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EXECUTIVE PROFILE

Senior maritime engineer, Dockmaster and international project adviser with more than five decades of technical, operational and management experience across shipyards, naval and commercial maritime operations, offshore installations, ship repair, maintenance, procurement and logistics. **Specialist expertise in shiplift and transfer systems, installation, commissioning, docking operations, operator and maintenance training, service strategy, procedures and lifecycle support.** Extensive international experience working with shipyards, owners, naval organisations, classification requirements, contractors and multidisciplinary site teams.

CORE EXPERTISE

- Shiplift & transfer systems
- Dockmaster / docking & undocking operations
- Installation, commissioning & site management
- Operator & maintenance training
- Service, maintenance & lifecycle support
- Technical procedures and work instructions
- Shipyard, naval & commercial maritime operations
- Marine engineering & machinery
- QA/QC and classification-society compliance
- International project and customer management
- Procurement, logistics & supply chain
- After-sales organisation and business development

SELECTED CAREER IMPACT

- Managed worldwide installation, commissioning, training and service activities for equipment delivered by TTS Syncrolift, including Dockmaster responsibilities and site execution.
- Developed and implemented procedures for installation, commissioning, training and service activities in accordance with applicable Lloyd's Register LAME requirements.
- Built an after-sales and service activity from a very low revenue base to approximately NOK 14–15 million annually, including operator training, maintenance training and computer-based maintenance support.
- Held senior management roles spanning technical procurement, logistics, ship repair, maintenance systems, international trading and customer relations across Europe, the Middle East, Africa and the Americas.
- Turned around a Dubai-based ship repair workshop of approximately 50 employees, improving quality and commercial performance while working to classification-society expectations.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2026–Present

NAVCON Solutions AS | Norway / International

Founder / Senior Maritime & Shiplift Adviser

- Independent specialist advisory services to shipyards, naval organisations and maritime clients, with emphasis on shiplift and transfer systems, docking operations, commissioning, training, inspections, maintenance and operational readiness.
- Provides practical technical support based on extensive field experience from installation, commissioning, operation, service and lifecycle support of maritime lifting and transfer systems.

2007–2026

TTS Syncrolift / Syncrolift | Drøbak, Norway / Worldwide

Manager – Installation, Commissioning & Training / Dockmaster

- Managed international sites for installation, commissioning, operator training, maintenance training and service of delivered equipment.
- Acted as Dockmaster and senior technical representative during commissioning, docking, undocking and transfer-related activities.
- Issued and implemented procedures for site execution, training and service in accordance with relevant Lloyd's Register LAME requirements.
- Established and developed the after-sales and service function, including maintenance support and training programmes.

2012–2014	Midfield Media Stockholm, Sweden Advisory Board Member – Aftermarket
2011	Aftermarket Business Platform Europe Stockholm, Sweden Conference Lecturer Invited lecturer on aftermarket business development.
2003–2007	Kværner Eureka / NLI Products AS Tranby, Norway Vice President – Procurement & Logistics - Responsible for technical procurement, outsourcing and logistics, including development and implementation of procurement procedures. - Worked with requirements applicable to national, international and NATO-related projects, as well as chemical, petrochemical, mining and general industrial projects.
2001–2003	Akershus University Hospital Norway Materials / Supply Management - Modernised supply-chain practices, contracts, warehouse processes and supporting systems with strong focus on cost and budget control. - Participated in a government health-sector advisory group addressing modern purchasing practice for hospitals in Eastern Norway.
2000–2001	VingCard AS – ASSA ABLOY Moss, Norway Purchasing Manager - Short-term transformation assignment to reorganise purchasing; temporary member of the ASSA ABLOY Purchasing Council. - Reduced warehouse inventory from approximately NOK 60 million to NOK 17 million in eight months and shortened warehouse lead time from 16 weeks to 5.5 weeks.
1998–1999	Seven Seas Ship Maintenance & Repairs Dubai, United Arab Emirates General Manager - Led a one-year turnaround of a 50-person marine repair workshop covering mechanical, electrical, welding, fabrication and manufacturing activities. - Improved work quality, customer confidence and profitability while strengthening quality and safety practices in line with classification-society expectations.
1996–1998	Norwegian Gas Carriers / I.M. Skaugen Oslo, Norway Purchasing, Logistics & Project Manager Managed fleet purchasing and supplier processes and contributed as system architect to a Windows-based purchasing system developed with Star Information Systems.
1992–1996	Kyodo Corporation Ltd. Tokyo / International Executive Director - Managed operations and client relations across Scandinavia, Europe, Africa/South Africa and the Middle East, with seven branch offices. - Implemented ISO 9002 certification for the Norwegian branch in 1994.
1992	A.F. Klaveness & Co. A/S Norway Purchasing & Logistics Manager / Budget Coordinator
1990–1992	Singa Ship Management A/S Norway Purchasing, Logistics & Systems Manager

1986–1990**Norwegian Shipping & Offshore Services AS** | Norway
Partner / Project Manager – Logistics, Maintenance & Repair

- Developed and implemented manual and computerised maintenance programmes for onshore, offshore and shipping applications.

1984–1986**Dolphin A/S** | Tananger, Norway
Maintenance Coordinator

- Implemented and supported computerised maintenance systems on the Valhall offshore installation and four semi-submersible drilling rigs, including training and QA/QC procedures.

1982–1984**A.M.T. Inc.** | Miami, USA
Technical Superintendent

- Supervised marine machinery service and repair teams, planned maintenance and spare-parts programmes, and carried out marine surveys.

EARLY SEA-GOING ENGINEERING EXPERIENCE

- 1982 Navicori Lines, Costa Rica** – Chief Engineer – Ro-Ro vessel M/V Cariari
- 1981–1982 Chester Blackburn & Roder Inc., USA** – First Engineer – general cargo and Ro-Ro vessels
- 1980–1981 Norwegian Caribbean Cruise Lines, USA** – Second Engineer – M/V Southward
- 1979 Admiral Shipping A/S** – Second Engineer – M/V Admiral Pacific
- 1978 Sig. Bergesen d.y. & Co.** – Second Engineer – M/V Berge Septimus, 285,000 DWT ULCC
- 1977 Norwegian America Line** – Second Engineer – M/V Oslofjord
- 1971–1976 Various vessels** – Sea time as motorman while attending technical education

EDUCATION & MILITARY TECHNICAL BACKGROUND

- 1976–1977 – Oslo Maritime Technical School, Norway – Naval Engineering / Engineer Officer.
- 1974 – Royal Norwegian Navy, Haakonsværn – Naval Officers Submarine Training Course.
- 1972–1974 – Oslo Maritime Technical School – Basic Naval Engineering.
- 1971 – Norwegian Sea Apprentice Marine School, Horten – Ship Apprentice.
- Royal Norwegian Navy rank: Chief Petty Officer, Submarine.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- 2007 – Basic Dry Dock Training Course, The Royal Institution of Naval Architects, London
- 2001 – Management and Staff Appraisal
- 1997 – Presentation Proficiency
- 1996 – Fuel Oil Quality & Treatment, Det Norske Veritas / Alfa Laval
- 1996 – Purchasing & Partnership Development, IIR London
- 1994 – Negotiation Procedures
- 1993 – Quality Assurance / Quality Control, ISO 9000
- 1985 – Offshore Safety Course LEIRO I–III
- 1977 – Unattended Engine Room Automated Equipment, Norcontrol
- 1977 – Marine Automation, Honeywell
- 1974–1975 – Marine survival and fire-fighting training, including Royal Norwegian Navy courses

CONFERENCE & LECTURING EXPERIENCE

- Aftermarket Business Platform Europe – Lecturer, 2011.
- IIR London – “Best Practice Purchasing & Partnering”, 1997.
- Confex Kompetanse / LOGMA – Lecturer on purchasing, effective supply lines and public-sector sales, 2002.

REFERENCES

Professional documentation and references are available on request.