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Joined Royal Navy as an Engineering Mechanic (Stoker) in 1970,

In 1971 served on HMS Grenville, F117, Type 15 ex U Class 1942 steam turbine Destroyer,

1971-72 HMS Scarborough, F63, 1957, Type 12 steam Turbine Frigate,

1972 - 73 HMS Hermes, R12 built 1945: Aircraft/Commando Carrier.

1974 - 1977, HMS Exmouth F84 1954 Type 14 Gas Turbine Frigate:

1977 – 1978, Fleet Maintenance Unit

1978 – 1980, Royal Naval Engineering College (Marine Engineering Artificer MEA M/L)

1980 – 1982, HMS Glasgow D88 1979 Type 42 Gas Turbine Destroyer (Mentioned in Dispatches Falklands War).

1983 – Royal Naval Engineering College (CPO MEA M/L Adhull / Shipwright)

1983 – 1985, Royal Marines Attachment

1985 HMS Diligence Forward Repair Ship (Falkland Islands)

1985-1987 Royal Marines Attachment

1987 – 1990 HMS Intrepid L11 1964 LPD Steam Turbine Amphibious Assault Ship.

1990 – 1994 Royal Marines Attachment

1994 – 1999 Ship Repair Manager (Husbands Shipyard)

1999 – Present day, Marine Surveyor

I worked as a mechanical engineer with the Royal Navy prior to 1983 and then as a mechanical and structural engineer attached to the Royal Marines gaining experience in small craft, including yachts and pleasure craft in all materials, powered by both inboard and outboard engines. On retiring from the service I was employed in 1994 as the Ship Repair Manager at Husbands Shipyard at Marchwood, Southampton, Hampshire, where I managed the refit and repair of a wide variety of ships and almost all MOD and US Army contracts in the Southampton area. Duties included surveying, estimating, docking superintendence, and project management on a range of craft varying from small yachts to aircraft carriers. Since becoming a marine surveyor my areas of expertise include pre-purchase, insurance, damage, valuation surveys and sea trials on previously owned small pleasure and commercial craft. Pre-delivery inspection and quality audits of new build vessels at the UK's leading manufacturers. I am a member of the IIMS Certifying Authority licensed by the MCA to conduct commercial compliance surveys and certification of vessels under the SCV code of practice. I am on the board of directors for the International Institute of Marine Surveying. I am a technical author for the IIMS writing modules for the Institute diploma in marine surveying. I have also managed the working procedures for RCD Post Construction Assessment and Consultancy and developed a comprehensive knowledge of the RCD and relevant standards through this process with regard to machinery, electrical, ventilation, gas, lifesaving and fire systems and my association with professional bodies such as the IIMS and I.Mar.EST has allowed me to continue my professional development.