

# Captain Craig R. Thomas

**CURRICULUM VITAE** 

#### PROFESSIONAL LICENSES, CREDENTIALS & MEMBERSHIPS

Master Mariner License - Unlimited

Member of the Nautical Institute (MNI)

Member of the Council of American Master Mariners (CAMM)

U.S., Liberian and Marshall Islands Unlimited Master's License (expired)

Negotiation and Arbitration, University of Michigan

Exceptional Manager, Total Quality Management and Effective Communications

Employee, Health and Safety (EHMS)

Spill Response/Management including Incident Command

Quality Systems and Auditor training (ISO/ISM Codes)

OCIMF SIRE Course (Melbourne, Australia, June, 1999)

Bridge Team Management (Warsash, U.K. 1995)

Manned Model Ship Handling (Warsash, U.K. 1995)

IMO Model Course 6.09, Training for Instructors (MITAGS, 2002)

ILO Maritime Convention 2006 (MLC 2006, Lloyd's Register & Liberia Flag)

ISM and ISPS Lead Auditors Course (2012 - Liberia Flag)

#### PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

#### Agile Marine - Gibralter and Sausalito, CA

President

Provided surveying services to vessels under the auspices of Gibraltar Port Authority (GPA). At the GPA, became involved in, and familiar with, port operations. Devised and established the GPA's Ship-to-Ship transfer program, including a vessel inspection program. In 2011, relocated to Sausalito CA. Now provides Flag State Inspection services on behalf of the Malta, Marshall Island, Liberia, and Cayman Island. Currently serves as a Pollution Safety Advisor for Valero Oil Company.

# Starboard Ten, Inc. Maritime Expert Witness Services

2012 - Present

2009 - Present

Associate & Expert Witness

Provides forensic litigation and expert witness services pertaining to Nautical Rules of the Road, Navigation & Piloting, Seamanship, USCG / STCW Training, Marine Surveying, Tug & Barge Operations and Handling, Slip & Falls, Boat & Shipboard Safety and Security, Bunkering Disputes, Regulatory Compliance, Pollution Incidents, and more.

#### Bunkers Gibraltar Ltd. - Gibraltar

2007 - 2009

General Manager

Managed all administration, financing, bulk bunker purchases, bunker sales, technical, operational and commercial, chartering, government relations and insurance/claims. Operated a 75,000 ton "Mother ship" that supplied two small (3,500 and 7,000 ton) delivery ships. Implemented procedures to improve the organization's effectiveness. Developed a partnership with Bominflot and Sempra, who eventually purchased BGL, to reduce the risk of fluctuating oil prices whilst providing a steady, reliable revenue stream.

#### Seabulk Offshore - Switzerland

2004 - 2005

Vice President of Operations

Managed the safe and cost effective operation of Seabulk's fleet of 42 vessels in West Africa. Managed Crewing, Claims, Purchasing and Safety Departments and Nigerian, Cameroonian, Equatorial Guinean and Angolan offices. Ensured compliance with all Regulatory, Port State, Legislative and Company requirements.

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#### PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT (CONTINUED)

#### Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies (MITAGS) - Maryland

2002 - 2004

Business Development Manager & Program Manager / Instructor

and 2005 - 2007

Coordinated partnerships and marketed new Dynamic Positioning program for the Offshore Industry and simulation modeling programs for all business segments (LNG, Offshore, Tankers, port development, etc). U.S. Coast Guard approved to instruct Chief Mate/Master Ship Management, Terrestrial/Celestial/Electronic Navigation, Emergency Procedures, Cargo Handling and Stowage, Stability, and Tanker Management courses.

#### Sea River Maritime, Inc. - California

**2000 - 200**1

Ship Group Coordinator & Superintendent

Managed all operations, including crewing, policies, procedures and budget, for four tankers operating in the regulatory-demanding Alaskan North Slope trade. Ensured that shipboard personnel operated in accordance with legislative, regulatory and company requirements and remained in full service for all planned commercial activities. Facilitated implementation of "best practices" between Exxon and Mobil Marine organizations after the 1999 merger. Served as Designated Person Ashore (DPA) and Qualified Individual (QI).

# Mobil Oil Corporation Australia – Melbourne, Australia

1998 - 2000

Marine Manager

Managed Mobil's Operational, Chartering and Technical Marine system in southern Pacific region, including Australia, New Zealand and Pacific Islands. Provided logistical support to MOA's Refining and Supply division to ensure safe and efficient delivery of crude/clean petroleum products. Served as Incident Commander on Pacific Rim response team and Board member of Silver Fern Shipping in New Zealand and Australian Marine Oil Spill Centre (AMOSC).

### Mobil Oil Corporation International Fleet - London, UK

1995 - 1998

Marine Superintendent and Manager, Safety & Quality

Managed four tankers ranging in size from 40,000 DWT to 300,000 DWT. Served as Incident Commander for MSCL and Mobil's Europe, Africa and Middle East (EAME) incident response teams and DPA. Ensured that all vessels (36) were operated in compliance with numerous Regulatory (U.S., U.K, Marshall Islands, Liberian), Legislative, Port State, Class and Company requirements.

# Mobil Oil Corporation US Fleet - Fairfax, VA

1987 - 1995

Port Captain & Marine Superintendent

Managed operations of Mobil's U.S. domestic Marine Transportation fleet including four tankers, seven coastwise tug/barge units, two bunker supply vessels and two Mississippi River towboats. Ensured compliance with U.S. and numerous State/Local regulations. Developed and implemented Barge Inspection Vetting Program (BINS). Implemented Tampa Bay Vessel Information and Positioning System (VIPS) through efforts with Tampa Bay Community. Received patent for invention of oil spill prevention device. Served as Qualified Individual (QI) and Incident Commander on Mobil's American incident response team. Conducted numerous terminal and vessel inspections for Mobil's Supply Division and provided Marine expertise to all levels within the Corporation.

#### Hess Oil - St. Croix, US Virgin Islands

1984 - 1986

Port Captain

Managed all vessel operations at one of the largest refineries in the Western Hemisphere.

Dispatched tugs and pilots, expedited vessel cargo operations, inspected vessels and served as coordinator between ship and shore teams. Gained experience in the tanker, oil terminal and refinery operations.

#### Various US Flag Shipping Companies - Worldwide

1977 - 1984

3<sup>rd</sup> Mate - Master

and 1986 - 1987

Performed all duties associated with these seagoing positions.

#### MARITIME EDUCATION

State University of New York Maritime College at Ft. Schuyler

1973 - 1977

B.S. in Meteorology & Oceanography

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