

Career history for Nicholas C.E.Spencer

1962 - Warsash pre-sea course.

(STA race Dartmouth/Ushant/Dieppe - race crew)

1963 - Joined Furness,Withy & Co. Ltd. as a Deck Apprentice.

Attended MAR Course 18 months later, also at Warsash.

1966 - Second Mates and Mates Certificate both at Warsash.

1972 - Master FG plus Diploma in Ship Management at London Polytechnic

Furness Withy voyages covered North Atlantic to Newfoundland and Nova Scotia Provinces, Boston USA / Northwest coast of USA / Mediterranean eastern ports / Romania / Central America / New Zealand / Gulf / Iran / Baltic / Norway

1973 - North Sea Ferries (Hull/Rotterdam) result of various pressures i.e. liner companies folding almost daily.

1974 - Chief Officer of Norland - stood-by Bremerhaven Building Yard

1977 - Master (Hull/Zeebrugge) & (Ipswich /Europoort)

1980 - Transferred as Chief Officer to P&O European Transport rather than face redundancy in NSF.

1885 - 6 month secondment with PEC to pilot and train Masters on a German charter vessel
Ipswich/Europoort

1987 - Master Irish Sea trades for P&O European Transport (POETS)

1996 - Seconded to Head Office. Appointed Lead on preparing and obtain MCA accreditation for ISM Code re POETS vessels. Various appointments as Acting Fleet Manager / H&S Manager / Nautical Advisor. (Charter ships). Lead Auditor.

P&O representative in Klaipeda, Lithuania for ship purchase.

2000 - Shimonoseki, Japan stood-by new build delivered vessel to UK

1998 - P&O Irish Sea Project Team for evaluating, risk assessing and preparing Port of Mostyn as suitable for Ro-Ro service - on stream 2000 / 2003

2004 - Surplus to P&O requirements and made redundant. Invited to deliver last command to Stena Line, Gothenburg

2004/2011 - Choice Pilot for Airbus A380 wings vessels - Port of Mostyn

2005 - Expert Witness for Mostyn Docks v. Dee Conservancy

2005/ 2010 - Appointed Associate to BMT Sea Tech Southampton with reference to ship simulations. Various contracts including Lois Dreyfus and British Passenger Shipping.

1973 to 2000 accumulated 12 PEC's

2020 - Awarded MNM for Meritorious Service to the Merchant Navy

Non-seafaring activities:

1982/1998 - Director York Polythene Ltd.

2000/2015 Chairman Barmby Moor Parish Council

2005 - member Maritime Volunteer Service. Elected Chief Volunteer Officer and Council Trustee in 2018 before standing down in November 2022.