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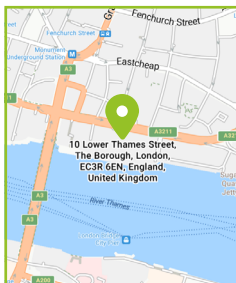
ABL's maritime presence in the UK covers London, Aberdeen and Newcastle, and is rooted in the foundations of the global marine insurance market. For over three centuries, London has shaped maritime risk through its insurers, brokers and specialist services. Within this environment, The Salvage Association, founded in 1856 and incorporated by Royal Charter, established a benchmark for independent marine surveying, introducing technical rigour, impartiality and a truth seeking approach to casualty investigation and hull & machinery (H&M) damage assessment.

Building on this legacy, ABL combines more than 170 years of maritime heritage with a highly experienced UK team of multi disciplinary marine, engineering and operational consultants.

With our London office based in one of the world's leading maritime and insurance hubs, we provide independent support across the full asset lifecycle, from concept and feasibility through to loss prevention, casualty response and claims management.

We serve a wide range of sectors, including commercial shipping, offshore energy, ports and harbours, defence, superyachts and small craft. Leveraging local expertise and ABL's global network across 43+ countries, we deliver practical, trusted advice when it matters most.

With 24/7 response capability, ABL is ready to support clients in the UK and internationally at short notice.

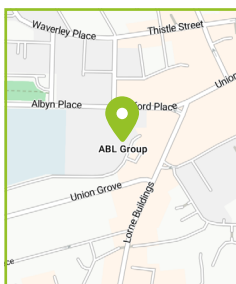


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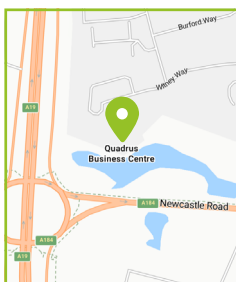


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- Navigational Risk Analysis
- Superyacht Services
- Marine Assurance
- Marine & Engineering Consultancy
- Technical Due Diligence
- Marine Warranty Survey (MWS)
- Hull & Machinery (H&M) Claims
- Protection & Indemnity (P&I) Claims
- Salvage & Wreck Removal Support
- Marine Casualty Investigation
- Expert Witness

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Specialist Expertise: Marine Warranty Survey, Onshore and Offshore Installations, Renewable and Cable Installations, Transportation & Installation (T&I), Marine Casualties, Expert Witness.

James is the Energy Director for ABL England. He has managed and grown multi-disciplined teams in the marine and offshore industry. As a Naval Architect, James has over 25 years of experience at major consultancy and engineering firms on offshore engineering, ship design, operations and marine casualties. He has been involved in the management, engineering or MWS for a number of large scale oil and gas and renewables projects.

James has been an Expert Witness in a mooring analysis and breakaway damage dispute in the US.



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Jason sailed mainly with the Royal Fleet Auxiliary (RFA) on product tankers, solid stores supply ships and forward repair ship, before completing his sea time with P&O Cruises, with particular navigational focus. Jason's initial consultancy experience was gained in London, serving P&I, H&M, cargo and wider markets including national and international authorities. The period combined routine vessel, project cargo and incident surveys with attendances at major casualty and salvage operations and long-term studies.

A subsequent 15-year period working in the salvage industry enhanced his expertise and features regularly in his ongoing consultancy activities. Jason has provided oral expert evidence for London arbitration and written expert reports. He is a member of Lloyd's Panel of SCRs.



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Lee is a Chartered Civil Engineer and a member of the UK Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE), Engineers Europe (FEANI) and the World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure (PIANC). He has over 30 years experience of leading, managing and delivering a variety of civil engineering works, including more than 20 years of maritime and infrastructure related projects worldwide.

Lee has been responsible for delivery of feasibility studies, specialist surveys and inspections, concept and detailed designs, structural analyses and assessments, together with project and risk management, bid and contract preparation and administration for multi-disciplined projects using traditional, Design & Construct and ECI forms of contract.

Lee has undertaken the role of Resident Engineer, Designer's Representative and Employer's Representative on a number of construction and rehabilitation projects including maritime, structural, highway and infrastructure schemes.

Working in safety critical environments, Lee's engineering expertise is complemented by extensive Health and Safety training, enabling application of knowledge and understanding to mitigate the risks and hazards generally associated with civil engineering projects in these environments.



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Eden is a Senior Marine Risk Analyst at ABL and has worked on a variety of navigational risk projects ranging from new Offshore Windfarms to Emergency Towage Vessel provisioning to vessel analysis for ports across the UK and Europe. Eden has experience in the maritime sector gained from working at the UK Hydrographic Office. Eden supported submarine operations by producing bespoke GIS products and analysis for the Royal Navy, Defence Intelligence Maritime, and other areas of the Ministry of Defence.

Eden also developed Python scripts and managed the standardisation of over 15 million rows of sensitive maritime data, improving operational data quality and supporting decision-making in high-security environments. Prior to joining UKHO, Eden worked in GIS data quality assurance, network design, and traffic management optimisation using geospatial data. Eden's technical expertise includes ArcGIS, QGIS, ERDAS Imagine, SQL, and Python, alongside practical experience operating UAVs, laser scanners, and Acoustic Doppler Current Profilers for coastal and marine monitoring projects. Eden holds a First-Class BSc in Geography from the University of Southampton and an MSc in Geographical Information Management and Application from Utrecht University, where their research included climate risk modelling and marine environmental studies.



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Chris is a software engineer with extensive experience analysing data within the maritime industry for both incident reconstruction and analysis as well as long term project work. He has gained experience with the data produced by most VDR systems on the market, along with an in-depth know on a multitude of software tools. These include the Marine Accident Data Analysis Suite (MADAS), from which the results have been accepted for use in legal work.

He has also had experience in developing software for a number of projects including vessel efficiency monitoring, vessel navigational safety monitoring and emissions tracking.

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A qualified and highly experienced marine engineer with over 25 years' in various aspects of shipping and marine industries. Peter is a project manager and a senior cable / mechanical engineer at AqualisBraemar LOC in London. Prior to joining ABL Group, Peter had significant seafaring experience, having served as an engineer officer on container vessels.

Peter has extensive experience of design, production, and installation of cables, seismic surveying, and subsea defence applications. He has completed several vessel conversions as a mobilisation engineer to make them suitable for the installation of power cables in the energy sector. Peter has acted as a marine warranty surveyor for numerous projects, including document and procedure review, participation in HIRA, attendance offshore/ onsite and vessel suitability surveys.



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Paul Hill is a Chartered Engineer with a First-Class Certificate of Competency as a Marine Engineer and a Fellow of the IMarEST. He spent the first 20 years of his maritime career at sea on reefer ships, tankers, container ships and cruise ships, with the last eight years as Chief Engineer on high-speed ferries. Coming ashore, and before taking a role as a surveyor, he worked as a Project Engineer at Pendennis World Class Superyachts and a Ship Manager at A&P Falmouth, a dry-docking and ship repair yard in Cornwall.

Paul has been providing his experience for Hull and Machinery Insurers and P&I Clubs for 14 years and specializes in the failures of slow and medium speed engines, turbochargers, propellers, shafts, stern tubes, rudders, thrusters, deck cranes, grounding, flooding and fire damage as well as providing expert opinion in numerous bunker fuel quality claims.

Paul has also written guidance papers for the layup and reactivation of ships, the revention of engine damage due to cat fines, and tank coating claims on chemical tankers. Paul is also part of the bunker fuel correspondence group of the Maritime Safety Committee at IMO.

Currently a member of the Lloyds JHC ESG subcommittee, he is providing technical advice on the emerging risks for Insurers of alternative fuels for maritime decarbonisation.

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Capt. Kamrul Islam is a Master Mariner with over 35 years of maritime experience which includes 15 years of sailing, 5 years of tanker management and operations and 15 years in Maritime, offshore oil, gas and renewable consultancy work.



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Raven is a Marine Risk Analyst with a strong background in maritime data analysis, port operations, and research. With research experience in maritime science and technology, she has conducted large-scale AIS data analysis to assess port congestion, vessel behaviour, and navigational safety. Her work has supported strategic port decarbonisation plans and contributed to operational and environmental improvements. Raven also brings experience in technical project management, stakeholder engagement, and strategic research.

Raven holds a BEng. Hons. in Maritime Administration from Wuhan University of Technology, a Master of Science in Offshore Engineering from the University of Southampton and has undertaken various research projects at Newcastle University.



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Paris is a Chartered Engineer and Member of the Royal Institution of Naval Architects and has been providing naval architecture consultancy advice for P&I clubs, legal firms, hull insurers, shipowners, and regulators for over 20 years. Prior experience includes working as a technical investigator and classification society surveyor.

Advice for commercial disputes spans a range of naval architecture aspects including: condition of newly constructed vessels, delivery delays, structural condition and repairs, ship speed, efficiency and cargo carrying performance, hull maintenance and safe loading. In particular where his knowledge of Class Rules, survey regulations, statutory requirements are material to the case.

Expert advice on highly complex cases includes: ship manoeuvring, hydrodynamic performance, mooring and berthing incidents and matters of loss of stability and hull structural integrity. He is experienced in providing estimates of quantum and assessment of reasonable cost of repairs after collisions, groundings and fire.

He has performed project management and supervision of very large wreck removals and subsequent recycling and subsea site restoration contracts on behalf of Owners and P&I Interests. This has included site supervision and client representation including cost approval for marine operations, pollution control, subsea construction and associated services.



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Steve is ABL's Associate Director Marine Services based in London, co-ordinating attendances around the world, often being the first point of contact for clients, and liaising on all aspects of ABL Group marine business. With over 35 years of experience in the London Marine insurance market, Steve has a breadth of experience at marine survey/consultancy companies, starting at The Salvage Association.



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With over 25 years in the maritime industry, Mark has spent over 15 of those working in marine consulting, including business leadership roles in marine casualty investigation and marine warranty services for other international consultancy firms.

Mark holds a Class 1 unlimited motor chief engineer certificate of competency and has 12 years of sea going experience on container, passenger, high-speed and offshore vessels in all ranks to Chief Engineer including technical management experience. He has particular expertise in marine casualty investigations including groundings, machinery damage, collisions, total losses, fires and offshore asset damage and has given expert evidence in many of these matters in the High Court and in arbitration.



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Frazer is a highly experienced Master Mariner with command experience on a range of vessel types, and a sea-going career spanning three decades. He has served in ranks up to Chief Officer on container vessels on worldwide trades, and as master on Dynamically Positioned Offshore vessels around the UK coast and hybrid-powered Hi-Speed passenger ferries.

Frazer has conducted numerous MWS surveys for leading energy and renewables companies, as well as pre-purchase, condition and P&I Club entry surveys for major commercial shipping operators.

Frazer also brings extensive expertise in P&I and H&M insurance, having led investigations and provided technical consultancy on maritime claims and casualties.



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Robert is a Marine Surveyor and former sea going Chief Engineer. Now predominantly engaged in hull and machinery casualty surveys and expert witness work. Also regularly conducting many other types of marine surveys including P&I entry and casualty surveys, vessel condition surveys, pre purchase, desktop studies, technical due diligence, superyacht casualty, condition and safety surveys.



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Naval Architect & Marine Engineer Surveyor with over 40 years of surveying experience. Experience with a leading classification society as a staff surveyor, experience as a marine consultant including new builds, conversions and repairs.

Extensive survey experience with most types of ships as well as yachts, small craft, recreational craft, work boats and fishing vessels. Able to conduct Hull & Machinery surveys, P&I surveys, cargo surveys, fires, damage to fixed & floating objects, Marine Warranty Surveys, JH audits, project cargo surveys, heavy lifts, towage approvals, collisions, groundings and salvage.



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A mariner with over 46 years in the fishing industry and oil and gas sector. ERRV master, marine consultant, fleet operations manager, project manager and marine operations manager. Andy brings a wealth of experience to all aspects of the offshore marine sector. Project manager for rig moves, dry transportation and single voyage towage. Andy undertakes vessel suitability surveys on all vessel types within the oil & gas and renewable sectors.



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Steve is a Marine Engineer at ABL London and is a Chartered Engineer and Fellow of the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology. He was at sea for 25 years, as a marine engineer officer, 10 years as Chief Engineer, mainly on gas & chemical tanker vessels. Later he spent 12 years ashore as Superintendent and Fleet Manager before starting work as a consultant in 2012. Steve's expertise is mostly legal and expert witness work concerning: Shipbuilding Construction Disputes, Machinery Failure Investigations, Marine Engineering Consultancy, Bunker Disputes, Drydocking & Vessel Repair, Ship Management Technical Disputes.

He has provided extensive written evidence in hearings and appeared in several arbitration and Court proceedings in London. Steve sits on the IMAREST panel for Alternative Marine Fuels and Exhaust Emissions special interest group and is also involved with ABL project work concerning alternative fuelled vessels.



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Sritama Sarkar is a Chartered Engineer (MRINA) and an experienced subsea and pipeline engineer with over 20 years in the offshore energy industry and dredging sector. She currently provides Marine Warranty Services and works as a project manager or technical lead on major offshore oil and gas projects. She has worked with shallow water (20m) to ultra-deep water (2800m) projects involving various subsea assets, pipelines, umbilical and cables. Her experience also includes specialist installation activities like Microtunneling, HDD, Pull-in and AWTI of pipelines. Sritama has supported legal and insurance claims for pipeline damage and dredging.

Sritama has worked across the full offshore project lifecycle with manufacturers, contractors and consultancies. Prior to joining ABL, Sritama has worked for an inland dredging company, subsea vehicles design and manufacturing company, flexible pipeline manufacturer and offshore contractor. She holds a PhD in Ocean and Naval Architectural Engineering, two master's degrees (Mechanical Engineering and Geology), and has published 18 technical papers.



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Paul is a Chartered Marine Engineer with Chief Engineer Certificate of Competency and is a Fellow of the IMarEst. Sea service on Diesel and Diesel electric propulsion vessels including the world's largest motor propelled trimaran and has sailed in the rank of Chief Engineer.

Paul has 13 years' experience of surveying and consultancy for the insurance and legal markets, and 16 years' experience as a Superintendent with modern geared multipurpose and dry cargo vessels, and offshore /research vessels. Paul has also managed numerous dry docking and repair contracts worldwide and several major conversion projects. As part of ABL Yachts, Paul has attended over 100 of the World's largest superyachts.

Litigation experience includes providing written and oral evidence as expert witness to the high court of justice, arbitration panels, and mediations. Paul is a Registered Marine Coatings Inspector (RMCI).



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As Maritime Decarbonisation Director, Stefano has the role of bringing together the capabilities of the ABL Group in energy transition and renewables in order to contribute to the challenge of decarbonising the maritime sector. ABL Group has vast expertise in renewables and energy transition from well to wake, with a deep understanding of marine operations. The Group can advise on both elements of the decarbonisation challenge: efficiency and alternative fuels, including technical feasibility of projects and new technologies, risk, value creation, emission reductions, carbon footprint, impact on ships operations and regulatory requirements.

Stefano is a qualified naval architect and marine engineer with 25 years' experience in ship design, engineering consulting, project management and marine surveying. He has expert knowledge in decarbonisation technologies, energy efficiency measures, alternative fuels, and the fast-evolving decarbonisation regulatory international framework.

Stefano has advised governments, utilities, and vessel owners on decarbonisation strategies but also specific action plans with immediate implementation and on the techno-economic feasibility of technical solutions and operational measures to reduce GHG emissions from ships.

As Chair of the International Windship Association (IWSA) Policy Working Group, Stefano regularly attends IMO MEPC and ISWG GHG sessions, contributing to international regulatory development. His active involvement provides him with a strong working knowledge of IMO's structure, procedures, and policy-making processes.

Stefano holds an MBA from Warwick Business School and has been growing and managing businesses for the last ten years. Before joining ABL Group, he was the Managing Director of the world's largest superyacht sailing systems service business.



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Having worked at sea for over 40 years, mainly in the Offshore Oil & Gas sector, Andrew served the last 28 years as Master with vast experience in Marine Warranty Surveying, Marine Operations and Marine Advisory, Assurance & Inspection fields.

Andrew has gained extensive knowledge and experience working for most of the oil majors around the world on various projects including new field development and commissioning as well as the Inspection, Repair and Maintenance (IRM) of existing developments on a range of vessel types including DSV's, PLSV's and CSV's.



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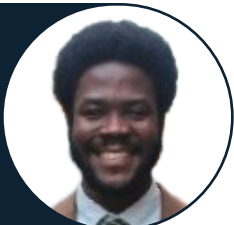
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Charlie Simcox holds a II/I Chief Mate Unlimited and Master <3000 GT with over 20 years' operational, regulatory, and governance experience across ports, oil and gas, Shipping and defence. He specialises in marine accident investigation and within the ports and harbours domain, including pilotage incidents, towage incidents and vessel allision events.

His background includes senior marine management, pilotage, harbour master duties and port marine operations, as well as being a Designated Person (DP) for port authorities. He is highly experienced in leading investigations, assessing navigational safety failures, and evaluating port governance and compliance performance. His work spans causation analysis, MSMS assurance, and embedding lessons learned across port and terminal operations.

Charlie combines strong operational understanding of port and vessel interface risk with governance and assurance capability. He provides clear, independent opinion in support of litigation and marine dispute resolution, requiring specialist insight into port operations, marine risk, and accident causation.



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Tayo Sobajo is a Senior Marine Surveyor at ABL with over 20 years of maritime and offshore experience. A UK MCA Master Mariner (Class 1 Deck), he has served across LNG and oil tankers, pipelaying barges, AHTS, and PSV vessels. Tayo is an OVID Accredited Inspector, Marine Warranty Surveyor, and ISO 9000 Lead Auditor, specialising in heavy lift operations including float-on/float-off and linkspan. He also provides expertise as a Marine Consultant and Superintendent. A Certified Compass Adjuster and Associate Fellow of The Nautical Institute, he brings strong technical insight, safety focus, and project assurance expertise.

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Laura is a chartered Naval Architect with over 20 years' experience across different sectors and vessel types spans the whole lifecycle; from future fuels and decarbonisation, leading new build tenders and construction contracts, through to operations planning, in-service maintenance and decommissioning.

After developing a strong technical skillset in a ship repair environment, career highlights include supporting over 300 warship and ferry dry dockings and project management and administration of complex new builds in China and South Korea.

She has attended damage and condition surveys and salvage and wreck removal on behalf of cargo interests and P&I Clubs as well as delivered expert reports and attended arbitrations.

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Miriam is a mariner with over nine years of diverse seagoing experience across passenger vessels, naval platforms, survey ships, buoy tenders, yachts and dredgers, offering a broad operational perspective. Driven by a commitment to safety and operational excellence, she transitioned into operations and terminals to influence industry standards and focus on improving safety management.

Miriam has developed expertise in port operations, overseeing complex, multi-stream cargo activities that include project cargo, containers, general cargo, and reefers. She has consistently delivered high-impact decisions that enhance operational efficiency and ensure regulatory compliance. She excels at fostering effective stakeholder coordination and engagement.

Miriam brings a people-focused approach, underpinned by a strong theoretical foundation, to her consultancy skillset. She seeks to develop implementable strategies in dynamic port environments. Her deliverables are informed by practical experience and a solid understanding of marine governance, risk management and marine safety management systems.

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A Chartered Engineer and Unlimited Chief Engineer (CoC), and a member of the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST), with 30+ years' experience including 17 years at sea (5 as Chief Engineer).

Kevin transitioned ashore in 2011 as a Technical Superintendent, later progressing to Marine Engineering Manager. He gained experience delivering dry-dockings and refits, managing risk, and overseeing major engineering upgrades. He is certified as a Marine Auditor/Lead Auditor and has held appointed roles including Designated Person Ashore (DPA), Shipboard Safety Officer, and Shipboard Security Officer.



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Daniel Wood is a Master Mariner with over 34 years of maritime experience, including 20 years at sea and senior leadership roles ashore. He has extensive expertise in port operations, vessel management, maritime governance and marine consultancy. Daniel is highly experienced in marine accident investigation and has acted in complex cases involving unsafe port claims, dry-dock operational issues, and personal injury incidents.

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