

CURRICULUM VITAE

Personal Information

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Current occupation:

July 1999 to Present: Doing business as Sharpe Surveying & Consulting. SAMS Accredited Marine Surveyor. Conducting condition & value prepurchase and insurance surveys on yachts and small craft as an independent marine surveyor. Accident Investigator: Conducting damage surveys on vessels for insurance claims. Marine Industry Consultant: Consulting with the commercial vessel industry in the capacity of marine surveyor and liaison between the commercial marine industry and regulatory agencies such as the U.S. Coast Guard. Liaison and technical consultant for M.H. System's alternative to double hull tank vessel design concept using the AUPS hydrostatic balancing system. Surveyor for conversion of 133 ft. car ferry to pleasure vessel and office complex. Consulting with the owners of the sailing vessel CAT BALLOU, BAY WOLF, OSPREY, SON OF A SAILOR and LIL TAXI for initial Coast Guard Certification as small passenger vessels. Liaison for the builder of the Wylicat 65, DEREK M BAYLIS, obtaining initial Coast Guard certification as a small passenger vessel. Consulting as an expert with admiralty attorneys regarding civil and criminal actions related to the marine industry. Testified in multiple criminal and liability cases in deposition and at trial.

Military Service:

U.S. COAST GUARD Commissioned Officer; 23 May 1979 to 31 May 1999.
Lieutenant Commander, Retired.

1. Chief Casualty Investigations Department
Marine Safety Office San Francisco Bay
June 1996 to May 1999

Conducted investigations into the cause of marine accidents for the U.S. Coast Guard. Area of responsibility included the Northern California coast from the northern boarder south to Monterey. This area included the San Francisco Bay and its tributaries as well as Lake Tahoe. Conducted administrative hearings for action against merchant mariner credentials before an Administrative Law Judge. Completed administrative civil penalty reports for violations of federal law. This included preparing comprehensive evidence packages to prove the elements of each violation.

2. Assistant Chief Inspections Department
Marine Safety Office San Francisco Bay
July 1995 to June 1996

Conducted the inspection of commercial vessels under Title 46 U.S.C. Chapter 33 for the U.S. Coast Guard. This included both small passenger carrying vessels and deep draft freight and tank vessels. Point of contact for both the industry and field inspectors on technical questions regarding the Federal Regulations applicable to different types of commercial vessels. Carried out historical review of complex inspection cases, which had been problem areas, clearing up long standing inspection discrepancies.

3. Chief Inspections / Investigations Department
Marine Safety Office San Juan, Puerto Rico
July 1992 to July 1995

Conducted the inspection of U.S. and Foreign commercial vessels under Title 46 U.S.C. Chapter 33 and International Treaties for the U.S. Coast Guard. This included small passenger carrying vessels, large cruise ships, deep draft freight vessels and tank vessels. This port was the second largest Cruise ship port in the United States and carried out the largest number of foreign vessel exams in the Seventh Coast Guard District. Point of contact for both the industry and field inspectors on technical questions regarding the federal regulations applicable to different types of commercial vessels. Conducted investigations into the cause of marine accidents for the U.S. Coast Guard. Area of responsibility included Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Conducted administrative hearings for action against merchant mariner credentials before an Administrative Law Judge. Completed administrative civil penalty reports for violations of Federal Law. This included preparing a comprehensive evidence package to prove the elements of each violation. Conducted several major accident investigations including the major pollution incident in Puerto Rico from the barge MORRIS J. BERMAN. Made safety recommendations that were adopted into regulation.

4. Staff Member Compliance and Enforcement Division.
Coast Guard Headquarters Washington, D.C.
May 1988 to July 1992

Researched and responded to appeals of the regulations regarding small passenger vessels and other commercial vessel regulations and international treaties. Drafted legislative proposal to simplify the definitions of passenger and the three types of passenger carrying vessel in the U.S. Code. This was passed into law as the passenger vessel safety act of 1992. Assisted in the review and rewrite of the code of federal regulations for small passenger vessels. Drafted comprehensive guidelines to implement the 1987 revised drydock regulations. Assisted in the initial examination of new cruise ships prior to and during their first visit to a U.S. port.

5. Supervisor Marine Safety Detachment
Key West, Florida
June 1984 to May 1988

This was an independent field command. Conducted annual safety inspections and biennial drydock inspections for a fleet of 100 small passenger vessels. Conducted accident investigations into the cause of casualties for commercial vessels in the Florida Keys.

Represented the Coast Guard as prosecutor for administrative hearings regarding merchant mariner credentials. Brought to the industry an understanding of the rationale for the regulations for small passenger vessels. Instilled a cooperative atmosphere gaining compliance with the regulations.

6. Inspector / Investigator trainee
Port Arthur, Texas
July 1981 to June 1984

Training job where skills and knowledge of conducting inspections and investigations were learned and then put into practice. Participated in comprehensive training program learning all aspects of the U.S. Coast Guard marine inspection and investigation process. Participated in the inspection of barges, new construction of offshore oil rigs, small passenger vessels, offshore supply vessels, and engineering and deck inspections of deep draft U.S. vessels and foreign vessel examinations for compliance with U.S. Laws and International Treaties. Acted as the unit's Licensing Officer for merchant mariner credentials. Assigned as an Investigating Officer to investigate marine accidents and conduct administrative hearings for the Coast Guard. All required qualifications were obtained and practiced for a solid foundation for a career in marine safety.

7. Student Engineering Officer
USCGC TANEY
June 1979 to July 1981

Training and management engineering job aboard a steam powered long range Coast Guard Cutter. While learning the operation of a non-automated steam plant through hands on operation and maintenance of the systems, managed several shipboard departments responsible for carrying out the maintenance of the auxiliary machinery and electrical systems on board. As engineering department Training Officer ensured proper training was conducted enabling the crew to respond to any emergency. Prepared for and carried out refresher training exercises in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba receiving marks of excellent in all categories. Satisfactorily completed the student engineering program becoming a qualified Engineering Officer of the watch.

Education

Completion	Course Title	Brief Description
01-Jul-77	Damage Control school	Introduction to shipboard control of damage and flooding
15-Jul-77	Shipboard firefighting school	Basic techniques in shipboard firefighting
23-May-79	US Coast Guard Academy	Bachelor of Science; Major in Naval Architecture/Marine Engineering
14-Aug-79	Navigation Rules of the Road	Rules of the Road training for Deck Watch Officers
17-Dec-79	In Port Engineering Officer	Designation after completing training on in-port emergency procedures
08-Feb-80	Shipboard Engineering Part A	Practical training in the systems aboard a 327 foot steam powered ship
18-Apr-80	Damage Control Assistant Course	Principles of ship board fire fighting, flooding, stability & damage control
10-Jun-80	Engineering Officer of the Watch	Designation as Qualified Engineering Officer aboard the USCGC Taney
27-Jun-80	Shipboard Engineering Part B	Practical training course in all aspects of steam ship engineering
28-Nov-80	Deck Watch Officer	Designation as Qualified Deck watch Officer aboard the USCGC Taney
18-May-81	DWO Rules of the Road Test	Knowledge test in the Navigational Rules of the Road
24-Mar-82	Marine Safety Basic Indoctrination	12 Week course in regulatory procedures for vessel inspections
30-Apr-82	Commercial Diving Operations	Introductory overview of commercial diving operations

19-Aug-82	Offshore Survival Technology	Practical use of lifesaving appliances and water survival
12-May-83	Tank Fire Prevention & Control	Texas Safety Association Course in Tank Fire Prevention & Firefighting
27-May-83	Hazardous Chemicals Training	Regulatory requirements for shipment of hazardous materials
15-Oct-83	Designation as Investigating Officer	Letter of designation to carry out the duties of an investigating officer
27-Jan-84	Marine Safety Investigating Officer Course	Practices for conducting casualty investigations administrative hearings
11-Oct-85	Surveying Fiberglass vessels	Methods and practical application for survey of fiberglass vessels
26-Sep-86	Inspection of Wooden Boats	Methods and practical application for survey of wooden vessels
24-Oct-86	T-Boat Plan review Course	Review of ABS rules & Federal Regulations for small passenger vessels
15-May-92	Chief Inspections Department	Coast Guard policy and procedures for Inspections Department
04-Mar-97	DNV ISM Code	Covered purpose and implementation process for ISM Code
06-Mar-97	DNV Internal Auditor Course	ISM Safety and Quality Management Course
26-Oct-01	ABYC Certification Course	Marine Electrical Technician: Certified
15-Nov-01	SAMS annual conference	Three day educational symposium for marine surveyors
7-Apr-02	ABYC Standards	Accreditation course for ABYC standards: Accredited
24-Sep-02	NAMS annual conference	Two day educational symposium for marine surveyors
10-Apr-03	SAMS Pacific Region Conference	Two day educational symposium for marine surveyors
13-Sept-03	SAMS Educational Seminar	Presented talk on USCG NVICS and published policy
15-Oct-03	SAMS Annual Conference	Two and a half day educational symposium for surveyors
12-Jun-04	SAMS N Cal sub regional mtg.	Two hour educational meeting Insurance and USCG Auxiliary
27-Oct-04	SAMS Annual Conference	Two and a half day educational symposium for marine surveyors
7,8 Apr 05	SAMS Pacific Region Conference	Two day educational symposium for marine surveyors
26-28 Oct 05	SAMS Annual Conference	Two and a half day education symposium for marine surveyors
14-Jan-06	SAMS N Cal sub Regional Mtg.	Four hour educational meeting on Aluminum construction
11-Aug-07	SAMS N Cal sub Regional Mtg.	Four hour educational meeting on wood boat restoration
24-27 Oct 07	SAMS Annual Conference	Three day educational symposium for marine surveyors
10,11 Apr 08	SAMS Pacific Region Conference	Two day educational symposium for marine surveyors
24-28 Sept08	SAMS Annual Conference	Two and a half day educational symposium for surveyors
16-19 Sep 09	SAMS Annual Conference	Two and a half day educational symposium for surveyors
Apr 2010	SAMS Pacific Region Conference	Three day educational symposium for marine surveyors
Oct 2011	SAMS Annual Conference	Two and a half day educational symposium for surveyors
Oct 2012	SAMS Annual Conference	Two and a half day educational symposium for surveyors
Feb 2013	SAMS Pacific Region Conference	Two day educational symposium for marine surveyors
Oct 2013	SAMS Annual Conference	Two and a half day educational symposium for surveyors
Oct 2014	SAMS Annual Conference	Two and a half day educational symposium for surveyors
Oct 2015	SAMS Annual Conference	Two and a half day educational symposium for surveyors

Military Awards

Award date	Award	Accomplishment
24-Jun-92	Commendation Medal	Developing legislation for Passenger Vessel Safety Act 93
17-May-95	Commendation Medal	Reforming dept. eliminating backlogs standardizing processes
19-May-99	Commendation Medal	Promotion of Safety Initiatives effecting national CG policy
23-Nov-83	Achievement Medal w/o device	Coordinating & implementing major military exercise
18-Jul-84	Comdt Ltr of Commendation w/o device	On Scene Firefighting Assistance Tank Ship Mara Hope
10-Jan-95	Comdt Ltr of Commendation	Investigation of Morris J. Berman major oil spill
15-Jun-92	DOT outstanding Unit award	Issued to Members of MSO San Juan PR
07-Oct-94	Unit Commendation w/o device	Response to major oil spill from the barge Morris J. Berman

30-Nov-94	Meritorious Team Commendation	Bring substandard freight vsls into compliance safety standards
09-May-95	Meritorious Team Commendation	Multi agency effort to prosecute illegal toxic waste dumping
15-Sep-76	Meritorious Unit Commendation w/o	American Bicentennial Cruise on board USCGC Eagle
25-Oct-95	Meritorious Unit Commendation w/o	Major oil spill in PR & Grounding of T/S Mantinia & 2 ship fires
17-Apr-97	Meritorious Unit Commendation w/o	MSO San Francisco operations
01-Jun-79	Refresher Training E ribbon	USCGC TANEY refresher training receiving all Es
02-Jan-90	Bicentennial award	Service in Coast Guard during the 200th anniversary
	National Defense Ribbon	Service in the Coast Guard during the Gulf War
16-Dec-80	Humanitarian Service Medal	Cuban Refugee Relief Operations aboard the USCGC Taney
01-Jan-94	Humanitarian Service Medal	CG operations in 7th district saving refugees in Caribbean
07-Oct-94	Special operations service ribbon	Response to major oil spill from the barge Morris J. Berman
01-Jul-81	Sea Service Ribbon	Service aboard the USCGC TANEY
07-Sep-01	Marine Safety & Environmental Protection Professional	Demonstrated proficiency in multiple inspection & Investigation disciplines while serving in the Coast Guard.

Special skills

Sailing / Boat Handling experience:

Spent summers on the Long Island Sound as a child. Learned to sail at the age of 4 with father on sailing dinghies. Operated the family row boat as a child and then the family 19 foot motor boat as a teenager. Completed the Coast Guard Auxiliary boating safety course about 1970. While at the Coast Guard Academy crewed as a cadet on the Coast Guard tall ship Eagle during the 10 week summer cruise Operation Sail 1976. This cruise included training in all areas of Marlin Spike seamanship. Avid recreational sailor with experience on several types of sailboats from sunfish to offshore yachts. Avid boater currently own and operate a 2003 Cobalt 22 foot motor boat.

Other Information

Memberships in Organizations:

- SAMS (Society of Accredited Marine Surveyors) Accredited Marine Surveyor
- ABYC (American Boat & Yacht Council)
- NFPA (National Fire Protection Association)
- SNAME (Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers,
- IAMI (International Association of Marine Investigators)
- Boat U.S. (National organization lobbying for safe boating)
- U.S. Sailing (National organization promoting organized sailing)
- USCG Alumni Association