

Members of the CHIRP Maritime Advisory Board

DAVID APPLETON

Professional and Technical Assistant, Nautilus International



David joined Nautilus International in 2013 having previously worked as third officer for Princess Cruises and Deck Cadet for Maersk Line.

He holds a BSc in Maritime Studies (Merchant Shipping) from the University of Plymouth and an OOW Unlimited ticket.

CAPTAIN DENNIS BARBER

Principal Consultant, Marico Marine



Consultancy in Marine related projects including Navigation risk including ships, harbours and offshore energy installations, Shipboard Operational Risk and Accident and Incident Investigations.

Providing Technical Advice to the Parliamentary Select Committee, Legal Practices including in court (Expert Witness) and IMO Technical Committees.

Regulatory Ship Inspections for Bahamas Maritime Authority. Investigations of Marine Accidents and Incidents for Bahamas Maritime Authority and Loss Assessment of Insurance.

ANDREW BELL

Marine Manager, Stephenson Harwood LLP



Andrew joined the international law firm Stephenson Harwood in 2016 as part of their Marine Insurance Casualty Response Team. He is involved in casualty investigations and providing technical advice across the marine and international trade practice. He previously spent six years with Zodiac Maritime, engaged with the Safety Management of their large fleet of tankers, container ships, car carriers and bulk carriers. He served 13 years as a deck officer with the Royal Fleet Auxiliary, on operations with most vessel types worldwide, before a period in fleet management at Navy Command HQ in Portsmouth. He started his career with 8 years as an officer in the Royal Navy, followed by a spell involving trials of new build warships and work on a small research vessel and a large motor yacht.

He holds a valid Master's Certificate of Competency and a Graduate Diploma in Law obtained part time from BPP University, London. He was elected a Fellow of the Nautical Institute (FNI) in 2013. Outside of work, he has served as volunteer lifeboat crew on the Thames at Teddington since 2002.

COR BLONK

Secretary of Labour Affairs, Dutch Ship owners Association for Pelagic Fisheries & the Pelagic Freezer Trawler Association



STUART CARRUTHERS

Cruising Manager, Royal Yachting Association



Stuart Carruthers joined the RYA in January 2005 as the Cruising Manager. He took up sailing at an early age and has been passionately fond of the sport ever since. He has sailed extensively in many parts of the world including most of the European and North Mediterranean coastline and as a boat owner has acquired a detailed knowledge of the many issues which are of concern to the recreational boating sector.

Stuart is a Chartered Marine Engineer and is registered as Eur Ing with FEANI. Apart from his technical responsibilities, he takes a keen interest in regulatory matters that affect the recreational sector and is a member of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) International Regulations Commission. He frequently represents ISAF at the International Maritime Organisation on a number of committees and sub committees. He is a member of the Recreational Craft Directive (RCD) Experts Group and a number of its related sub committees.

Above all, Stuart is committed to the ethos of the RYA which embraces the need for self-reliance, safety and proper training.

LT CDR DAVID CARTER MNM

Deputy Chair

Lieutenant Commander, Full Time Reserve Service, Royal Navy



Captain David Carter MN joined Shell Tankers (U.K.) Ltd as Deck Cadet in 1980, gained his Master's certificate in 1992, command in 1998 and continued with Shell as Master until 2012. During his last four years with Shell he was lead master of the Qatar Gas LNG fleet, having stood by, delivered and performed the first cargo on the first Q-Max LNG carrier MOZAH, the largest gas carrier ever built. He followed this with two 2014 commands with Dynagas in new build Ice class dual fuel diesel electric LNG carriers built for the Arctic Northern Sea Route transits.

He is a Bachelor of Laws, Younger Brother of Trinity House and MNI.

He has been a Royal Naval Reservist since 1997, latterly sailing in MOD chartered commercial shipping as an RN Liaison Officer until September 2014 and is now Lieutenant Commander on Full Time Reserve Service as the Royal Navy's Merchant Navy Liaison Officer.

ALAN CARTWRIGHT BSc MA CEng FIMarEST FIMechE

Director, Blabey Engineering Ltd



Alan Cartwright is Director of consultancy Blabey Engineering Limited. He served in the Royal Navy from 1975 until 1998 in a variety of sea appointments, including Senior Engineer HMY Britannia (1991-94), and shore postings including marine gas turbine R&D (1987-89) and warship refit superintendent (1996-98).

As Head of Marine Engineering to the Port of London Authority (1998-2013), Alan updated fleet operations and provided engineering advice to the PLA's executive and main boards. He also supported the UK ports' sector, the UK DfT and the MCA on a variety of legislative, technical and environmental issues.

Recently Commercial Manager at Warsash Maritime Academy (2014-2017), he developed specialist training packages and managed all tracts. At international conferences, Alan chairs discussion on a variety of maritime subjects, as well as advising industry bodies and UK Government departments on competencies, safety and standards for seafarers and ships.

Alan is a Chartered Engineer, a Fellow of the IMechE and the IMarEST, a Freeman of the City of London and a Liveryman of the Worshipful Company of Shipwrights.

CAPTAIN DON COCKRILL MBE

Marine Pilot, UKMPA



Specialties: Marine pilotage, Shipboard operations, Petro-chemical transportation, Professional representation, Simulation training, Training and professional development, Human factors in maritime operations, accidents and accident prevention.

JONATHAN EARTHY

Human Factors Coordinator, Lloyd's Register Foundation



22 years' experience as Principal Human Factors Specialist for Lloyd's Register coordinating Human Factors/Ergonomics/Human Element technical capability and marine product development.

UK delegate for ISO TC159 since 1985, editing Human Centred design process standards.

Previously a Consultant for BP.

CAPTAIN JOHAN GAHNSTROM

Senior Marine Manager, Intertanko



Johan Gahnström currently holds a position as senior marine manager for INTERTANKO. He holds an unrestricted Masters license up to date. Among others, background as master, VTS manager, marine pilot and harbour master.

ROBERT GREENWOOD

Safety and Training Officer, National Federation of Fishermen's Organisation (NFFO)



Appointed to help supply a safety culture within the fishing industry, Robert is responsible for liaising closely with the NFFOs partner organisations such as the Maritime and Coastguard Agency and the Department of Transport to ensure new safety legislation is practical for those working at sea.

Originally from a fishing family in Selsey, Robert joined the federation following 14 years as a sea safety instructor at industry authority, Seafish.

COMMODORE ANDREW JORDAN

Royal Navy, MOD, Whitehall



Andy Jordan joined the Royal Navy in 1992 as a full career seaman officer. In a varied sea-going career, he has served in 11 warships and the Royal Yacht. He has commanded 4 of those ships at sea: HMS BRECON, HMS RAMSEY, HMS IRON DUKE and HMS SUTHERLAND; conducting operations in home waters and around the world. Additionally, he has commanded the Royal Navy's largest shore training establishment, HMS Collingwood, in his role as Captain of the Maritime Warfare School, during which assignment he was appointed as ADC to Her Majesty the Queen. He is currently serving in the Ministry of Defence in Whitehall, where he is leading the development of a 10-year pan-Defence People Transformation portfolio, embracing both the military and civilian workforce.

He also commanded the Royal Navy Presentation Team, delivering the Service's strategic communication messages and has considerable financial and manpower planning experience in both the Navy Command Headquarters and the Ministry of Defence.

He is a graduate of the University of Exeter (Economics and Accountancy), holds a Master's degree from King's College London (Defence Studies) and is a member of the Royal College of Defence Studies, having attended the 2018 course.

He is a trustee of the Royal Navy Benevolent Trust, a member of the Maritime Advisory Board of the CHIRP Charitable Trust (The Maritime Confidential Hazardous Incident Reporting Programme) and is a Freeman of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners.

He is married to Catherine, a Fleet Air Arm Lynx helicopter observer, who has also commanded at sea. He has 5 daughters and a son.

CAPTAIN PETER LIGHTFOOT

Tees Bay Pilot, UK Maritime Pilots Association



COMMANDER GAVIN MARSHALL RN

Royal Navy



A Chartered Marine Engineer, Gavin is currently the Head of the Operating Safety Group with responsibility for the day to day safety management of the Royal Navy's surface ships. Having served in the RN for 17 years he has fulfilled a range of roles including Chief Engineer (MEO) at sea, operability engineer for the new aircraft carriers, post maintenance and capability assessment through delivery of marine engineering trials, performance assurance for a class of ships and engineering training delivery.

CLAIRE PEKCAN

Director, Safe Marine Ltd



Dr Claire Pekcan is a Director of Safe Marine Ltd, a consultancy specialising in maritime human factors. Claire has a PhD in safety at sea from the University of London and a master's degree in occupational psychology.

Formerly a Professor of Maritime Applied Psychology at Warsash Maritime Academy, she was a key member of the research team at Warsash for 20 years, and contributed to both HORIZON and MARTHA projects on seafarer fatigue. Claire sits on a number of shipping industry working groups, including the Human Element working Group (HEWG) of IMarEST, the Human Element Advisory Group (HEAG) of the UK MCA, and she is also a technical consultant to the Human Element sub-committee of Intertanko. She was an advisor to the UK delegation to the IMO sessions on the revision of the fatigue guidelines in 2016 and 2017.

CLIVE REES

Marine Surveyor, Charles Taylor & Co



A Master Mariner and Marine Surveyor with over 30 years sea-going experience in all ranks on Bulk Carriers, General Cargo and Tanker vessels, with over 18 years as Master on Cape and Gearbulk carriers and General Cargo vessels.

He has extensive ship-handling experience in a variety of different sized vessels and extensive experience in the loading, carriage and discharge of a wide range of Bulk and Break Bulk Cargoes.

IAN SHIELDS



Ian joined Shell Tankers (UK) Ltd in 1974, progressing through the ranks to Chief Officer and gaining experience in Oil Tankers, LNG, Chemical Tankers and Bulk Carriers en route. He spent a three-year period ashore as Operations Superintendent in the early 1990's, this being particularly focussed on the Company's VLCC fleet, thence returned to sea, and was promoted to Master in 1997.

Ian then spent a five-year period from 2004 Training and Auditing on all current HSSE Industry issues within the Shell Fleet before coming ashore in 2009. In 2010 he worked in Dubai alongside the Royal Navy, where he was the first Merchant Navy Liaison Officer to the UKMTO.

He held the role of Technical Security Advisor in OCIMF for two years from February 2011 and in June 2013 changed focus to the Nautical Advisor role within the OCIMF Secretariat. Ian has worked as an independent maritime consultant from January 2016 and was a Maritime Advisor for CHIRP Maritime from February 2016 until April 2021.

Ian was awarded the Merchant Navy Medal for Meritorious Service in October 2018

DR. SUZANNE STANNARD



Sue gained her medical degree from the University of Birmingham in 1995 and has a clinical background in Acute Medicine, Anaesthetics/ITU and Paediatrics.

She worked as a Ship's Doctor for P&O Princess and was later Medical Director at Carnival (UK) Cruise Lines with responsibility for the on board and shore side medical departments, all medical staff and the Public Health Department. Sue was also Medical Director (Assistance) at International SOS in London overseeing all medical assistance cases. These included evacuation and repatriation flights, monitoring of medical cases overseas and providing medical advice to leisure and business travellers, expats and companies.

Sue is currently a Consultant at the Norwegian Centre of Maritime and Diving Medicine in Bergen where her role includes the training of Doctors in assessment of the fitness of seafarers and offshore workers, international liaison with other maritime authorities within Northern Europe and research. She is also the Editor of the third edition of the Textbook of Maritime Health.

CAPTAIN STUART WALLACE

Area Lifesaving Manager – RNLI



Stuart Wallace went to sea as a Deck Cadet with the Royal Fleet Auxiliary in 1985. He subsequently sailed with the British Antarctic Survey (including an overwinter as Boats Officer at Rothera Research Station) and Stena Line. He gained his Master's certificate in 1994 and whilst at Stena Line sailed as Master in High Speed Craft. In 2004 Stuart came ashore into fleet and port management with Stena Line. In 2010 he moved to a role in consultancy predominately taking instructions from Underwriters and lawyers but also working with an oil major in marine logistics and port development. 2016 saw a move closer to home to work with the RNLI where he is now an Area Lifesaving Manager in North Wales.

He is a Bachelor of Laws, a Younger Brother of Trinity House, AFNI, served to the rank of Lieutenant Commander in the Royal Naval Reserve and is a Trustee of Caernarfon Harbour Trust.

STEVE WINDOW

Simwave



Steve joined Simwave in August 2017 after eight years at Warsash Maritime Academy, where he was head of bridge simulation. Having served for 21 years as an officer in the Royal Navy in a variety of roles, he still serves at sea as a reserve officer, where he assesses the Royal Marine Landing Craft Cadre in navigation.

With a wide portfolio of command and leadership experience, Steve served as the Queens Harbour Master (Portland), and spent a total of five years on the training and assessment staff of Flag Officer Sea Training. After a short diplomatic posting as a NATO consultant to the navies of the Baltic States, his last appointment in full-time service was as Head of Royal Navy diving training at the Defence Diving School.

In addition to being a qualified teacher and university lecturer, Steve completed his MSc in Leadership and Management in 2015 and is currently working towards his PhD in human error in the maritime domain with the Open University. He is a Member of the Honourable Company of Master Mariners, a Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy, a Chartered Fellow of the Chartered Management Institute and an Associate Fellow of the Royal Institute of Navigation. He is also a panel member of the Maritime Advisory Board of CHIRP, an international confidential hazardous incident reporting programme that shares knowledge globally to improve maritime safety.

JOHN WRIGHT

Managing Director, WrightWay



As a ship's master and marine superintendent, he has first-hand experience of dealing with the adverse consequences of fatal accidents. He understands the importance of having an inclusive, proactive and company-wide safety culture, which more than fulfils the needs of retrospective legislation. His passion for safety is equalled by his desire for inclusive working practices to form the backbone of an organisation's culture in the pursuit of business excellence.

Since founding WrightWay, his team has been delivering management and safety training courses as well as providing consultancy services worldwide for 15 years. Their clients are predominantly from the marine and oil industries, and include BC Ferries, the Carnival Cruise Corporation, V.Ships, BHP Billiton and Total Exploration & Drilling. The company has also worked for organisations in the pharmaceutical, aviation and construction sectors.