

European Marine Services Ltd

(inc European Marine Surveys)



Marine Surveyors & Consultants | ADR & Mediation | Expert Witness

John E. Clabburn Dipl. NA, YBDSA, MIIMS, AFA, MAE, QDR.

1. Qualifications and relevant professional experience

1.1 I, John E Clabburn, am a qualified Naval Architect working as a Marine and Yacht Surveyor & Consultant in the both the leisure and commercial marine markets. Specialising in high unit value vessels of all types, up to approximately 50m in length. Materials covered include wood, GRP and steel.

1.2 I have worked in the marine industry for in excess of fifty years. I have held senior management positions in production management for in excess of twenty years.

International sales and marketing for ten years, covering private, commercial, high speed and paramilitary craft of all types up to approximately 50m. With special responsibility for Pacific Asia.

I was a senior marine manager with MAN B&W Ltd with responsibility for international sales of high speed marine diesel engine and propulsion systems.

Senior management positions to include:

Vosper Thornycroft, Shipyard, Portsmouth	Ship's Production Manager
Dawn Craft Wroxham, Boatbuilders	Managing Director
Birchwood International Ltd, Nottingham	Managing Director
FBM Aboitiz, Hongkong & Philippines	Sales Manager, Pacific Rim
MAN B&W Ltd, Germany	Senior Marine Manager, Responsibility for Europe & Pacific Rim
Hamilton Jet New Zealand	European Sales Manager

1.3 Initial training 1963 as an indentured yacht and boat building apprentice (wood) for five years – Whisstocks Boatyard Woodbridge & Morgan Giles Ltd Teignmouth.

Followed by ten years training initially as a student apprentice Naval Architect with Vosper Thornycroft Ltd, Shipyard(s) of Portsmouth, becoming a Ship's Production Manager

1.4 I undertook a three year sandwich course at Sunderland University where I gained a Diploma in Naval Architecture.



- 1.5 I gained membership of the Royal Institute of Naval Architects RINA and Chartered Engineering Institute C.Eng,
- 1.5 I am an Associate of The Academy of Experts, 3 Gray's Inn Square London – Marine Surveyor and Consultant, Register of Qualified Mediators & Accredited Expert Determiner.
- 1.6 I am a Member of the International Institute of Marine Surveying (IIMS)
- 1.7 I am an Affiliate Member of the Yacht Designers & Surveyors Association (YDSA)
- 1.8 I am on the Register of Qualified Mediators & ADR, QDR No: 320
Recent International Mediation Instructions to include Trawler Fleet Operators (v) Irish State -
The Minister of Finance
- 1.9 I am Civil Procedure Rules part 35 (CPR) compliant Expert Witness | Expert Determination –
Marine Surveyor & Consultant
- 1.10 I have worked as a Marine Surveyor, Consultant, Marine Valuer and Expert Witness for in
excess of 24 years
- 1.11 I receive instruction for leading marine insurance companies, banks and finance companies
covering vessel valuations, loss adjusting, accident damage, accident claims, ADR dispute
resolution and instructions for probate purposes
- 1.12 I am a founding director of European Marine Services Ltd (incorporated 2006)
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To date I have undertaken over 70 CPR part 35 compliant Expert Witness reports, covering both Party Appointed Expert (PAE) and Single Joint Expert (SJE) instructions, client instructions UK, Ireland, Croatia, Poland, Jersey

Recent instructions - Nordhavn 55 (Qualifying Ship for VAT) (v) HMRC

To date EMS have undertaken in excess of 3,000 marine survey inspections & consultancies covering all types of vessels in wood, steel & GRP up to ~ 40m length, in the following countries. UK, Ireland, France, Spain, Croatia, Holland, Germany, Poland & Japan.