

BSc. in Nautical Studies with Commendation
- Specialised in Maritime Law and Commerce
Fellow of Nautical Institute (FNI)
Master Mariner's Certificate of Competency (FG)
Command Diploma (Nautical Institute)

30 years Seagoing Marine Experience
3 years Operational experience with a small
London-based Ship Operator
8 years experience as a Marine Consultant



PROFILE

Captain Roberts has offered independent, unbiased, practical advice on a wide variety of marine matters to a range of clients, including Solicitors, P&I Clubs, Vessel Owners and Charterers and Cargo Owners. This advice has ranged from preliminary opinion, through producing substantive reports, to providing expert evidence at Arbitration and High Court, in the U.K. and overseas. He is also a Law Society accredited expert witness.

He has extensive experience as Operations Manager, taking responsibility for the day to day operations of the fleet, including maintenance, safety, performance, repairs, stores and accounts. Assisted with pre- and post-fixture negotiations with Charterers; Investigation of incidents; Supervised vessel sale and purchases; Commenced the implementation of the ISM Code.

He is Author of "*Watchkeeping Safety and Cargo Management in Port*" published by the Nautical Institute, sponsored by the UK P&I Club.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2005 to Date	Cwaves Limited Director
1997 - 2005	London Offshore Consultants Senior Marine Consultant
1995 - 1997	Cathcart Shipping Limited Operations Manager
1994 - 1995	Technical Author and Independent Marine Consultant
1989 - 1994	International United Shipping Agencies Master
1964 - 1989	Ocean Transport & Trading Limited Deck Officer

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- ❖ **Charter Party Disputes** - Unsafe berths / ports; The role of a prudent Master; Current practice of vessel operations and performance of shipboard equipment; Hold cleanliness, hatch cover condition and testing, seaworthiness, cargo-worthiness; Due diligence of vessel operations, including the application of the ISM Code; Calculations for Grain Loading and Stability, Dead-freight, Deadweight, Draft and Off-Hire; Vessel Performance (Speed/Consumption).
- ❖ **Navigation** - Investigation of Collisions, Groundings and Contacts; Analysis of Course Recorders; Use and correction of charts; Tidal heights and currents; Advice on best practice and the operation of bridge navigational equipment.
- ❖ **Seamanship** - Best practice; Ship-handling; Heavy weather, including Weather Routing; Actions of the crew during shipboard fires; Seamanship/Navigation advisor at the Reopened Formal Inquiry into the loss of the "Derbyshire".
- ❖ **Cargo** - Investigations involving Bulk Carriers, Container ships, and Dry Cargo vessels, including adequacy of packaging, cargo-handling, dunnaging, stowage, securing and ventilation; Investigation of damage to, and loss of containers overboard, and on fire; Heavy Lifts; Fumigation of cargo in transit; Particular procedures for bulk cargoes including Coal, Grain, Fertiliser, Ore, Rice, Steel and Timber.
- ❖ **Death, Personal Injury, Accident Investigation**
- ❖ **Vessel Surveys** – Carried out a wide range of vessel condition and suitability surveys, including cargo and passenger vessels, bulk carriers, tugs and other marine craft.
- ❖ **Marine Warranty** – Approved moorings, load-out and sea fastenings of heavy lifts.