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PROFILE

Areas of expertise within Sterling Global Marine Limited include the management strategy and implementation of full *new build survey* processes and *pre-delivery inspections* of vessels at the UK's and Europe's leading manufacturers. This has led to the development of in depth quality assessment procedure for production vessels and their acceptance which in itself has created a vast industrial sector within the UK and further afield for *quality assurance programmes* for new build vessels working closely with several classification societies including RINA, DNV and BV. The application of pleasure and commercial vessels in practice extended to marine finance valuations on behalf of major finance houses which required the development of a full survey system to suit the requirements of major commercial clients such as RBS, IOMB, RCB and Lombard.

This is in addition to *cargo surveying*, with specific regard to *marine cargo damage surveys*, *loading and discharge surveys* handling particularly yacht shipping and transportation ensuring cargoes are stowed within the regulations laid down by the IMO Guidelines for *Cargo Stowage and Securing* and the *Container (CTU) Packing Guidelines* and reporting on behalf of major insurance companies, owners and shipping agents. Over the past ten years this has involved specialist projects with cradling design, lifting and stowage proposals across the world with a number of shipping lines (including CMA CGM, Hyundai, Spliethoff, Hapag Lloyd, Maersk and Wallenius Wilhelmsen) on behalf of the lines themselves, shipping agents (including Deugro, Schenker, Geodis Wilson, Peters and May and Sevenstar Yacht Transport) producing some very exclusive reports leading to successful results.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Current Position: **Partner and Marine Surveyor** (February 2015 - Present)
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- Previous Position: **Managing Director and Surveyor** (November 2009 – February 2015)
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Hampshire, SO45 6DY, UK
- Previous Position: **Surveyor** (October 2003 – November 2009)
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EDUCATION

- 2005: **University of Wales, Cardiff**
Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate
- 2005/2006: **University of Portsmouth**
Diploma in Marine Industry Surveying
- 1999 – 2003: **University of Wales, Cardiff**
BSc (Hons) Marine Geography
- 1992 – 1999: **The Arnewood School & Sixth Form, New Milton, Hants**
4 A levels, 9 GCSEs

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PROJECT HISTORY

- Co-ordinator of cargo operations providing survey options within the company and achieving the successful survey of over 300 yacht shipments per year amongst other cargo appointments. Previously the exclusive surveyors to appointed shipping agents and insurers handling the planning and execution stages of a large proportion of the transportation process.
- Co-ordinator of New Build Pre-Delivery Inspections and Quality Audits for a number of international yacht brokers and builders, based throughout the globe. The vessels inspected are largely RCD or MCA compliant, depending on their size and intended destination.
- Worked alongside several yacht manufacturers to develop the quality assurance procedures to include technical, cosmetic and finishing parts subject to scrutiny during the acceptance process which includes attributes towards shipping and transportation methods and possibilities.
- Specific cargo logistic projects to include specialist lifting gear and cradling arrangements for unique vessels leading to transportation possibilities and trouble shooting for both shipping agents, lines and private clients alike.
- Experienced in Insurance / Pre-purchase Surveys on a broad range of vessels. RCD harmonised standards used as a basis recommendations with regard to machinery, electrical, ventilation, gas, lifesaving and fire systems.
- Personally developed a full vessel valuation system working with finance houses to assist in the financial appraisals of both pleasure and commercial vessels. The programme has proven use across the globe on vessels ranging from 15m – 82m allowing the completion of an average over 100 valuations per year.
- Assistant *docking superintendent* at Marchwood Slipways Limited prior to site closure, involved in the positioning of vessels of up to 1000 tonnes for the slipping process and the running and maintenance of docking utility vessels.

EXPERT WITNESS EXPERIENCE

- 2014 – Present; approved surveyor for expert yacht valuations to assist the court in asset recovery situations.
- 2013 - 2014 Appointed by Messrs Plexus Law on behalf of the defendant Red7Marine as part of a part 20 civil claim into a vessel transport accident / injury claim. Case settled.
- 2012 - Sunseeker 40 Metre arbitration case on behalf of Clearly Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP requiring witness evidence at the IRDC London regarding dispute on vessel quality and ownership. Case settled.
- 2010 – Expert opinion provided on behalf of MGM Boats for Messrs Blake Laphorn following a new build vessel engine fire in Southampton. Outcome unknown, survey fee settlement abandoned.
- 2010 – Joint expert opinion provided for Thompsons Solicitors and Payne Adjusting Limited following an accident on board a heavy lift vessel whilst working operations in Southampton, England. Case understood to have been dismissed.
- 2008 – Assistant to the appointed Expert for testimony on behalf of the Serious Organised Crime Agency to prove a case involving the smuggling of 14 tons of cannabis on board the MT Abbira. Prosecution successful.
- 2008 - 2009 – Sea Strike Boats – Assistant for a Joint Expert instruction on behalf of CM HT Solicitors and Clifton Ingram. Out of court settlement achieved.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Professional Associations: International Institute of Marine Surveying – Full Member & Tonnage Surveyor.
Academy of Experts – Practising Associate.
Institute of Diagnostic Engineers – Member.
ICHCA (International Cargo Handling Coordination Association) – Member.
International Association of Marine Consultants and Surveyors – Associate Member.

Recent training: Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate
Diploma in Marine Industry Surveying
Dangerous goods awareness training
Confined spaces awareness training
Working at heights training

Certifications: RYA International Certificate of Competence, power and sail up to 24m, RYA Powerboat Instructor, VHF short range certificate.

- 1998 Completed RYA qualifications in power boating and personal watercraft.
- 1999 Gained International Certificate of Competence for the operation of pleasure craft up to 24m.
- 1999 Qualified as an RYA Powerboat Instructor for the training and handling of inshore vessels up to 24m.
- 2001 Graduated from University of Wales with Degree Honours in Marine Geography specialising in maritime industrial development and oceanography.
- 2001 Completed honorary service with Royal Navy as Midshipman training as deck officer, navigator and surveyor recorder onboard inshore patrol vessels and ocean survey vessels.
- 2003 Passed Admiralty Interview Board for Officer entry to Royal Navy.
- 2003 Associate of the International Institute of Marine Surveying.
- 2004 Partner, Geoff Waddington & Partners Limited.
- 2005 Attended IIMS training on rigging and fault finding.
- 2005 Complete IIMS Engineering Installations Assessment training.
- 2006 Appointed as Operations Director, Geoff Waddington & Partners Limited.
- 2006 Completed IIMS Diploma in Marine Industry Surveying specialising in ship structures, incident investigation and marine engineering in association with the University of Portsmouth.
- 2006 Trained in assessment of composite materials and structures.
- 2006 Completed Expert Evidence training with the IIMS.
- 2007 Full Member of the International Institute of Marine Surveying.
- 2009 Complete DG Awareness training.
- 2009 Achieved accreditation for working at heights.
- 2009 Achieved competency in recreational craft assessment as an approved consultant on behalf of notified body HPI Verification to conduct RCD Post Construction Assessments.
- 2009 Appointed as Managing Director of Geoff Waddington & Partners Limited.
- 2010 Completed editorial works on the IIMS Marine Industry Surveying Diploma.
- 2010 Finalised Bond Solon Expert Witness Certificate.
- 2011 Completed further DG Awareness training.
- 2011 - 2013 Assistant to the Chairman of the Education Committee of the IIMS helping to develop the HND in Marine Surveying with the University of Portsmouth to include the completion of authorship works of the modules 'Container Surveying' and 'Effective Report Writing'.
- 2011 Specialist projects with newly formed yacht shipping agent to include cost effective cradling designs and return shipment projects with Complete Marine Freight Limited.
- 2012 Specialist projects with various finance houses to implement 'in-life' vessel appraisal systems and inspection programmes. Developed key procedures and working structures for this requirement.
- 2012 Completed proficiency course safe use of ladders course.
- 2012 Managed the heavy project lifts on behalf of OOCL and CMA CGM shipping lines and ABP Southampton as part of special projects team to successful completion on several occasions prior to decommissioning of heavy lift crane.
- 2012 Developed full commercial valuation assessment programme for commercial vessels as part of RBS / Lombard service agreements.
- 2013 Completed proficiency course on lashing and cargo equipment.

- 2013 Personally handled the procurement of sister cargo survey company Shipping Research and Development to acquire vested cargo survey interests within the Port of Southampton on behalf of Geoff Waddington and Partners Limited.
- 2013 Completed proficiency course on entry into confined spaces.
- 2013 Appointed NASHA approved consultant for Panama Flag Authority.
- 2013 Completed further DG Awareness training.
- 2013 Personally developed a full valuation system for finance houses for the review of pleasure and commercial vessels of a variety of sizes completing in late 2013 an 82m project yacht with positive success.
- 2013 Completed short range VHF RYA/MCA training.
- 2014 Appointed as approved consultant for INMARBE (Belize) registry.
- 2014 Accepted for membership to ICHCA (International Cargo Handling Coordination Association).
- 2014 Completed further DG Awareness training.
- 2015 Resigned from position as Managing Director of Geoff Waddington and Partners Limited to follow ambition of own company establishment.
- 2015 Awarded full UK vessel valuation programme for commercial vessels on behalf of major finance house considering work boats, wind farm service vessels, passenger ferries, barges and larger yachts.
- 2015 Appointed as a Practicing Associate of the Academy of Experts.
- 2016 Appointed as editor of IIMS Diploma course in 'Draft Surveying'.
- 2016 Awarded 'Rising Star Award' by IIMS and nominated for 'Small craft project of the year award' by its members.
- 2016 Appointed as a member to the Institute of Diagnostic Engineers.
- 2016 Personally managed the implementation of the achievement of BS EN ISO 9001:2008 certification for the 'Provision of marine consultancy and inspection' services.
- 2016 Invited to become an associate member of the International Association of Marine Consultants and Surveyors.
- 2016 Completed Bond Salon Expert Witness / Academy of Experts refresher training.
- 2017 Completed crane signaling and slinger refresher training.
- 2003 – PRESENT Continued Professional Development through the IIMS.