

Ann Pletschke

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Ann 'ran away to sea' aged 16 having decided from a very young age there was no other career for her, and several decades later is still dedicated to all things maritime. Having started off on deep-sea breakbulk and containerised reefers, she transitioned, via ferries, into the offshore industry. This is where she found her niche, enjoying both manual ship handling, DP operations and the variety of offshore operations.

She considers herself a life-long learner, studying a Diploma in Port Management in 2005 and then pursuing Open University study whilst at sea. After gaining her Master Unlimited COC, Ann obtained an MSc in Shipping Operations as well as NEBOSH safety qualifications.

Ann has been running Trinity Maritime since 2013 providing marine consultancy and vessel inspection services worldwide. She also has held a number of leadership positions in large shipping companies as well as maintaining recent seagoing experience in a variety of deck-based roles, including in command. Her shore experience in recent years has centred around autonomous and remotely controlled vessels and she holds a MEng in Autonomous Maritime Operations. She sits in a number of industry working groups in this area including co-chairing the MCA Remote Operator Sub-Group developing competency standards, The Nautical Institute Automation Technical Advisory Group and IMarEST MASS and AI Special Interest Group.

Ann holds Chartered Master Mariner and Chartered Marine Technologist status and was awarded the Merchant Navy Medal for Meritorious Service in 2022. She is a Fellow of both The Nautical Institute and IMarEST as well as a member of IIMS and WISTA UK and South Africa branches. This also gives a clue into where she spends her time – whereas she spends most of her time at home in the South Coast of England, she also maintains a base in Cape Town where she is also a proud bursary supporter of Lawhill Maritime Centre.

Ann is passionate about the charities she supports, but none more-so than her volunteering for Safer Waves, a global-reach charity based in the UK combatting harassment and sexual violence in the maritime industry.