

# Capt. Guy Pochet

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## Professional Profile

Senior Salvage Master and Marine Operations Manager with over three decades of international experience in maritime salvage, offshore construction, wreck removal, deep-water mooring operations, and marine emergency response. MSc in Nautical Sciences (Cum Laude) from the Nautical College of Antwerp, with a Graduate qualification in Advanced Maritime Law — providing the academic and legal foundation to assess salvage operations within complex jurisdictional and regulatory environments. Appointed Lloyd's Special Casualty Representative (SCR), a designation reserved for senior salvage professionals recognised by Lloyd's of London as qualified to act in complex maritime casualty situations. Guest Lecturer in Salvage Law and Operations at the Nautical College of Antwerp. Salvage Master on some of the most technically demanding and high-profile salvage operations of the past two decades, including the Costa Concordia recovery, the Kea Trader wreck removal in New Caledonia, the Golden Ray wreck removal in the United States, and the X-Press Pearl wreck removal in Sri Lanka. Member of the Association of Average Adjusters; Associate Fellow of the Nautical Institute; Member of the Society of Master Mariners South Africa.

## Qualifications & Certifications

### Academic:

- MSc in Nautical Sciences — Cum Laude, Nautical College Antwerp
- Graduate — Advanced Maritime Law, Nautical College Antwerp
- Sciences B (Latin/Mathematics, Sciences), Royal Atheneum Deurne/Antwerp

### Marine Licences & Operational Qualifications:

- STCW Master Unlimited — unlimited command authority on vessels of any size and trade
- Master Commercial Yachting
- Dynamic Positioning Officer (DPO)
- Helicopter Landing Officer
- Radar-ARPA certified
- Advanced Medical (Captain level)
- Ice Navigation
- Advanced Pilotage
- Offshore Fast Rescue Craft Skipper
- GMDSS

### Safety & Offshore Certifications (OPITO/HSE):

- BOSIET / NOGEP / Norwegian Oil & Gas / CAEBS

- OPITO: Gas Tanker, Tanker, Chemical Carrier
- Minimum Industry Safety Training (MIST)
- Integrated Safe System of Work (ISSOW)
- H2S, Advanced Fire Fighting, Helicopter Firefighting, Helicopter Underwater Escape (HUET)
- Managing Marine Emergencies, Marine Casualty Investigation, Bridge Resource Management
- Lifting & Hoisting Techniques, Hazard Identification & Risk Analysis, Rope Access
- Crisis & Crowd Management, Personal Survival at Sea

### **Diving Qualifications:**

- IMCA Offshore Diver Class II
- HSE Offshore Diver — Underwater Surveys (ACEBE)
- IANTD Advanced Nitrox, IANTD Trimix Diver Operations

### **Professional Memberships:**

- Lloyd's Special Casualty Representative (SCR) — Lloyd's of London
- Member, Association of Average Adjusters
- Associate Fellow, The Nautical Institute
- Member, Society of Master Mariners South Africa
- Guest Lecturer in Salvage — Nautical College Antwerp
- Alumni, Nautical College Antwerp

## **Professional Experience**

### **Salvage Master / Marine Operations Manager — Sub-Tech / Seatec NV**

*2014 – Present*

Principal Salvage Master and Marine Operations Manager for Sub-Tech and Seatec NV, leading or managing some of the most complex and high-profile salvage, wreck removal, and offshore marine operations of the past decade:

- Costa Concordia Wreck Removal (Italy, 2012–2014 — Titan/Micoperi): Salvage Master on the successful parbuckling, refloating, and re-delivery of the 295-metre cruise liner — the largest and most complex maritime salvage operation in history. Responsible for operational planning and execution throughout the critical refloating phase.
- Golden Ray Wreck Removal (Brunswick, USA — GSC/NE P&I): P&I Salvage Consultant for the wreck removal of the capsized car carrier, coordinating with US authorities, P&I insurers, and the salvage contractor throughout the operation.
- X-Press Pearl Wreck Removal (Colombo, Sri Lanka — GSC/London P&I): P&I Salvage Consultant for the wreck removal of the sunken container vessel, one of the most environmentally sensitive and complex wreck removal operations in the Indian Ocean region in recent years.

- Kea Trader Wreck Removal (New Caledonia — Ardent Salvage): Salvage Master for cargo and pollution removal of the grounded vessel in New Caledonia — a remote, technically demanding operation involving deep-water cargo recovery from a wreck in an isolated Pacific location.
- SMART Wreck Removal (Richards Bay, South Africa — Titan Salvage): Salvage Master for successful refloating and scuttling of bow section and wreck removal of centre section.
- Pollutant Removal — SERDAL Ferry (Seychelles — Mubarak-Bridge Maritime): Salvage Master for environmental and pollutant removal from stranded ferry in environmentally sensitive island waters.
- Capsized Jack-Up Barge (Louisiana, USA — Resolve Marine): Salvage Master, emergency response to capsized jack-up barge offshore Louisiana.
- Tappan Zee Bridge Removal (Hudson River, New York — Resolve Marine): Project Manager for demolition and removal of major bridge structure in US inland navigable waters.
- Buchan Deep Floating Wind Turbines (UK North Sea — Boskalis/Technip/Statoil): Tow Master for the tow from Stord Fjord and installation of five floating wind turbines (75 m draft, 180 m air draft) and hook-up to three-chain mooring systems per FWT.
- Baobab FPSO Lifecycle Extension (Côte d'Ivoire — Boskalis/MODEC/CNR): Marine Operations Manager for two campaigns — deep-water disconnection and tow to Dubai, and return tow with deep-water mooring line change-out and hook-up of turret-moored FPSO.
- Uaru FPSO (Guyana — Boskalis/MODEC/ExxonMobil): Marine Operations Manager for very deep-water installation of spread-moored FPSO offshore Guyana.
- Sangomar FPSO Installation (Senegal — Boskalis/MODEC/Woodside): Marine Operations Manager.
- Fluminense FPSO Decommissioning (Brazil — Boskalis/Subsea 7/Shell): Marine Operations Manager for deep-water disconnection and tow to Europe.
- Furie Monopod Platform (Cook Inlet, Alaska — Crowley): Offshore Construction Manager for installation of offshore gas platform in challenging ice-prone Alaskan waters.
- Jangkrik FPU (Indonesia — Boskalis/Saipem/ENI): Tow Master — 12-point chain spread mooring system installation.
- Armada Olombendo FPSO (Angola — Boskalis/Bumi/ENI): Tow Master — 9-point chain mooring, 7 risers pull-in, subsea salt water suction hose installation.
- Seagreen Suction Pile Campaign (North Sea — SPT): Offshore Construction Manager.
- Ophir Platform Relocation (Malaysia — SPT/Redtech/Vestigo): Marine Operations Manager.
- Nasr II Project (Abu Dhabi — Boskalis): Tow Master — installation of two 4,000+ ton topsides.

## **Marine Operations Manager / Salvage Master — DISA International**

2012 – 2014

- Salvage Master — Costa Concordia (as above); Cable Pull-In Project, North Sea (Jan De Nul); Gemini Project, North Sea (recovery of collapsed sheet piling wall); 450-tonne sunken generator recovery, Port of Antwerp.

## **Salvage Master — SMIT South Africa**

2008

Extensive salvage master operations across the South Africa region, including disabled and sinking vessels in gale conditions, hydrocarbon recovery from a sunken OSV at 46 m depth, jack-up platform leg recovery in Qatar at 70 m depth, refloating operations in ports of Durban, Cape Town, Calcutta, and numerous other locations. Full record available on request.

## **Chairman — SEA-TECH; Director — SUB-TECH Consultants**

1999 – present (concurrent)

Consultancy in salvage operations, dive tender operations, guard vessel operations. Underwater surveys, side-scan sonar, multibeam, ROV, magnetometer operations, underwater repair and maintenance. Master and Chief Mate on salvage tugs and dive support vessels. Operations in North Sea, Spain, Portugal, and major northern European ports (Antwerp, Le Havre, Dieppe, Dunkerque, Flushing).

## **General Manager Logistics — Capespan Continent**

2005

Overall responsibility for supply chain management of all European imports. Member of Capespan PLC/Fyffes board committee. Contract negotiations with 28 accredited stock locations across Europe.

## **Merchant Marine Officer — CMB**

1989 – 1995

Officer on general cargo, container, perishables, OBO, and heavy lift vessels. Assistant Port Master, Matadi, 1990.

## **Languages**

- Dutch — Native
- French — Fluent
- English — Fluent
- German — Fluent
- Spanish — Working knowledge

