

# **Captain Faisal Sultan (Master Mariner U.K.)**

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### **Executive Summary**

- A career spanning over 43 years in the offshore maritime and port operations industry. Captain is a veteran that has represented both government parastatals and the private sector for office and industrial space in a wide array of maritime transport and goods transactions including various new business initiatives transactions. He has built a solid foundation of corporate clients through his international experience and networking of over 17 years of sea faring on foreign-going vessels which includes over 6 years of command as a Master of foreign-going vessels.
- Captain Faisal completed his cadetship training at sea through a very prestigious maritime nautical college in Warsash, Southampton in U.K. His career achievements at sea and shore speak for themselves. Following up from his training, Faisal achieved the prestigious qualifications of Master Mariner from U.K. in 1989 and in the same year obtained command (became a

Captain) on board a foreign-going vessel at the tender age of 29. This clearly reflects Faisal's passion, career aspiration and leadership qualities to set his sights beyond the horizons.

- Showcasing as a tug master to an open-licensed pilot, holding open pilot's licenses in three South African Ports simultaneously. He also holds a piloting license in the Port of Cape town and piloting experience in the Port of Saldanha. He held Harbour Master and Port Manager positions in the Port of Mossel Bay which included management of the entire port together with piloting duties at Single Point Mooring (SPM) and Conventional Buoy Mooring (CBM). He acted in the capacity of Marine Operations Manager and Senior manager: Port Operations in the Port of Port Elizabeth before eventually getting appointed as Senior Manager: Port Operations on 01 April 2014. This reflects Faisal's quality of truly belonging to Transnet and adopting the four pillars of being Agile, Admired, Digital and United.
- Faisal holds a diploma in business management from Damelin and is also in possession of an International Harbour Master's Diploma obtained in 2014. Furthermore, the Master Mariner's qualification entitles Faisal to a B-Tech degree.
- During his entire sea-faring career, Faisal had studied at various institutions in the United Kingdom, Northern Islands and Republic of Ireland e.g. South Shields Marine and Technical College in New Castle upon Tyne, Cork Regional and Technical College, Belfast Nautical College and Liverpool Nautical and Technical College.
- Having worked at five ports within the South African Port System, together with his international experience of seafaring, networking and corporate clientele base makes Faisal a suitable and an outstanding candidate to play a pivotal role in leading and strategizing the marine services authority locally and internationally.

## **Achievements and Highlights**

- Tug Commander (Voith Schneider), Pilot at the Port of Cape Town (South Africa),
- Port Manager/Harbour Master at the Port of Mossel Bay (South Africa).
- This experience included the pilotage of tankers to single point mooring and conventional buoy mooring, assistance as Loading Master, monitoring of the tow tug in attendance during loading operation and staying on-board various vessels to advise the Master during inclement weather.
- Operation and management of SPM and CBM, supervision and monitoring of repairs to CBM and SBM (removing /towing/replacing in and out of water), regular inspections of offshore support & supply including anchor handling vessels in the port as per port rules. Inspections also entailed search for drugs.
- During the building phase of Port of Ngqura, supervised and project managed building of quay walls, placing of fenders, dredging of port basin area, flooding of basin and piloted the first ever commercial vessel into the unchartered waters of the port ( handled, managed and inspected various supply vessels including dredgers during the construction phase).

Senior Harbour/Bay Pilot in three Major ports including the Port of Port Elizabeth and Ngqura (South Africa) –

- First Pilot's license at the port of Cape Town
- Piloting experience at Port of Saldanha
- From year 2000 to year 2010 piloted a substantial number of ocean-going tugs, salvage tugs, harbour tugs, international yachts, foreign and local fishing vessels together with conducting of random inspections aligned to port rules (South African National Ports act of 2005) in the interest of health, safety and the environment (the likes of port state inspections).

- From 2010 to 2013 Deputy Harbour Master in the Port of Port Elizabeth
- Since March 2013 responsible for maintenance and crewing of entire marine fleet of Voith Schneider tugs, work boat, pilot boat including preparation for various surveys and dry dockings as required by international legislation and South African Maritime Safety Authority.
- Respected leader of a creative team in 2013 and was requested to lead the Port Operations department. This entailed construction of an operation center and integration of the logistics chain to ensure optimization of port infrastructure provided by the port authority. Also, conceptualizing, and orchestrating marketing campaigns that effectively reinforce and build brand images.
- Vetting of INTERTANKO Q88 for tankers and checking their suitability to come into the port from a navigational perspective. I also assisted in the designing of new tugs and pilot boat for the ports of Port Elizabeth and Ngqura.
- Senior Harbour/Bay Pilot in three major ports including the Port of Port Elizabeth and Ngqura (South Africa) -handling liquid bulk, oil rigs/platforms, FSO and FPSO's. Piloting in Port of Cape Town included handling of VLCC's in ballast and of laden VLCC's in the Port of Saldanha as a relief Pilot
- Headed the Pilot Mentorship Training Program in the Port of Port Elizabeth and Port of Ngqura with excellent results.
- An expert in the field of Maritime and have served as Maritime Expert witness in several maritime incident investigations.
- A proven ability to drive record-high performance. This includes the execution of the successful launch of the Operation Centre.

- Hired by PRDW to execute simulations and provide expert advice regarding the limitation of vessel sizes relevant to the design and configuration of the new Port of Ngqura (during the building phase).
- Requested by Management and awarded for the successful docking of the first vessel at Port of Ngqura in 2008.
- Two years of Tanker experience as 3rd and 2nd officer (1984 to 1986)
- Offshore STS operations of the coast of United Arab Emirates including tending to mooring and unmooring operations
- Involved in the salvage operation of “MT Royal Sphere” at the Port of Mossel Bay in 1999
- First command in 1989 at a tender age of 29 years.
- First to obtain an Open License and to dock the first commercial vessel at the Port of Ngqura.
- Associate fellowship of Nautical Institute.
- Attended “APEC” Nautical and Logistics training in Belgium (2012 and 2013).
- Management’s representative for ISO 9001:2008
- He is also a holder a South African Class 1 (Deck) Certificate of competency
- Current Chairman of “Mandela Bay Maritime Cluster”
- Effective 01 December 2021- Captain Faisal has Joined a private company “Master Mariners Surveying & Consulting Pty Ltd” in the capacity of a company director.



