

When and Where

Date : Wednesday **14th May 2025** **Time** : 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Venue : CMS Hong Kong LLP
8th Floor Nexus Building, 41 Connaught Road Central, Hong Kong

Speaker/ Presenter:

Richard Oakley (Master Mariner)

Shipping | Partner

A master mariner and solicitor who has been investigating shipping casualties for some 20 years. Shipping Partner at CMS Hong Kong (joined 2023). Over 15 years' experience in admiralty law, specializing in casualty investigations, collisions, pollution, and marine disputes.

- **Career:** Began in London (2008), relocated to Shanghai for hands-on regional casualty work, returned to London (2012) for broader dispute resolution, and settled in Hong Kong (2015).
- **Prior Roles:** 5 years at a leading international P&I Club handling insurance/legal disputes; 9 years as a Merchant Navy deck officer (Master Mariner-qualified), working on container ships, bulk carriers, Ro-Ros, and more.
- **Expertise:** Balances "wet" and "dry" shipping disputes. Leverages operational maritime knowledge and technical skills (e.g., analyzing voyage data recorders, AIS data) for efficient, practical solutions.
- **Admissions:** Solicitor in England/Wales and Hong Kong. Represents clients in courts and arbitrations.
- **Memberships:** Law Society of England/Wales, Law Society of Hong Kong, Nautical Institute.



What is it about

An in-depth analysis of the steps to be taken when a vessel is involved in a collision, in respect of evidence gathering with particular focus on electronic evidence. Followed by a discussion on what is important when assessing liability for the collision when attempting to apportion blame with the other colliding vessel.

Registration: 0630 pm

Details of the presentation: 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm followed by Q&A

Snacks and drinks: 0830 – 0930 pm

Reserving seats: There is no charge for this presentation. The presentation shall be followed by a networking session over food and drinks.

Please secure your place by registration through email to secretary@nautinsthk.com by 10th May 2025, [Max capacity 40, 'first come first serve' basis]

Warm Regards,

*Dr. Kaushik Roy/
Chairman
Nautical Institute
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*Capt. John YU/
AFNI Secretary
Nautical Institute
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