



Marine, Scientific and Technical  
Consultants and Surveyors



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Nigel Thompson is a Chartered Engineer with a First Class Certificate of Competency (Motor) and a BSc (Hons) degree in Technology. Nigel joined Brookes Bell in 2004, after four years' previous surveying experience with a Liverpool-based Marine Consultancy, and became an Associate in 2005 and a Partner in 2008.

Before becoming a marine surveyor, Nigel was at sea for twenty years on bulk carriers, container ships with con-air refrigeration plant, passenger and freight ro-ro ferries and cruise ships. He has sailed in positions up to and including Chief Engineer and has considerable experience of medium and slow speed main propulsion machinery together with all associated plant generally found on cargo and passenger ships.

His main surveying and consultancy experience is in the field of hull and machinery surveys, including main and auxiliary engine failures, hull, grounding and propeller damages, crane failures, vessel fires, on/off hire and pre-purchase condition surveys.

Since joining Brookes Bell, Nigel has prepared technical reports and given expert witness evidence in Arbitration and Court hearings. During his time as a surveyor he has worked on many ship types, including general cargo vessels, bulk carriers, container ships, ro-ro vessels and harbour tugs. Nigel also has considerable experience investigating machinery damage, flooding and fire damage of yachts and luxury super-yachts.

**Professional Qualifications**

Class 1 Motor Certificate of Competency.

**Academic Qualifications**

BSc (Hons) degree in Technology.

**Professional Status and Membership of Professional Bodies**

Chartered Engineer.

Member of the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology.

**Surveying and Consultancy Employment**

May 2008	Partner, Brookes Bell.
May 2005-April, 2008	Associate, Brookes Bell.
April 2004-April 2005	Staff Surveyor, Brookes Bell.
2000-2004	Staff Surveyor employed by T.R. Little & Co., Liverpool.

**Sea-Going Employment**

1999	Suncruises, 2nd Engineer, Cruise Vessel.
1989-1999	P&O European Ferries (Felixstowe) Ltd./P&O North Sea Ferries Ltd. 3rd, 2nd and Temp/Relief Chief Engineer on freight and passenger ro-ro ferries.
1989	Northern Marine Management, 3rd Engineer on passenger vessel.
1980-1989	T. & J. Harrison Ltd. 6th to 4th Engineer on bulk carriers and container ships, traditional watchkeeping and UMS ships.
1976-1980	T. & J Harrison Ltd. Engineer Cadet Officer.

**Particular Surveying and Consultancy Experience**

Hull and machinery surveys, including:

- Hull and machinery repairs, inspections, assessment of costs, etc.
- Main engine failure investigations.
- Shafting failures and propeller damages.
- Engine room fire and flooding investigations.
- Hull contact damages.
- Grounding damage assessment.
- Crane failures.

Others:

- Condition surveys.
- On-/off-hire and pre-purchase surveys.
- Rudder failures.
- Repairers' liability disputes and claims.
- ROV track failure.
- Engine/vessel performance assessment.
- Bunker quality disputes.
- Refrigeration equipment failures.
- Port structures.
- Damage to fixed and floating objects, including shoreside cranes.
- Opinion work on machinery failures and fires.

Experience of main and auxiliary engines:

- SEMT Pielstick
- Sulzer
- B & W
- Daihatsu
- Wartsila
- Caterpillar
- Deutz
- MAN
- MTU
- Ruston