

ABL NORTH AMERICA: USA AND CANADA MARINE SURVEYING AND CONSULTANCY

LOCAL INSIGHT. GLOBAL MARITIME ASSURANCE. 24/7 SUPPORT.

Regional Expertise & Coverage:

ABL's North Americas team responds to incidents across all major North American, Central American, Caribbean, and South American ports, including New York/New Jersey, Philadelphia, Boston, Miami/Ft. Lauderdale, Houston, Galveston, Panama Canal Zone, West Coast ports, St. Lawrence Seaway, Gulf of Mexico, Mexico's East Coast, Guyana, Trinidad, Rio de Janeiro, and more.

Personnel speak multiple languages including French, Dutch, Spanish, Portuguese, Hindi, Italian, and Arabic.

Americas-Based Casualty Response Personnel

ABL maintains full-time experts positioned across the region, including:

- Master Mariners (SCR-qualified), Marine Engineers, Naval Architects
- Offshore & DP Vessel Specialists
- Chemical Cargo & Bunker Experts
- Civil/Structural/Port Engineers
- Salvage Engineers & Project Managers
- Yacht Specialists

Key contacts are located in New York, Boston, Houston, Miami/Ft. Lauderdale, New Orleans, Toronto, Montreal, Vancouver, Halifax, St. John's, Panama City, Georgetown (Guyana), and Tampico.

We are closely supported by our South America head office in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

ABL provides 24/7, 365 days a year, casualty response across North America, supported by a multidisciplinary team of master mariners, naval architects, marine engineers, offshore specialists, and subject-matter experts located throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Our regional offering is further enhanced by maritime teams across Central and South America, with **ABL presence in Mexico, Panama, Guyana, and Brazil.**

Our Services

- **24/7 Maritime Casualty Response**
- P&I investigations
- Hull & Machinery damage
- Collision and allision investigations
- Salvage, wreck removal, towage consulting (including SCR/SHR services)
- Pollution incidents
- Cargo disputes (bulk, container, reefer, steel cargo)
- Groundings, strandings, and fixed-object impacts
- Draft/bunker surveys, on/off hire inspections
- Terminal equipment and port/berth damage
- Crane damage and heavy-lift incidents
- Accident reconstruction and technical expert witness services
- Dry and wet tow approvals and full Marine Warranty Survey (MWS) support
- Yacht damage and pre-purchase surveys
- Personal injury technical assessments
- Pre-risk condition surveys of vessels and shipyards
- Marine Warranty Surveying



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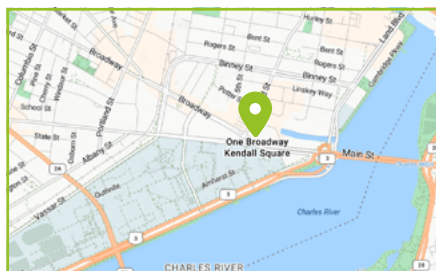
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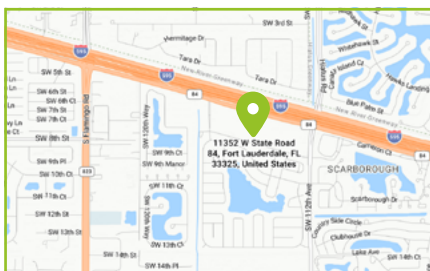


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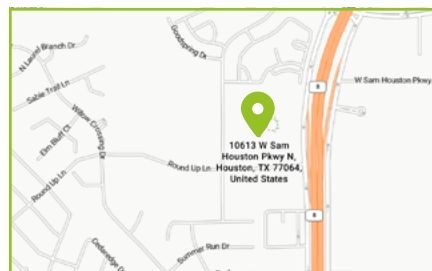


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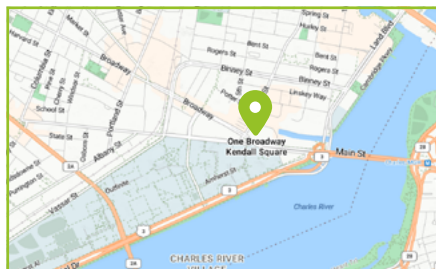


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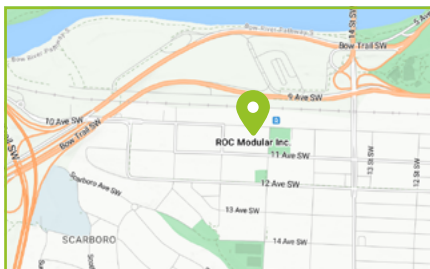


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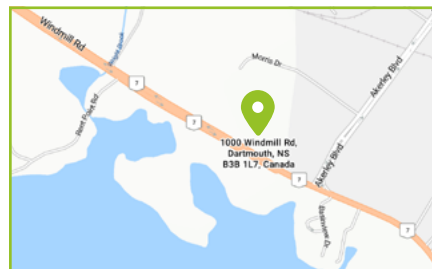
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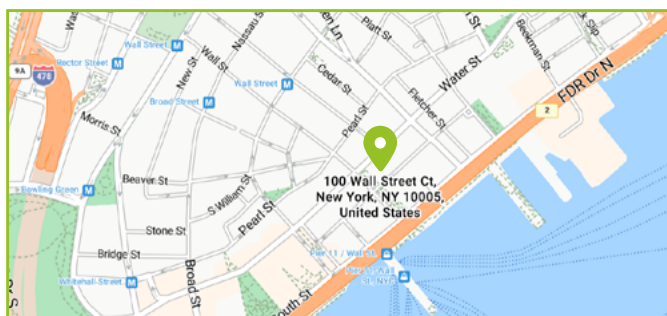


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As North America Managing Director for Maritime at ABL, Sean leads maritime operations across the U.S. and Canada, guiding regional growth and implementing strategic initiatives. He oversees a wide range of services, including P&I, Hull & Machinery, salvage, technical due diligence, surveys, expert witness work, yacht and port consultancy, single-voyage assessments, and general maritime advisory for shipowners, insurers, brokers, shipyards, and public-sector clients.

With more than a decade of experience as a marine surveyor, Sean has managed complex investigations and inspections centered on risk management and incident analysis. He has testified as both an expert and factual witness in matters involving vessel and cargo damage, stability assessments, and personal injury claims. His background also includes international shipyard repair oversight, ship condition surveys, and research and statistical analyses supporting safety and loss-prevention initiatives.



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Specialist Expertise: Fixed object damage, civil engineering, expert witness, marine warranty surveyor (MWS),

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David is a Chartered Civil Engineer who has worked worldwide on a large variety of offshore and civil engineering projects. At ABL, he has specialized in fixed object damages, carrying out investigations into damaged port facilities and structures, pipelines, and offshore platforms in all parts of the world and particularly in the Americas.

He has given live testimony in court and arbitrations in the United States, London and other venues. Cases have ranged from major multi-million-dollar incidents to minor damages to port and harbor facilities along the US Gulf coast.



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Tony is a highly motivated marine professional with nearly thirty years of experience in the superyacht sector. He began his career as a crew member and earned MCA certification as an ocean-going Chief Engineer before moving into luxury yacht and superyacht management. As a marine surveyor, Tony conducts condition and damage evaluation surveys on behalf of insurance underwriters, yacht owners, brokers, and managers. He works with Hull and Machinery underwriters and P&I clubs to assess damage, identify causes, and provide practical guidance to prevent further loss after marine incidents.

Tony has also served as a technical consultant and expert in legal matters, drawing on his background as a mariner, engineer, and yacht manager. He prepares detailed pre-purchase and pre-sale condition reports and provides technical consulting to owners, underwriters, brokers, legal counsel, and shipyards, including support with shipyard evaluations, new-build proposals, and design reviews.



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Specialist Expertise: H&M, P&I, salvage operations, project cargo.

Peter is a marine industry veteran with over 40 years' experience. Following a career at sea, he moved into shoreside technical management roles, notably at BP where he was responsible for investigations of lubricating oil and fuel oil technical and performance issues. Since 2008 he has specialized in marine casualty investigations, hull and machinery damage surveys, various P&I surveys, salvage operations, condition surveys, warranty and risk assessment surveys, seaworthiness assessment, expert witness provision and project cargo surveys.



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Specialist Expertise: DP, marine engineering, specialist offshore vessels, marine warranty surveyor (MWS), casualty investigations, mechanical engineering.

Muhammad is a versatile and highly motivated Merchant Marine Engineer with more than fourteen years of broad experience across global marine operations and surveying. His career spans VLCC tankers in the Middle East, offshore vessels in the North Sea, DP-2 SOVs, DP-2 scientific research and supply vessels in polar regions, high-voltage diesel-electric DP-3 drill ships, FPSOs, LNG carriers, ferries, dredgers, and boutique cruise ships. He is skilled in marine warranty surveying, casualty investigations, and technical risk assessments, supported by strong engineering knowledge and a commitment to operational safety.

Muhammad holds a First Assistant Engineer's Certificate of Competency with a High Voltage Management Level endorsement and a bachelor's degree in Mechanical and Power Plant Systems. His additional qualifications include DP Maintenance, BOSIET with Norwegian Escape Chute Training, MIST, HUET, Helicopter Fuelling, Safe Transport of Dangerous Goods by Air, F-GAS, EPA Universal, and MEECE.



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Everet holds degrees (BSc) in Marine Engineering and Shipyard Management from the United States Merchant Marine Academy and (MEng) in Engineering Management from Stevens Institute of Technology. He is also an Accredited Vessel Inspector (AVI) for DP and General Vessels.

Everet has over 15 years' experience in the offshore and merchant vessel sectors, spanning both technical management and vessel assurance positions. This includes senior engineering roles within C-MAR Group and technical superintendency with Teekay LNG, on a variety of vessel types and offshore projects. Everet joined ABL in Houston in 2017 and has served as Managing Director for the dynamic positioning segment across the Americas.



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Specialist Expertise: Civil and geotechnical engineering, ports consultancy, coastal and offshore structures, offshore wind.

George is a Senior Engineer (Civil and Geotechnical Engineering) at ABL, joining the company in June 2019. He is a chartered civil engineer (CEng, Institution of Civil Engineers) with a background in ports, coastal and offshore structures, and over 8 years' experience in project management and engineering design roles.

George now takes a leading position in energy and oceans projects both as a manager and technical lead for offshore developments in the US, the Americas, Europe and APAC. He is heavily involved in site characterization works, geo-studies, subsea cables projects, marine warranty surveys, marine casualty inspections, ports and harbors, technical due diligence, geotechnical data interpretation, leg penetration analyses and ground model development.



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Specialist Expertise: Shipyard project management, DP, specialist offshore vessels, marine assurance.

A Master Mariner with 30 years of seagoing experience, he has worked extensively across shipyard project management, subsea construction, and dive support vessels (DSVs) within the offshore energy sector. He began his career on major port expansion projects before transitioning to offshore operations on a range of vessels, including DSVs, OSVs, PSVs, and MPSVs. He progressed to the rank of Master Mariner and has sailed in leadership roles throughout the Gulf of Mexico, Latin America, and Africa.

He is a seasoned marine management and dynamic positioning professional with expertise in auditing management systems, strategic planning, project management, ISM compliance, process improvement, vessel operations, safety, and logistics. He served on the OSVDPA Technical Advisory Committee for two years, contributing to the development of DP training standards, processes, and documentation. As a Shipyard Project Manager, he also developed policies and procedures covering HSE, maintenance, product transfer, and company and vessel security plans.



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Ivan is a Master Mariner with over 30 years' experience in offshore and marine operations. During 18 years of sea-going experience, Ivan sailed to the rank of Master on platform supply vessels, gaining extensive expertise in DP2 systems and azimuth propulsion. He was involved in the design and delivery of newbuild PSVs and later transitioned ashore in 2014 to focus on marine consultancy.

Ivan has conducted technical due diligence, condition surveys, and casualty investigations for shipowners, insurers, P&I Clubs, and legal teams across Asia, Europe, and the Americas. His marine warranty work includes towage approvals, jack-up rig deployments, FPSO hook-ups, and heavy lift operations. He has supported major energy projects such as Ichthys and Wheatstone, providing HAZID assessments and pipelay equipment verification. Ivan is an accredited OVID inspector and a full member of the Society of Offshore Marine Warranty Surveyors.



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Specialist Expertise: Naval architecture, engineering management, mooring systems design and analysis, FPSO operations, casualty modelling and salvage consultancy.

Guy Noble has over thirty-five years of professional engineering and management experience in the maritime, and offshore oil and gas industry. He has developed particular skills in the design and installation of FPSO's, analysis of mooring systems and vessel structural and stability engineering analysis, particularly of vessels in a damaged or flooded condition, including recent salvage consulting and casualty modelling on the GOLDEN RAY capsized.

Guy holds an MSc in Marine Technology and BEng in Naval Architecture. He is a Chartered Engineer.



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Frank is a Marine Engineer with 21 years in ship management and operations of several type of vessels including containerships, semisubmersible flo-flo, heavy lift, cruise vessels and superyachts. He also served as a Principal Surveyor with Lloyds Register, based in Miami.

His experience includes damage surveys, salvage operations and casualty investigations for major Underwriters and shipowners, ISM/ISPS audits and project management of refit and repair works. Frank has testified as an expert in his field.

Prior to coming ashore, he spent ten years at sea on passenger vessels and other merchant vessels with motor and steam plants. He holds a BSc in Marine Engineering and is an unlimited Chief Engineer with combined motor and steam certificates of competency.

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Darren is a Naval Architect with ABL Group in Vancouver, Canada, where he leads West Coast business development and operations for the maritime team. He specializes in marine warranty services, engineering design, and client representation across offshore and onshore environments. He began his career in 2012 in a marine warranty role on the U.S. Gulf Coast before relocating to the United Arab Emirates to support oil and gas projects. He has delivered MWS services for major developments, including Anadarko Lucius, LLOG Delta House, and several large projects for Abu Dhabi National Oil Company. His experience includes offshore platform and subsea installation work, as well as wet tows, dry transport, loadouts, condition surveys, and P&I-related assignments.

Before joining ABL in 2025, Darren worked at a design firm where he focused on structural engineering and naval architecture for military and coast guard vessels, further expanding his technical and project experience.



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Maria is a naval architect with ten years of experience in engineering, surveying, and marine consultancy. She has worked across vessel design, project management, fleet operational support, owner representation, surveying, and regulatory compliance. Her background includes assignments in marine engineering consultancy involving ship design and modifications for workboats, pleasure craft, RoPax ferries, icebreakers, and specialized platforms.

She has contributed to projects in the marine renewable sector, focusing on reduced and zero emission vessels and sustainable technology. Maria also has project management experience in subsea cable interconnector work, supporting engineering reviews, and transportation and installation planning and execution.

Her field experience includes complex vessel and platform disposal and decommissioning projects, where she has provided engineering input and acted as Owner's Representative on site. She is an Associate Member of the Society of Marine Warranty Surveyors (SOMWS) and holds a diploma in Naval Architecture and an MSc in Applied Mathematics.



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Julien is a Class 1 Dual Ticket (Deck & Engine) French-qualified marine officer with over 25 years of operational experience at sea.

He has sailed on a variety of commercial vessels flying the flags of France and Canada, including DP2 supply vessels, cable layers, seismic ships, RoRo carriers and Arctic cargo vessels. He has extensive experience of complex operations in the North Sea, the Arctic and all over the world. Julien has a strong background in marine engineering and navigation in extreme environments. He is fluent in technical and operational maritime standards.

As a Senior Surveyor at ABL, Julien provides expert services to global insurers, shipowners, and legal teams. His work includes assessing hull and machinery damage, conducting P&I inspections, carrying out cargo surveys, and reviewing warranties. He is accredited by OCIMF under the OVID scheme and regularly conducts audits under ISM, ISPS, and RIGHTSHIP protocols. He has also supported class inspections (BV and DNV) and port state controls (USCG and AMSA).

Julien is an accredited CESAM marine surveyor, recognized for his expertise in ship inspections and insurance-related assessments.

CESAM (Comité d'Études et de Services des Assureurs Maritimes et Transports) is the leading French association of marine insurers, promoting technical excellence and global expert networks.



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Sergiy is a Master Mariner with over 20 years of experience in global marine and offshore operations. During his seagoing carrier, he progressed to the rank of Master on DP-2 multi-purpose heavy-lift vessels (HLVs), well stimulation vessels (WSVs), AHTSs and PSVs, operating across the North Sea, Gulf of Mexico, the Middle East, and West Africa.

He is a versatile and dedicated maritime and dynamic positioning professional with strong expertise in auditing management systems and ensuring company and vessel compliance with ISM procedures and other applicable maritime regulations and standards. His experience also includes marine warranty surveying, casualty investigations, and advisory and supervision roles in cargo operations.