

CHIRP Maritime Ambassadors

Captain Nikos Aslanis



Nikos is an experienced tanker Captain with broad experience in ship management, and safety systems, ISM Lead Auditor, Maritime Security Auditor, ISO 9001/14001/18001/50001 Auditor. He has broad experience in operation of different types of ship. Also, ship management experience, operating different ship types within budget and assuring vessels being compliant with national and international rules and regulations. Variety of ships from Chemical tankers/Product tankers/ Crude oil tankers/Cement Carriers /Bulk carriers.

Joshua Attipoe



Joshua has eleven years work experience in Maritime Industry, specifically in port operation, stevedoring and cargo handling.

He is Managing Director of Woshua Marine Services, Takoradi, Ghana; providing manpower services and support for engineering and construction, bunkering supply, vessel fumigation, handling dangerous goods, port agency.

Joshua has a Lloyds Maritime Academy diploma in Port Management.

Daniele Badalucco



Born in 1972, Certified Master Mariner, qualified ISM Lead Auditor, marine surveyor and maritime instructor.

He served at sea for 11 years reaching the rank of Chief Officer on oil tankers. Since 1999 he has worked ashore for a few ship management and consulting companies as Superintendent first and later as DPA & HSEQ Manager. Presently, Daniele is working for a Singapore based offshore company covering the position of DPA & HSEQ Manager.

Over the last sixteen years, he has been involved in several ISM and ISPS audits, marine surveys, casualty investigations and implementation of Management Systems.

Alexandre Batista



Alexandre is a distinguished research professor and director of engineering who lectures in maritime studies including survey, inspections and technical appraisals.

Simon Bradshaw



A sailor since childhood, Simon has raced and cruised extensively. From Mirror dingys to his present 30-ton Schooner, having been an owner and having to sea onboard many different vessels over the years he has a good understanding of the needs of mariners both leisure and commercial.

He began teaching sailing and navigation in Cowes moving on from there to become a freelance instructor with many schools around the Solent/South coast.

In 2013 he was appointed one of the RYA's Yachtmaster Examiners for sail, power and Yachtmaster Ocean.

Ignacio Chofre Cifuentes



Ignacio started as a pilot boat deckhand in 1991 in Valencia port, Spain and spent 20 years as a pilot boat coxswain.

After being closely involved in a fatal accident of a pilot in 1992, he developed a deep concern about safety. Ignacio has been very active on Social Media trying to promote common safety since 2013 and in 2017 he moved ashore to be in charge of Health & Safety for Valencia Pilots.

Rodrigo Cintra



Rodrigo Cintra is a Marine Engineer, high skilled in Marine Management and Corporate Education, with more than 20 years' experience in different types of vessels, working both aboard and onshore as superintendent and manager.

Starting in 2001 as a cadet, when he joined CIAGA (Brazilian Merchant Marine Academy), he worked in several big companies, private and state owned, dealing with vessels / oil platforms operations and shore management and he is a certified ISM Code, ISO 9001, ISO 14001 and ISO 45001 auditor.

He has worked for Rio de Janeiro Government in top positions related to Naval Industry and Compliance.

Rodrigo is the current president of The Brazilian Merchant Marine Society, member of The Maritime League of Brazil and advisor for Marine Management, Corporate Education and Operations.

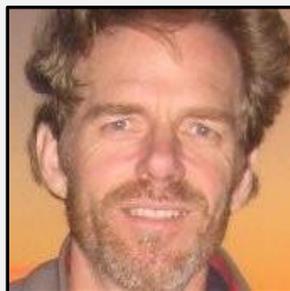
Andrew Corrie RMar Tech



Andrew has twelve years of experience of working in the maritime industry (post training) in diverse range of roles on working on board AHTS, PSV and seismic survey vessels, crude oil tankers, product tankers, hydrographic Survey, bulk cargo and an INF cargo vessel.

He is currently managing operations on board the Pacific Osprey/Orca the largest wind farm installation vessel in the world. Andrew has a commitment to completing quality work taking in all aspects of Health and Safety alongside careful adherence to procedure. He is qualified as UK MCA Master Mariner Unlimited Certificate of Competency, Nautical Institute Offshore Dynamic Positioning certificate (unlimited), Registered Marine Technologist and member of IMarEST (RMarTech), Nautical Institute member (MNI), Careers at Sea Ambassador and Associate Fellow of the Royal Institute of Navigation (AFRIN), Nautilus International Council member.

Paul Drouin, AFNI



Paul spent twenty years as officer and Master with the Canadian Coast Guard, over a decade as a marine accident investigator with the Transportation Safety Board of Canada. Having attended IMO and published in several industry journals he is a contributing author for Lloyd's Maritime Academy Diploma program in "Marine Investigation" and the Certificate course on "Marine Safety Management".

In 2012, Paul returned to sea as Master on various ships including cable ships and ASD trailing suction dredgers. Paul is a member of the NI IMO Steering Committee and Associate Fellow of the Nautical Institute.

Henk Eijkenaar



Henk started in 1979 as a deck boy and worked his way up to the rank of Ship's Master, which he has now been for 20 years.

Since 2020, he has worked as a deep-sea pilot (for the North Sea area including English Channel and Dover Strait) and as a Ship's Master for Redwise in Huizen, Netherlands.

He is also a council member and delegate of Nautilus Internationals and Chair of the Dutch Oversea pilot association (Vereniging Overzeese loodsen, VOL)

Simon Harvey



With a lifelong relationship around yachts Simon naturally worked through the ranks aboard superyachts to Captain. Moving ashore after nine years he trained with the behavioural tool DISC and was certified to facilitate the psychological type instrument MBTI®. After completing four years of research, he found N2 People Skills. N2 is the only superyacht crew development company focused on interpersonal people skills development.

Simon served for seven years as a Court Appointed Special Advocate and has been serving on the International Superyacht Society Board since 2013. He has been a contributor to ALERT and other maritime publications.

Eric Holliday, AFNI



Originally a Marine Engineer by trade – Eric is the Chief Executive of the FISH Safety Foundation - www.fishsafety.org. He has 25 years' experience as a safety professional, assisting clients with training and consulting services across a broad spectrum of industry – ranging from Off-shore Diamond Mining and Nuclear Power to Rail and Commercial Fishing – in many parts of the world, including New Zealand, Australia, the United States and Canada, as well as in South Africa and Namibia.

He is recognised as a pragmatic Human Factors specialist, in particular, focusing on accident investigation, safety culture promotion, risk-taking behaviour, and the risk/human interface.

Aware of the urgent need for safety improvements within the Fishing Industry, Eric established the FISH Safety Foundation as an international non-profit organisation, dedicated to improving Health & Safety outcomes in Commercial Fishing – an industry recognised as the worlds' most hazardous.

Mustafa Kanafani



Located in London, Mustafa is a master mariner with 6 years on board ships and 12 years as a marine compliance and regulatory ship inspector. He was a former accredited representative to IMO For 10 years for a number of NGO and members states.

Captain Kumar Krishnamurthy



Captain Kumar Krishnamurthy has 17 years of sea-going experience including command, followed by 13 years as a Marine Surveyor cum Loss Assessor, 4 years as Container Terminal Superintendent and currently in his 15th year as Associate Professor in AMET University, Chennai - having been Dean and Chairperson in the School of Nautical Studies.

His sailing experience was mostly on Bulk Carriers, Multi- purpose Vessels including Heavy Lifts, Container carriers and General Cargo vessels. His experience as a Marine Surveyor involved P&I Club Surveys and investigations into Major Fires, collisions, groundings and Cargo Loss assessments. He is a former fellow of the Institute of Chartered Ship brokers and a CMMI member.

Captain Arie Nygh AM FNI FITA



Arie has 50 years' experience in the maritime industry of which 42 have been as a master, training master, marine manager or marine consultant. Most of this was in the towage sector where he has trained over 1500 tug-masters, and he has overseen the establishment of towage operations in 23 ports. He is patron of the International Tugmasters Association and in 2019 he was made a Member of the Order of Australia for services to maritime transport.

Giovanni Morabito



Giovanni is a Master Mariner, ISM lead auditor, a Designated Person Ashore (DPA) and certified maritime trainer with 20 years working experience in the maritime industry. He has command experience as the Master of RO-RO and container vessels and has also worked ashore as a Designated Person Ashore (DPA). He also assists maritime students prepare for their nautical examinations and is an Associate Fellow of the Nautical Institute.

Özgür Özdelice



Özgür lives in Istanbul. He graduated from maritime school in 2002 as a deck officer. Özgür has work experience with multinational crews on general cargo vessels, oil and chemical tankers. He came ashore and worked in the crewing department at a management company. After that he returned to sea and is still working on tankers. His plan is to create a tanker crew committee and discuss knowledge and experiences in every topic. Meanwhile, he is helping to prepare reports about accidents shares lessons learned with a wide audience of people and hopes to later prepare a book for tanker officers.

Arie Palmers



Arie started a career at sea in 1993 in the Royal Dutch Navy as a watch/ops officer. In 2001 he changed to working with juvenile delinquents on a training vessel (MV Koningin Juliana) for 8 years and in 2008 he started pilot training while working on tugboats and dynamic positioning (DP) vessels.

Arie is an active blogger who regularly publishes articles and short posts on social media and in international magazines and advises shipping companies when they have questions regarding pilot transfer arrangements.

Captain Clive Parton



Clive has been a seafarer for over 45 years during which he has held command of cargo ships, cruise ships, mega-yachts and large sailing vessels.

He is now the director of a professional seafarer training and certification academy in Phuket, Thailand.

Joanne Rawley



Joanne usually sails as Chief Officer in the Offshore Industry and recently worked as DPA / QHSE Officer for a fleet of 30 vessels.

Outside of her day-to-day work, Joanne is passionately involved in improving the Human Rights of seafarers, particularly addressing mental health and issues of discrimination and harassment.

To improve safety and dramatically raise standards within the industry, transparency of current practices desperately needs to be shared hence her enthusiasm for joining CHIRP.

Owain Rowlands



Owain has been in the yachting industry since the age of 19. Coming from a seafaring family, he spent many summer holidays on commercial ships watching how it all worked from the Caribbean to Mediterranean to the good old Irish sea.

He joined the RNLI at 16 back in his home village of Moelfre on Anglesey, this is where he got a good taste for the sea which led him stumbling into the yachting industry.

Owain has sailed on various yachts from 25 meters to 132 meters he is currently working on completing his Master 3000 GT.

James Sherwood



James started his seafaring career in 2011, first in the yachting industry and then progressing through the deck department to the rank of second officer and relief chief officer.

He has worked through his yachting tickets and achieved an HNC in Nautical Studies at Warsash Maritime College [United Kingdom], and has gained valuable insight into the commercial sector whilst working in the yachting sector. His goal is to make the yachting industry a safer environment for the seafarer and to promote a safety culture onboard.

Maximiliano Vaccarezza



Maximiliano Vaccarezza is an Argentinian Deck Officer who is currently serving as a Second Officer onboard a chemical/oil tanker and hoping to expand their career in DP PSV vessels.

Captain Gary Walsh



Gary spent over fifteen years at sea, ending his seagoing career as Captain on general cargo and dedicated container vessels. He has also sailed on the specialised tankers, anchor handling / supply tugs, bulk carriers, Ro/Ro vessels. He has worked for the South African Maritime Safety Authority for three years as a senior Flag and Port State surveyor and then nine years in Safemarine as DPA, CSO and other compliance or operational roles.

Gary now runs his own company, providing consultancy on safety management, audits, surveys and training.

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David Wolfaardt BMil, AFNI



David served at sea in the South African Navy for just over 12 years as a Combat Officer on a variety of ships including Submarines, Naval Auxiliaries and Mine Warfare vessels. After having Command, he specialised in training and took employment in the South African shipping industry in 1998. He is a qualified Ship Simulation Instructor and is experienced in the fields of maritime training administration & development, simulation training and adult education techniques.

David is currently employed as the Training Manager of the South African Maritime Training Academy in Simon's Town, South Africa.