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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY:

Captain Zakirul Bhuiyan, MNI

Captain Zakirul Bhuiyan began his sea going career as a nautical cadet in 1989 with Bangladesh Shipping Corporation after successful completion of two years' pre-sea training at Bangladesh Marine Academy, a local branch of the World Maritime University, Malmö. On completion of cadet training, he proceeded to Hong Kong Polytechnic University and achieved the Post-Experience Certificate for Navigational Watch-Keeping and got his 2nd mate CoC in 1991. He then joined Valles Steamship (Canada) Ltd and had been sailing for more than fifteen years in various ranks including Master.

He obtained his Master's foreign going Certificate in 1998 from MCA, UK and got his first command in 2003 on a capesize bulk carrier, 'Gateway Bulker'. His time at sea was mainly spent in worldwide trade, which gave him a wide range of experience of navigating vessels in different regions of the world.

In 2005, he joined Shetland NAFC Marine centre, UK as a Lecturer and he has delivered training and courses within Nautical studies section, and lectured a variety of subjects. Later in 2006, he joined Warsash Maritime Academy, a faculty of Southampton Solent University as Senior Lecturer; since then he has been involved with all aspects of teaching and training in the bridge simulator courses like NARAS Operational and Management levels, Professional Yachts, Company's professional developments, BTM, BRM, ECDIS etc.

Captain Bhuiyan completed his HND from South Tyne side College in 1995 and was awarded U.S. Equivalency Bachelor's degree in Marine Science from World Education Services, New York in 2002. At present, he is involved in a research project 'Managing the transition training from paper chart to ECDIS' as a part of his MSc in Shipping Ports and Environment.

