

# CAPTAIN VIKAS PATRA

**Vikas** joined SAMET in 2017 and is responsible for capacity building in Odisha by developing professional maritime training and marine skill development programme. As a Master Mariner he served for over eleven years as deck officer with Dole Reefer Ships, K Line Ship Management, Fleet Management, P&O Bulk Carriers, and Great Circle Shipping before becoming Head of Maritime department at Liverpool John Moores University & Lowestoft College respectively. He had taken sabbatical leave to support a new Ship Management company and acts as Regional Director for the Commonwealth of Dominica International Maritime Registry in UK and representation International Maritime Organisation HTW and MSC meetings.

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### **CEO of Springdale Maritime Academy (SAMET Trust) : (August 2017-Present)**

**Head of Department Maritime Enterprise: Liverpool John Moores University (January 2010 – July 2017)** Researching the market needs and developing relationships with major shipping companies in the maritime industry, which has enabled the design and delivery bespoke training to meet employer needs. (ARAMCO Saudi Arabia, NIMASA - National seafarer Development Programme) Working closely with Student Services to ensure that there are satisfactory arrangements for the guidance, selection, enrolment of new students. Increasing the level of overseas self-funding students and developing new courses for the overseas maritime market

### **Director of Operations: Rigel Ship management (Europe) Limited, UK (July 2014 –August 2015)**

Overall in charge of safe and efficient operations, including cargo operations, commercial operations, ship seaworthiness, navigation, crew management, budget management and incident investigation. Ensure compliance with various international and local laws, as well as company and flag state regulations • Responsible for safety of all persons on board, including officers and crew, other shipboard staff members. Manage budgets and maintained positive financial results while identifying relevant objectives and constraints • Ensure positive internal and external audits • Implement strategic HSEQ policies in order to enhance operational performance • Supervise, mentored and trained officer's and cadet's onboard vessels

Liaise with chamber of shipping, classification societies, port state, flag state, P&I Club and different stakeholders on surveys & insurance matters

### **Head of School Maritime Studies: Lowestoft College, UK (January 2008-November 2009)**

My responsibilities included the management of a £3.0m annual budget; the strategic development and operational efficiency for these areas. I also had line management responsibility for 25 marine lecturers and support staff. As a marine college I worked closely with Maritime Coastguard Agency (MCA), BTEC edexcel, SQA and Merchant Navy Training Board (MNTB) and the quality measures required achieving their standards. Was responsible for the UK Home Office Sponsorship arrangements for students and overseas employees under the new tier system.

### **Maritime Consultant: Lowestoft College (May 2006 to December 2008)**

Was responsible for all courses timetable by efficient use of resources. Ensuring adherence to all Nautical Science (OOW & Chief Mates) syllabus and course requirements produced by external bodies, and responsible for the efficient deployment of teaching staff within the maritime School under the direct supervision of Head of School. Was involved in building relationships with employers and business partners to identify their training needs and to provide training solutions to address these.

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (SEA SERVICE)

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During my sea experience I have developed a broad range of transferable skills, through stability and navigation calculations, controlling budgets, implementing maintenance schedules, management and training of personnel, decision making under pressure and extensive use of various ITC applications. Worked in various ascending capacities on different types of ships as Deck Officer to Master Mariner from 1993 to 2006. The ships I have sailed on were General Cargo, Multipurpose, Container, Reefer Carrier and Bulk carrier of panamax and Cape Class. This has provided me with real world experience of living and learning diverse cultures and social patterns and practices in addition to the main nuances of the Job as follows:

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## PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS & EDUCATION

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### **Master in Law in International Business and Commercial Law(LLM with Merit) -2013**

Liverpool John Moores University, UK

### **Master in Science in Ship & Shipping Management - 2005**

Southampton Solent University, Southampton, UK

### **Higher National Diploma, Nautical Sciences (Mates & Master Unlimited) - 2003**

Warsash Maritime Academy, Southampton Solent University, UK

### **Bachelor's in Nautical Science 1998**

Australian Maritime College, University of Tasmania, Launceston, Australia

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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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- Member of Nautical Institute
- Member of Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology –UK
- Regional Director for the **Commonwealth of Dominica International Maritime Registry** in UK and representation IMO HTW and MSC meetings
- Member of International Association of Maritime Universities (IAMU), represented Liverpool John Moores University from 2010 to 2017 at IAMU, was successful in achieving academic funding.

### **Achievements**

1. Ship Owner (4 feeder Vessels), Master, DPA –CSO, Marine Superintendent. (2006 -2016)
2. President of Odisha Merchant Navy Association
3. Awarded Contract for sea placement training by NIMASA
4. Franchise College for Liverpool John Moores University
5. Advisor to Tourism Department of Odisha on Boat Rules and safety.