



## Dave Watkins

Deputy Director Maritime

## CHIRP Maritime

Dave enjoyed a 28-year career at sea, commencing in 1976 with a cadetship at Ellerman and City Liners. He eventually obtained his Master's CoC with Panocean Anco in 1987. His last 12 years at sea were spent in command of various ships, including VLCCs, Cape Size, Container ships, and General cargo feeder ships.

Dave worked for 30 years at the China Navigation Company Pte. Ltd (CNCo), spending the last 14 years in Hong Kong and Singapore as Fleet Safety Security and Environmental Manager and DPA before retiring from CNCo as Fleet Quality Assurance Manager and DPA. During this time, Dave's team was awarded the Lloyds List Asia safety award and was a finalist in the Lloyds List Global safety awards.

Throughout his career, Dave has been an active participant in the maritime community. During his time in Hong Kong, he served on the Hong Kong Victoria pilot's examination board, was a member of the Pilots' Advisory Committee, and held the position of Vice President of the Hong Kong Nautical Institute. In 1997, he obtained his Pilot's licence for the port of Jebel Ali, Dubai. In addition to his role as Deputy Director with CHIRP Maritime, Dave is the Networking and Communications Director for Befrienders Worldwide, a global emotional support organisation, further demonstrating his commitment to global connections and community service.