

Capt. Steve Clinch MNM

Steve has been working in the maritime industry for more than 45 years. He first went to sea with P&O in 1971 as a deck cadet and then sailed in all ranks including master on tankers, gas carriers, OBOs and bulk carriers.

From 1985 he held a number of commercial and ship management posts before being appointed as the marine director for P&O Bulk Shipping in 1993 and (in 1997) Associated Bulk Carriers, a joint venture company owned by P&O and Shougang Steel. Following the sale of the P&O Bulk business to the Offer Group,

Steve joined the Bahamas Maritime Authority as its Deputy Director in 2001 and then the UK's Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) in 2004. He succeeded Rear Admiral Stephen Meyer as the UK's Chief Inspector of Marine Accidents in August 2010.

Steve is the current chair of the EU Permanent Co-operation Framework for Accident Investigation Bodies (PCF) and a past chair of the Marine Accident Investigator's International Forum (MAIIF). He is also a Trustee of Maritime CHIRP and a Younger Brother of Trinity House.