2005 Charles Willie Shipping–Fleet Marine Superintendent.

Duties included Company Security Officer, Deputy Designated Person Ashore, monitor, review and update ISM Safety Management System, internal ISM and security audits, dry dock planning, survey planning, requisition of stores and spares, vessel inspections, dry-dock supervision of deck, paint and navigation equipment and liaison with Flag, Classification Society, Port State and P&I.

Sea-Going Employment

2000- 2001 Disney Cruise Line – First Officer.

Served as senior bridge watch-keeping officer aboard the cruise vessel DISNEY MAGIC operating between Florida and the Caribbean. Other duties involved safety inductions and training of new crew members, continuous safety training of existing crew members, Certificate of Proficiency in Survival Craft instruction for crew members, testing and maintenance of fire doors, LSA and FFE etc.

1999 P & O Irish Sea Ferries – Second Officer.

Employed on the Larne to Cairnryan passenger ferry route. Main duties included the safe loading and discharging of cargo, the stability considerations for the passage and the maintenance of safety equipment and systems.

- 1999 Bristol Pilots Partnership – Trainee Marine Pilot.
Unpaid work training for pilotage licence for Avonmouth and Royal Portbury Dock at the Port of Bristol.
- 1998-1999 Maersk (IOM) Ltd - Chief Officer.
Served as Chief Officer on a Platform Supply Vessel in the North Sea. Responsible for the safe loading, securing and stability of the vessel at all times. Ship-handling and manoeuvring during mooring operations, manoeuvring and station keeping at offshore structures. Other duties included cargo loading and discharge, supervision of general and safety maintenance and crew matters.
- 1998 Reading & Bates – Night Barge Engineer.
Served as Night Barge Engineer on MODU HENRY GOODRICH, working 12 hour night shifts. Responsible to Barge Engineer for operations including loading/discharging of deck cargoes, dry bulk cargoes and drilling fluids; maintaining of rig position; monitoring of and transfer of fuels and fluids around the rig; and for anchor operations during rig moves.
- 1996–1998 Swire Pacific Offshore – Chief Officer.
Served as Chief Officer on an oil production vessel and AHTS vessels in south-east Asia. Responsible for the safe loading, securing and stability of the vessel at all times. Ship-handling and manoeuvring during mooring operations, manoeuvring and station keeping at offshore structures, manoeuvring of vessel during towing and rig move operations, supervision of deck operations during towing and rig move operations. Other duties included cargo loading and discharge, supervision of general and safety maintenance and crew matters.
- 1995–1996 Sedco–Forex (Schlumberger) - Control Room Operator.
Served as Control Room Operator on MODU SEDCO EXPLORER keeping 12 hour watches in ballast control room whilst responsible for maintaining stability, draught and trim of rig. Also responsible for monitoring of and transfer of fuels and fluids around the rig and for anchor operations during rig moves.

- 1995 De Beeres Marine – Second/Chief Officer.
- Served as Second and Chief Officer on a diamond mining vessel off the coast of Namibia. Watch-keeping duties included maintaining position of vessel and manoeuvring vessel using anchors in four-point mooring system. Other responsibilities included supervision of general and safety maintenance and crew matters.
- 1994 Marine Manning Services (IOM) – Second Officer.
- Employed on the Ramsgate to Dunkerque passenger ferry route. Main duties included the safe loading and discharging of cargo, the stability considerations for the passage and the maintenance of safety equipment and systems.
- 1993–1994 Asco Smit – Second Officer.
- Employed on the semi-submersible MSV THAROS which provided platform support to oil platforms in the North Sea. Main duties included, watch-keeping, assisting in dynamic positioning operations, winch operations during rig moves, safety inductions of rig personnel and maintenance of LSA and FFE.
- 1989–1993 P & O Containers – Fourth/Third/Second Officer.
- Employed on container vessels on worldwide service. Duties included watch-keeping, passage planning, cargo watch-keeping, Dangerous Goods planning and stowage and maintenance of LSA and FFE.
- 1985–1989 Rowbotham Tankships Ltd – Seaman 2/Seaman 1/Third Officer.
- Served on coastal clean oil tankers around United Kingdom, near continental Europe, west Africa and the Middle East. Duties included bridge lookout, mooring operations, cargo operations, general maintenance of vessel. Promoted to Third Officer in December, 1988, after obtaining Class 3 (Deck) Certificate of Competency.
- 1984–1985 Reardon Smith Line – Deck Boy.
- General seamanship duties following familiarisation and induction.