

**The Researcher - Dr. Phil Anderson, D.Prof, BA(Hons), FNI, Master Mariner.**  
**Senior Vice President - The Nautical Institute.**

This project fulfilled, in part at least, an ambition held for many years to achieve a Doctoral qualification, those who know me will confirm that I am anything but an 'academic'. The road which has led to the research and what I hope followed is very much a practical, hands on, attempt to help make ships safer and seas cleaner.

I have been most fortunate in my working life to have had two marvellous opportunities which have combined to place me in a position whereby I believe I can make a valuable and meaningful contribution to assessing the actual implementation of the ISM Code and to identify how we can move forward. Firstly, a career at sea with a first class traditional family shipping company - the Bibby Line of Liverpool. This allowed me the opportunity of not only learning the skills of a seaman and a navigating and deck officer but also of working with people of many different nationalities on board such a wide range of ship types. After nearly twelve years at sea a change of career was on the horizon. Whilst the intention had been to qualify as a solicitor - that was not to be! Fate, or maybe a fair wind, took me into the mysterious world of P&I Insurance - in the North East of England. What I found in this 'mysterious world' fascinated me but also saddened me. It fascinated me because of the diversity of shipping problems being dealt with on a continual basis - pollution's, collisions, cargo damage, personal injuries and so much more with the P&I Claims handler expected to have the knowledge and skills to take the lead as 'the expert' in all of these matters - a perpetual roller-coaster! It saddened me because of the low regard in which masters and seafarers in general appeared to be held.



By far the majority of people handling claims in P&I Clubs at that time were barristers and solicitors and it seemed that they considered there to be little point asking for evidence or documentation or reports from the ships since people on board would not understand what was required. I also could not forget recent memories, at that time, of a certain amount of contempt held by some of my colleagues on board ship of the office and other shore staff who didn't understand anything which went on, on board ship.

It occurred to me that some bridges needed to be built in order that seagoing and shore-based members of our industry could start to realise that we are working in one industry with a common goal. If it was correct that the seafarers didn't know what was required of them by way of evidence and reports then why not provide them with the tools they need? If the shore-based personnel don't understand the day to day working of a ship at sea then put them in a position whereby they experience such things first hand.

This desire to build those bridges has been very much at the fore of most of what I have done during the last 20 plus years whilst working with P&I Clubs and also becoming increasingly involved with the Nautical Institute. The outcome is set out in the accompanying rather potted 'Biographical Details'.

## BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS

Dr. PHILIP ANDERSON, D.Prof., BA (HONS), FNI, MASTER MARINER  
Senior Vice President - The Nautical Institute  
Director - North Insurance Management Ltd.  
Manager in charge of Loss Prevention - North of England P&I Association.

Commenced seagoing career in 1969 as cadet with the Bibby Line of Liverpool. Remained with the Bibby Line throughout seagoing career, serving on board general cargo vessels, bulk carriers, OBO's liquid gas carriers and container vessels.

Came ashore in 1980, after obtaining Class 1 Master Mariners' Certificate, taking up a career as P&I Claims Executive with Sunderland P&I Association.

In 1987, transferred to North of England P&I Association, in a similar capacity. In 1991 appointed to a unique new position in the P&I Industry as Liaison and Training Executive of North of England P&I Association.

Promoted to Assistant Manager in 1994 responsible for all education, training and loss prevention initiatives. 2002 appointed Director - North Insurance Management Ltd.

Doctor of Professional Studies – National Centre for Work-based Learning Partnerships - Middlesex University – research project on 'Managing Safety at Sea'. – 2003

Examination Assessor in "Shipping Law" for the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (1996).

Examination Assessor in "Law of Carriage of Goods by Sea" for the Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (1997 - present).

Qualified Maritime Assessor/Lead Assessor - ISM Code.

Senior Vice-president of the Nautical Institute. Elected Fellow of the Nautical Institute. Vice-Chairman of North East Branch of the Nautical Institute. Member of the Nautical Institute Education and Training Committee.

Chaired North East Branch of Nautical Institute Committee producing the book "The Master's Role in Collecting Evidence" (1989). The "Mariner's Role in Collecting Evidence" (Second Edition) (1997). Technical Consultant on video "The Mariner's Role in Collecting Evidence".

Chairman of the Nautical Institute Sub-committee organising annual seminars specifically geared towards the serving seafarer on the general theme "The Mariner and the Maritime Law".

Acted as co-author, Technical Editor and Chairman of joint venture between North of England P&I Association and the South Tyneside College, producing "A Distance Learning Course in P&I Insurance" (1989) and "P&I Insurance - A Training Course" (1997) - Fourth edition 2002 – Computer based training course (CBT) – by distance learning – in P&I Insurance'.

Author - North of England P&I Association Report - "The Human Element in Claims - What Role for the P&I Clubs?".

Co-author - The Nautical Institute - "Accident and Loss Prevention at Sea".

Author - "ISM Code - A Practical Guide to the Legal and Insurance Implications" published by Lloyds of London Press 1998 (ISM = International Safety Management Code).

Author - "The Mariners Guide to Marine Insurance" - published by the Nautical Institute 1999 Contributor - "Command" - Published by the Nautical Institute

Co-author – 'A seafarers guide to ISM' and 'What have the World Cup and ISM got in common' – Published by NEPIA.

Main author – 'Cracking the Code' – published by the Nautical Institute - 2003

Contributor - Lloyds Maritime Law Review - A series of articles on the implications of the ISM Code.

Consultant / technical advisor to 'Videotel – training video: 'Making the ISM Code work' - released July 2002.

Part Time Lecturer - South Tyneside College - Faculty of Nautical Science.

Visiting Lecturer - University of Newcastle - Department of Marine Technology.

Visiting lecturer – University of Northumbria at Newcastle upon Tyne.

Visiting lecturer – Cardiff University.

Visiting Lecturer - Norwegian Insurance Academy - Oslo.

Guest Speaker at numerous national and international seminars and conferences mainly covering marine accident and loss prevention issues, the ISM Code or P&I Insurance.

We now stand at a great cross roads and, as one industry, seafarers and shore based staff alike, must decide what we want to do about the ISM Code. We can embrace the Code and make it work or run the risk of having imposed upon us a much more prescriptive set of rules and regulations.  
Please help me to prevent that happening...