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CAPTAIN ALLEN BRINK – MY MENTOR

“You can call me anytime when you have a query you want to bounce off relating to any independent marine survey that you are engaged in”, these words are perhaps the most important ones that Capt Allen Brink has said to me who was a young independent surveyor with less than 10 years of experience when I first met him at London during a social organized by the International Institute of Marine Surveying. Captain Brink has been a friend for more than 12 years to me. He has been my mentor and is also a nonexecutive director of our company, Constellation Marine Services. He offers his help and advice very liberally and has been known by many in the industry to be an extremely helpful professional to young budding surveyors and entrepreneurs. A very deserving position held by him many years ago was the President of International Institute of Marine Surveying from 2007 to 2010. During his presidency, Capt Brink inducted myself as Regional Director for Middle East for IIMS and subsequently also invited me to join the board. We have been travelling to and fro for IIMS board meetings for a decade now and the 2-hour train journey both ways, have been my golden hours with Capt Brink where we exchange a lot of personal and professional information with each other. Every single time I have interacted with him, I cannot remember a time where I have not gained knowledge, or he has held back from sharing his experiences.

Capt Brink has worked together and mentored me on several claims and pre purchase inspections. I have had the privilege of peer reviewing his handbook that he has authored on-off hire Surveying. A noteworthy attribute to his personality is the fact that he is extremely open to advice from young surveyors and is very complementary in his demeanor. He takes keen interest in helping young surveyors and claims professionals by sharing his knowledge and believes in the principle that the more he shares, the more the industry and the profession of independent surveying will get better, and this is a philosophy he has been steadfast about for the 2 decades that I have known him.

To me Capt is a role model and somebody who I would like to emulate in my profession as I grow more experienced beyond the 17 years, I have been in the Independent Surveying business. Capt Allen Brink is a person to reach out to when you need any help or advice, whether you are a member of the institute or not; as long as you are practicing claims professional, he is always willing to help you with no exceptions whatsoever. This is a quality which is most admirable about Captain Allen Brink who I owe a lot to in my career.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



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