

GORDON LOWE MNI MASTER MARINER

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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2026 to present Solis Marine, London
Master Mariner

Gordon provides expert mariner advice and reports on marine casualties and disputes, including collisions, groundings, navigation and vessel manoeuvring, cargo operations, stowage and lashing, mooring, cargo damage, loss and shift, safety management systems and bridge resource management, and charter party performance disputes.

He draws on over twenty years of seagoing, command and fleet management experience across container vessels, bulk carriers and pure car and truck carriers (PCTC). Has expertise in navigation, cargo operations, stowage and lashing, mooring, safety management systems, and emergency response to major casualties. This includes groundings, fires, collisions, cargo damage and cargo shift. Gordon served as a Fleet Manager and Designated Person Ashore (DPA) and 24/7 emergency response contact for a large dry cargo fleet.

2024 to 2026 Zodiac Maritime Ltd, London
General Fleet Manager (Container Operations)

Gordon was responsible for the day-to-day operational management of 50 container vessels from 1,700 TEU to 15,000 TEU. He was accountable to the Director of Operations for day-to-day operational requirements, ensuring the fleet complied with charter party requirements. He also provided instruction and advice

on navigation, ECDIS passage planning, cargo operations, stowage, and mooring to support optimal fleet performance.

He has reviewed and approved charter parties, bunker consumption and invoicing.

2022 to 2026

Zodiac Maritime Ltd, London

Designated Person Ashore (DPA)

Gordon served as the DPA of a fleet of 90 dry cargo vessels. In this function, he acted as the 24/7 emergency response contact, supporting masters.

Gordon assisted in a wide range of major incidents across all vessel types, including groundings, fires, collisions, cargo damage, cargo shift, personal injuries and fatalities, bunker discrepancies, and charter party disputes.

2019 to 2024

Zodiac Maritime Ltd, London

General Fleet Manager (Dry Cargo Operations)

Gordon was responsible for the day-to-day operations of 50 container vessels, 40 bulk carriers and 13 pure car and truck carriers (PCTC).

He oversaw hold cleaning preparation, cargo operations and approval of stowage plans for bulk carriers of all sizes, from handy size to very large ore carriers for bulk cargoes, break-bulk and project cargo, including wind turbine blades.

Cargo experience includes coal, iron ore, bauxite, grains, seed cakes, bagged rice, logs, packaged timber, steel billets, steel coils, and copper concentrate.

Gordon assisted in the update of the 9th Edition of 'Thomas' Stowage'.

2015 to 2019

Zodiac Maritime Ltd, London

Operations Manager (Dry Cargo Vessels)

Gordon was Operations Manager for two Handysize, one Panamax and two Capesize bulk carriers; three container vessels (8,000 TEU); and two PCTC (6,300 CEU), operating for various charterers trading worldwide.

Gordon advised and assisted the masters of container vessels following cargo loss and vessel damage in the North Atlantic. Operations included the emergency

response onboard and the successful salvage and disposal of cargo at the port of refuge.

2002 to 2015

Zodiac Maritime Ltd
Deck Cadet to Master

Gordon served on both cellular and geared container ships (1,700 to 10,000 TEU), bulk carriers, general cargo reefers, and PCTCs (6,500 CEU), all trading worldwide. He has held command of container vessels up to 8,500 TEU and Capesize, Panamax, and Handysize bulk carriers.

His cargo experience includes reefer and hazardous container cargoes; out-of-gauge and project cargoes carried on container vessels; bulk coal, iron ore, grains, pet coke, copper concentrate, and steel products; vehicles, including ICE, hybrid, and EVs; and plant machinery.

Gordon is experienced with modern bridge systems and has prepared passage plans using ECDIS. As master, he has transited the Suez Canal, and he has extensive experience calling at Chinese ports.

Between seagoing contracts, he was seconded to the shipowner's head office, where he developed a tailored bridge resource management training course and ballast water management plans for 150 owned vessels.

He also worked as a Safety Superintendent and assisted vessel masters with flag-state and charterer inspections, surveys and audits. He was also in charge of reviewing and refreshing the company's fire training manuals and developing procedures for fighting container fires.

As the Company Security Officer, he was responsible for scheduling vessels and security measures during transits through high-risk areas.

COURSES AND TRAINING

ECDIS: Generic (IMO Model Course 1.27)

ECDIS: Type Specific (Furuno, JRC)

Designated Person Ashore (DPA)

Ship and Company Security Officer

Human Element Leadership and Management (HELM)

Loading programs – Navis MACS3