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## MARINE CONSULTANCY STAFF PROFILES – THE AMERICAS

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### New York

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A Chartered Engineer with over 25 years' experience in marine engineering, technical management, vessel newbuilding and casualty investigation. He sailed to the rank of Chief Engineer Officer, with seagoing experience on cruise ships, container ships, reefer ships and superyachts. He has operational experience of slow speed diesel, diesel electric, steam and gas turbine powered vessels. His newbuilding projects included two large cruise vessels and several superyachts. In his work as a fleet technical superintendent, he was responsible for the maintenance, repairs and dry-docking of company vessels.

John has been involved on behalf insurers, shipowners and equipment manufacturers in investigating major marine casualties, engine failures and salvage efforts worldwide.

A Fellow of the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology, he serves on the executive committee for the US branch. He holds an Unlimited Class 1 Certificate of Competency and is an Accredited Marine Surveyor.

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Brocque is a Naval Architect with a degree from the University of New South Wales, Australia. His career spans a range of naval architectural spectrum, from vessel design and stability, to ship motions analysis, to port and terminal technical studies including dock damage surveys, simulations and support of expert witness services. He has worked in Sydney, London and New York, where he is also actively involved in business development. Brocque is a Chartered Engineer (CEng) in the UK, a member of the Royal Institute of Naval Architects (RINA), a member of New York Coasts, Oceans, Ports and Rivers Institute (COPRI) and a young professional member of the International Navigation Association (PIANC).

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Luca holds a Master's Degree in Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering. Prior to joining Braemar, he worked at a leading P&I Club, managing their survey program, including advices to Membership on current Rules/Industry requirements, carriage of cargoes and loss prevention activities.

Luca is an experienced surveyor with regard to project cargoes and marine warranty work, with particular reference to technical review of transportation, load out / load in, heavy lift / float over installations, towage approvals and sea fastening.

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Sergey has an MSc in Marine Engineering and a PhD in Technical Science, with seagoing experience on passenger, tankers, dry cargo vessels. He served as technical superintendent and fleet manager, with 16 years of comprehensive shore-based experience in maintenance and repairs, spares control, ships internal audits. Conducted evaluation, risk analysis and monitoring ship's performance. Extensive experience as a surveyor in Marine Casualty Investigations, Hull and Machinery damage surveys, various P&I surveys, salvage operations and project cargo surveys.

## **New Orleans**

**Captain Bobby Surendra**  
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Twenty years sea experience, including command of various vessel types trading internationally. More than fifteen years as a Port Captain prior to commencing surveying full time. Surveying experience on bulk carriers, containers vessels, reefer ships, and oil tankers.

Represented majority of P&I Clubs and H&M underwriters on casualty surveys and cargo disputes. Has testified in both State and Federal Court on maritime matters and is an accepted expert in his field.

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Edward is a marine engineer who began his career as an active duty US Naval Officer, later sailing in senior positions as a marine engineer aboard a wide range of government and commercial vessels (Diesel, Steam and Gas Turbine).

Edward came ashore after ten years of sailing, working for a major engine manufacturer on diesel engine installations, repairs and maintenance. Following this, he worked as technical manager for a leading offshore vessel fleet. For the six years prior to joining Braemar, Edward served as a Senior Surveyor for the American Bureau of Shipping (ABS).

Projects undertaken include; marine engine repowering, overhaul, repair, retrofits and warranty replacement. Edward has also been responsible for the construction oversight of numerous new build vessel projects. Edward is an accomplished and published technical writer, presenter and industry technology thought leader.

Edward holds both Bachelor and Masters of Science degrees in Marine Engineering from the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, New York.

## **Miami**

**Frank Vandelft**  
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Frank is a Marine Engineer with 21 years in management and operations of several type of vessels including 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.

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.

## Seattle

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Romen is a Licensed Seagoing Engineer with MSc Engineering and BSc Mechanical Engineering.

He has 20 years in the marine industry including Service in the United States Navy as a nuclear plant technician, ashore as a fleet superintendent / new build manager, and as a Professor at California Maritime Academy, teaching power plant and materials labs.

Prior to joining Braemar, he worked as a casualty investigator and surveyor with DNV GL.

## Houston

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Ian has an extensive background in marine engineering, both at sea and ashore in senior positions, with specialist expertise in LNG and LPG vessels. Prior to joining Braemar in 2015, he worked for Chevron as fleet repair superintendent, incident investigation manager and vessel reliability engineer.

At sea, Ian sailed as Chief Engineer on a variety of vessels, including tankers, gas carriers and general cargo ships and holds a combined Class 1 certificate. His career at sea followed a technical apprenticeship and a service technician position with a major crane and hydraulics manufacturer.

## Canada

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Duncan spent 17 years with Lloyds Register and DNV GL as a class surveyor, both in new building and general surveying roles. He holds his BEng in Naval Architecture and has been involved in new buildings of VLCC's and bulk carriers.

In his work as a casualty surveyor, he has attended numerous groundings, collisions and machinery failures on the Great Lakes and Atlantic coasts.

**Iliya Daskalov**  
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Iliya holds an MSc in Marine Engineering and a BSc in Economics. Following a career at sea, where he sailed to the rank of Chief Engineer on various vessel types, Iliya worked ashore in fleet management with V Ships and Oceanex, as a shipyard newbuilding and repair manager and ran the engine service department of a major ship repair facility.

He has also worked in the cruise ship industry as an Environmental Officer, ensuring compliance with international regulations including handling of HAZMAT's, oily water treatment, fuel and ballast water management.

In his role with Braemar, he has attended major casualties in the region and consults on machinery failures for shipowners, engine manufacturers and insurance providers.

**In addition to the above key bios, we have additional Master Mariners, Marine Engineers, Electrical Engineers and Naval Architects on staff**