



de Haas
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marine experts

Profile

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A master mariner and marine engineer with command experience as a master on board chemical and oil tankers, followed by 15 years of experience as a marine surveyor and head of tankers at an international engineering and consultancy firm.

In addition to his tanker skills, James is also a certified yacht surveyor and has all round expertise in many other areas of marine casualty investigation.

Specialisations

tankers, oils and chemicals

(mega) yacht surveys

nautical & ship-technical matters for P&I and H&M.

Qualifications and education

- Nautical and Technical Studies, Nautical College Rotterdam
- Master All Ships Certificate of Competence
- Various Endorsements for the carriage of oil and chemical cargoes
- Marine Engineer (3rd) All Ships Certificate of Competence
- Certified Yacht Surveyor (YDSA)
- Expert witness and courtroom skills, Bond Solon, UK
- The Yacht and Small Craft Practical Surveying Course, UK.

Summary of survey and consultancy work

Tankers and Terminals – specialist knowledge of

- Contamination claims
- Vegetable oils
- Petrochemical products and blends
- Cargo pump failures & explosions
- Inert Gas (IG) issues
- Shipboard managements (ISM) audits condition surveys and vettings
- Fire and explosion
- Tank coating issues
- Tank terminal operations and casualties
- Tanker suitability surveys
- Bunker disputes
- Guidance on sampling, analyses and testing methods
- Guidance on tank cleaning
- Ship-to-Ship (cargo) operations
- Training and education.

(Mega) Yachts

- Grounding, supervising salvage operations
- Collision and mooring damage
- Structural failure
- Rigging
- Performance and guarantee issues
- Lightning damage.

Nautical & ship-technical matters

- Hull and machinery claims
- Technical investigations for P&I and liability discussions
- Navigational failure, routing and ship handling
- Fire and explosion.