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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Capt. Shiraz Lakhani is a Master Mariner and Panel Arbitrator of the Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA) with over twenty-six years of international experience across the operational, technical, commercial and legal dimensions of the maritime industry. His career combines fifteen years of seagoing service, including command experience, with senior executive leadership in the management of LNG, LPG, ethane, ammonia, oil and chemical tanker fleets.

He currently serves as Deputy Marine & Safety Director, Designated Person Ashore (DPA) and Company Security Officer (CSO), where he is responsible for marine assurance, operational governance, safety management, regulatory compliance, emergency response, technical risk management and strategic operational oversight of modern gas carrier fleets.

Capt. Lakhani has extensive practical experience in matters commonly encountered in maritime disputes, including charterparty performance, vessel operations, cargo handling, voyage execution, change-of-grade operations, LNG and LPG transportation, ship-to-ship transfer operations, marine casualty investigations, root cause analysis, vessel vetting, safety management systems, technical due diligence, regulatory compliance and maritime risk management.

Throughout his career he has worked closely with shipowners, charterers, technical managers, P&I Clubs, classification societies, flag administrations, oil majors, terminal operators and regulatory authorities in relation to vessel operations, contractual compliance, casualty investigations, marine assurance and claims prevention.

His combined background in command at sea, executive ship management, maritime law and arbitration provides him with a practical and commercially informed perspective in the determination of technical and commercial maritime disputes.

REPRESENTATIVE AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Charterparty disputes and contractual performance
- Voyage and time charter operational disputes
- LNG, LPG, ethane and petrochemical transportation
- Oil and chemical tanker operations
- Ship management and technical management disputes
- Cargo operations, cargo contamination and cargo claims
- Vessel performance, delay and off-hire matters
- Marine casualty investigations and causation analysis
- Incident investigation and root cause analysis
- Ship-to-Ship (STS) transfer operations
- LNG bunkering and alternative fuel operations
- Marine assurance and operational governance
- Vessel vetting, SIRE and CDI inspection regimes
- Terminal compatibility assessments
- Maritime safety management systems (ISM Code)
- Regulatory compliance and statutory interpretation
- Technical evidence and expert operational analysis
- Marine risk management and operational decision-making

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

PG Ship Management Pte Ltd., Singapore

Deputy Marine & Safety Director, Designated Person Ashore (DPA) & Company Security Officer (CSO)

June 2025 – Present

Responsible for marine assurance, operational governance, regulatory compliance, emergency response, safety management and strategic oversight of LNG and specialised gas carrier fleets. Advises senior management on technical, operational and contractual matters affecting vessel performance, commercial operations and asset integrity.

Previously served as **QHSE Manager (2020–2025)** with responsibility for incident investigations, marine assurance, risk management, vessel vetting, LNG operational procedures, charterparty operational compliance, emergency response, root cause investigations and management of change.

Evergas Ship Management Pte. Ltd., Singapore

Marine Assurance Manager & Company Security Officer 2015 – 2020

Responsible for marine assurance, vessel vetting, operational compliance, internal audits, LNG and LPG operational support, compatibility assessments, SIRE and CDI compliance, terminal assessments, cargo operations and stakeholder liaison involving shipowners, charterers and terminal operators.

Anglo-Eastern Ship Management

Master Mariner 1999 – 2014

Served in command and senior deck officer positions on LPG, LEG, ammonia, oil and chemical tankers engaged in international trade. Extensive experience in charterparty execution, cargo operations, navigation, shipboard management, safety leadership and commercial voyage operations.

ARBITRATION & LEGAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Panel Arbitrator, Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA)
 - Fellow, Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SIArb)
 - Postgraduate Diploma in Maritime Law, National University of Singapore
 - Graduate Certificate in International Arbitration, National University of Singapore
 - Professional Qualifying Examinations (PQE), Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (United Kingdom) - Best student overall, Highest marks -Shipping Law, Shipping Finance & Shipping Business.
 - Advanced Diploma in Shipping Finance (Distinction), Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers
 - Master Mariner Certificate of Competency
 - MBA - Shipping & Logistics Management (First Class)
 - BSc NT - Nautical Technology (Distinction)
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PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Singapore Chamber of Maritime Arbitration (SCMA)
 - Singapore Institute of Arbitrators (SIArb)
 - Institute of Chartered Shipbrokers (MICS)
 - SIGTTO Human Elements Committee Working Group (Participant Member)
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SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- Expert Panellist – *VLEC Design and Efficiency at Sea and Terminals*, Riviera Maritime Media (2021)
 - Guest Lecturer – SMU, International Trading Institute
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PROFESSIONAL STATEMENT

Capt. Lakhani combines extensive practical maritime experience with formal legal and arbitral training, enabling him to approach technical and commercial maritime disputes with an appreciation of both the applicable legal principles and the operational realities of the shipping industry.

His professional experience has been shaped by the investigation of marine incidents, interpretation of contractual and regulatory obligations, marine risk management and executive decision-making within the international shipping industry.

He is committed to serving as an independent, impartial and diligent arbitrator, bringing careful analysis, sound judgement and practical industry insight to the fair and efficient resolution of maritime disputes.