



**DAVID IRELAND**

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David Ireland joined Brookes Bell in 2021 and brings a wealth of experience. He has been based in Singapore then in the USA, has handled various cases for P&I, H&M, Ship-owners and lawyers involving various vessel types. Conducted various suitability, pre-delivery, re-delivery, pre-purchase voyage risk analysis, demolition and marine warranty surveys, collision investigations involving vessels at sea, in port approaches and anchorage areas, post collision and grounding emergency offloading and follow up major docking hull repairs, attended at various vessel damages, cargo shift cases involving vessel systems and including berth and fixed object damages, handled various cargo contamination issues primarily involving tankers and has provided expert advice and opinion on tanker operations in court and at arbitration in the UK and USA.

Appointed to the SCR panel in 2016, he has attended at various vessel grounding, re-float and salvage operations world-wide for various insurance clients and has considerable experience in wreck removal operations, including preparation of Invitation to Tenders (ITT), tender analysis including qualitative and quantitative assessments, assisted in contract negotiations and attended on site throughout complex wreck removal operations, working closely with local authorities to ensure compliance with contractual requirements.

Served in all ranks up to and including Master in the tanker industry trading worldwide with the major oil companies and shipping companies involved in this trade, spending the last nine years as Master of ULCC and VLCC tankers trading primarily in the Middle East, the Americas, Far East and Africa.

During a 28year career in the tanker industry was closely involved and gained extensive experience at tanker terminals throughout the world, including navigating in and around tanker ports, berthing operations and cargo handing at tanker ports.

Gained extensive experience in Ship-to-Ship transfer operations worldwide, including offshore lightering operations on the US Gulf Coast, deep sea STS off the US West Coast, west coast of Africa and various locations in the Far East,

Also gained extensive experience in SBM/SPM tanker operations worldwide and navigating canal and river passages.

**Professional Qualifications**

Class 1 Master Mariner

Lloyds Register Accident Investigation

**Mmnmj,,Academic Qualifications**

HND Nautical Studies

BTEC Certificate of Achievement in Nautical Science

**Previous Employment History**

Director, Master Mariner, London Offshore Consultants Limited

Master, Stena Bulk, Northern Marine Management

Chief Officer, BP / Vela / NSCSA / TK Shipping

Chief Officer, British Petroleum, Texaco Shipping

**Surveying and Consultancy Experience**

- Salvage & Wreck Removal
- VLCC STS tanker operations
- VLCC SBM tanker operations
- Aframax oil tanker operations
- Product tankers
- Shuttle tankers
- DP shuttle tanker
- Tanker operations offshore at FPSO installations
- Collision Investigation
- New building projects
- New-build construction and delivery phases
- Dry-docking
- Hull repair
- Tanker conversions
- Reactivation Surveys
- Pre-purchase inspections
- Various Marine Warranty Surveys
- Towing surveys and approvals
- Project Cargo Loadout and Sail-away approvals
- Project Cargo Road Transport approvals
- ISM Internal auditing.
- MARPOL Compliance Auditing