

ZAHIR AHMED

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CAREER PROFILE

Experienced Ship Captain, Skilled seaman and Visionary leader with 12 years' experience overseeing safe operation of vessels, safe navigation through waterways and open seas, management of vessel's finances, logistics planning including fuel and supply procurement, enforcing compliance with local and international laws as well as the port state and flag state policies alongside effective communication with other vessels and shore-based personnel.

Over the years, I have excelled in navigating challenging routes and piloting through hazardous conditions maintaining accident-free voyages, optimizing ship operations achieving efficiency as well as leading operational excellence achieving exceptional performance. Additionally, continued to mentor and inspire junior officers and crew team members contributing to the development of future maritime professionals.

PERSONAL SKILLS & COMPETENCES

- **Operations management, Long term Planning and Administration:** Exemplary expertise in ship technical management, commercial management and crewing management.
- **Navigation and Seamanship Expertise:** skilled in navigation, chart reading, excellent use of electronic equipment such as GPS and radar and a deep understanding of weather patterns, currents, and other factors that affect the safety and efficiency of a voyage.
- **Safety and Emergency Response:** Highly trained in safety procedures and emergency response, able to respond quickly and effectively to any potential threats or incidents.
- **Efficient Operations and Cost Management:** Proven track record in optimizing ship operations to save on costs and increase voyage efficiency.
- **Leadership, Management and Decision Making:** Visionary leader and effective manager with the ability to motivate, train and supervise a diverse team of crew members. Analytical and critical thinker with the ability to analyze complex situations making effective decisions that prioritize the safety and efficiency of a voyage, creative and adaptable to changing circumstances.
- **Communication Skills:** Excellent verbal and written communication skills, firm knowledge of marine craft communication, signaling and navigation systems ability to communicate effectively with crew members, other vessels and shore-based personnel as well as conveying of complex information.

EDUCATION

2015 – 2017	Oxford University Master's Degree, Marine Transportation
2009 – 2013	Oxford University Bachelor's Degree, Nautical Science
2007	Computer proficiency <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MS – Word, MS – Excel & Spreadsheets.• Power point, Draw & Adobe PageMaker.• Internet & Access.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Jan 2013 – To Date

XXXXXX Limited, SHIP CAPTAIN.

Roles:

- Overseeing all operations onboard the vessel including navigation, maintenance and compliance with local regulations, directing supervisors for crew, leading the computation of positions, setting courses and determining speeds. Excelled in optimizing ship operations and managing costs by reducing fuel consumption, improving voyage efficiency, implementing sustainable practices, maximizing cargo load capacities, maintaining safety standards and achieving exceptional safety records.
- Performing regular inspection to ensure efficient and safe operation of vessels and equipment alongside conformity to regulations, reading gauges to ensure safe levels of hydraulic fluid, oxygen and air pressure as well as taking charge of environmental stewardship contributing to sustainable shipping practices. This has resulted into reduced carbon emissions, implementation of eco-friendly technologies, compliance with environmental regulations and receiving recognition for environmentally conscious operations.
- Docking and undocking sailing vessels, sometimes navigating through tight spaces such as locks and altering navigation plans based on weather conditions. This has played a key role in ensuring safety of vessels, passengers and cargo safe.

May 2010 – Feb 2013

XXXXX Limited, SHIP FIRST MATE.

Roles:

- Second-in-command on board vessels assisting the captain with safe and efficient operation of the ship, safe navigation and operation of vessels including maintaining logs, charts and other records. Successfully oversaw cargo operations ensuring that all cargo was properly stowed and secured.
- Supervised and trained crew on safety procedures and emergency response. This contributed to ensuring that all crew members were properly trained and prepared for potential incidents.
- Oversaw cargo operations that included loading and unloading ensuring that all cargo was properly stowed and secured.

KEY CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Contributed to an outstanding service by implementing rigorous safety protocols, conducting regular drills, fostering a strong safety culture and ensuring compliance with international regulations. This has contributed to the well-being of crew and the prevention of accidents and incidents.
- Actively participated in industry forums in the last few years, collaborated with other maritime stakeholders and contributed to the development of best practices and industry standards that continue to play a vital role in advancing the maritime sector as a whole.
- Trained teams in providing exceptional customer service and in implementing systems that have ensured customer satisfaction, brand loyalty and creation of the most consistent customer experiences onboard.

REFEREES

Available Upon Request