

Expert Witnesses

*in marine, offshore
and shipyard
mediation,
arbitration, and
litigation*



Fisher Maritime has over thirty-two years experience in providing attorneys, consultants, ship owners and shipyards with technical analyses, expert testimony, and support for mediation, arbitration, and litigation.

Our credentials and experience as vessel designers and operators are the foundation for our expert witness qualifications when we analyze and testify about issues relating to vessel design, construction, and operation.

In turn, our experience in performing expert analysis and testifying in these cases enables us to provide better consulting services to clients who construct and operate vessels.

The balance between these two areas of service creates a synergistic harmony, and provides every client with a work product of distinctive and unsurpassed quality.

Among our staffs' credentials:

- Degrees from maritime colleges and universities
- United States Coast Guard licenses
- U.S. Navy experience
- Experience in design and operation of marine and offshore vehicles and facilities



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Casualty Analysis

No two vessel casualties are the same. Our analyses have aided in determining causes and responsibility in over 200 cases.



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Examples of recent cases:

- Supply vessel damages drilling rig due to cut-off of power
- Barge sinking in Chesapeake and Delaware Canal
- Multiple seabed pipelines ruptured by inadvertently deployed anchor
- Gasoline barge explosion
- Carbon monoxide poisoning aboard recreational boat with two lives lost
- Collision between personal watercraft and powerboat



Photo: U.S. Coast Guard

Recreational Boating

Fisher Maritime consultants have amassed years of relevant experience—numerous analyses of recreational craft accidents; craft design; construction and operation of recreational craft of varying types.

We address a wide range of cases:

- Collisions, allisions, sinkings
- Explosions, fires
- Falls overboard, injuries, deaths
- Carbon monoxide poisoning

Personal Injury

The seafarer, the vessel passenger, and the shipyard worker are affected by a variety of codes, statutes and standards. Our comprehensive familiarity with these regulations permits efficient analyses that are central to the issues.

When personal injury occurs, Fisher Maritime's consultants stand ready to give you the benefit of our long experience in defending or asserting claims resulting from improper design, construction, equipment operation, or training for use of equipment.



Photo: U.S. Coast Guard

Asbestos, hazardous materials, scrapping

Fisher Maritime routinely deals with the question of personal exposure to hazardous materials affecting former shipboard and shipyard employees. We have provided impartial analyses to both plaintiffs and defendants.



We have prepared multiple analyses pertaining to the presence of and personnel exposure to:

- asbestos
- PCBs
- lead and heavy metals

aboard vessels and at shipyard and ship-scrapping sites to address industrial hygiene issues.

Our clients generally use these analyses as a basis for identifying origins of exposures and/or assigning or recovering clean-up costs.



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Our Philosophy

Fisher Maritime Consulting Group's purpose is to provide quality consulting services to the maritime and offshore industries, and accurate and impartial expert witness services that are consistent with our fields of professional practice.

We will continue to maintain a synergistic relationship between our consulting work and our expert witness work.

In this manner, Fisher Maritime will continue to provide the outstanding services our clients have enjoyed for over thirty-two years.



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