

# Hittesh Gupta

## CAREER OVERVIEW

Diverse experience of the shipping Industry, having starting the journey at sea in 1998 to working up the chain of command in major shipping companies to last 1.5 years at sea offshore Brazil on an FPSO.

A move ashore in November 2012 resulted in exposure to the various facets of marine issues resulting in on board attendance for technical/operational investigations, consultancy work, pre vetting surveys, monitoring salvage operation, Navigational and ISM audits and support during court & arbitration proceedings.

Worked extensively for underwriters and leading P&I Clubs undertaking Entry and Follow up Risk Review of the vessels across the spectrum and provided an assessment of their Cargo/ Sea worthiness - Oil, Chemical, Gas tankers, Containers, General cargo, AHTV, FPSO, Jack up rigs and Supply vessels.

Apart from having deep understanding of the oil tankers having served on product/crude oil tankers and offshore on a FPSO, he is as Subject Matter Expert in to container casualties taking an active role in emergency response, investigation and distressed cargo management and assisting in General Average:

- Stow collapse matters – APL Hong Kong, MSC Zoe
- Container fire matters – San Felipe, Caroline Maersk, MSC Daniela, APL Vancouver
- Grounding, collision etc. – Hanjin Italy, Hanjin Aqua, TS Taipei, Kea Trader, Safmarine Meru

## POSITION

Head of Casualty Investigation, Asia Principal Surveyor

## YEARS OF EXPERIENCE

24

## ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

**Master's certificate (Class 1)**

**Diploma in Nautical Sciences**

**All mandatory STCW/Offshore courses**

**ISM Internal Auditor course**

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2021 to date **Head of Casualty Investigation, Asia Principal Surveyor, BMT**

Resident expert in management of distressed cargoes from the container ship casualties arising out of container fires, stow collapse, groundings or collisions.

Providing advice on a wide range of marine issues, on board attendance, technical and operational investigation, consultancy, audits, and surveys.

2013 to 2021 **Master Mariner, TMC (Marine Consultants) Ltd**

Resident expert in management of distressed cargoes from the container ship casualties having being involved with casualties such as Hanjin Italy, San Felipe, Caroline Maersk, Hanjin Aqua, Safmarine Meru, TS Taipei, MSC Daniela & Kea Trader.

Providing advice on a wide range of marine issues, on board attendance, technical investigation, consultancy, audits, surveys and support during court & arbitration proceedings.

- Carried out cargo claim investigation and desktop reviews.
- Carried out monitoring of Salvage operations,
- Carried out Pre Vetting, Condition Surveys

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY, CONTINUED...

- Carried out ISM and Navigational audits for various reputed Owners
- Carried out Collision damage and repair surveys
- Carried out Investigation and Collision causation
- Carried out bottom contact damage analysis

### 2012 to 2021 **Marine Consultant, JCP Marine**

JCP Marine carries out Condition surveys of various types of vessels on behalf of various P & I clubs, Hull and Machinery survey, Pre Purchase/Off Hire /On Hire surveys & Pre-vetting Inspections.

- Carried out Entry and Follow up Conditional Surveys of vessels across the spectrum on behalf of various leading P&I Clubs and provided an assessment of their Cargo/Sea worthiness - Oil, Chemical, Gas tankers, Containers, General cargo, AHTV, FPSO, Jack up rigs and Supply vessels.
- Carried out damage and H&M surveys, Pre Vetting Inspections, third party Navigational Audits on behalf of renowned owners/managers.
- Worked as a part of team involved in preparation and presentation of cases by Expert Witness in Marine Arbitration.

### 2011 to 2012 **Marine Supt., Modec**

MODEC is a general contractor specializing in the engineering, construction and installation of floating production system leader in providing operations for floating production systems. Joined FPSO project of MODEC at offshore Brazil undertaking following operations:

- Mooring stern to bow & bow to bow.
- Off-take operations and fiscal metering.
- Maintenance of cargo and Mooring equipment.
- Maintain valid Flag and Class certification
- Supervise special survey inspections and UWILD.
- Mobilise ROV inspection of mooring chains and riser
- Incident investigation and safety audits
- Emergency response team leader

### 2003 to 2011 **Mariner, Shell Trading and Operations**

Joined SHELL as a junior officer and continued with them for 8 years up to the rank of Chief Officer, with experience on Product, Chemical (Type 3) and Crude Oil tankers (VLCC's)

### 1998 to 2003 **Mariner, V Ships**

Started the career in 1998 with V ships, gaining experience on range of vessels – Tankers, Container & Bulk Carrier