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**Remi Mayet**

Remi Mayet joined the Unit on ports and inland navigation in 2013. Graduated from the Solvay Business School in Brussels and the Ecole Nationale des Travaux Publics de l'Etat in Lyon, he joined the European Commission as EU official in 1996. He held various posts, including as assistant of the Directorate General for Energy and Transport. In 2003 he helped Karel Van Miert identify the priority trans-European transport projects and launch the first 'motorways of the sea'. He contributed to the preparation of the transport White Papers, helped initiate the modernisation of the European rules on commercial road transport and put in place a common framework for transparent and sustainable ports.



**Vittorio Pagotto**

Capt. Pagotto joined the Italian Coast Guard in 1990. His first appointment was at the Ravenna Harbour Master Office as Marine Safety Surveyor and Patrol Boat C.O. In 1994 he moved on-board ITCGS “Bannock” as Executive Officer, during this period Captain Pagotto was involved in training deployments, maritime police activities or oceanographic and hydrographic surveys. Captain Pagotto also served as Chief of Operations Officer of the Maritime Directorate/MRSC Rome and Coast Guard Advisor at the Italian Military Mission in the Defence Field in Malta. His current designation is Chief Operations Officer at the Italian Coast Guard Headquarters.



**Markku Mylly**

Markku Mylly started his maritime career in the Finnish Merchant Shipping in 1973. He attended Rauma Maritime College of the Satakunta University of Applied Science, obtaining a Bachelor of Science in maritime studies and qualifying as an Officer and Master Mariner in 1980. He sailed on Finnish ships until 1987 when he joined the Finnish Maritime Administration (FMA). Mr Mylly held various positions in the FMA between 1987 and 2010. He was then appointed Director General of FMA in April 2004. He served in this position until the end of 2009 when a merger of Finnish transport agencies took place. Mr Mylly was appointed as CEO and Managing Director of the Finnish Port Association in 2010 and he served in this position until he was nominated to the position of Executive Director of the European Maritime Safety Agency in 2012



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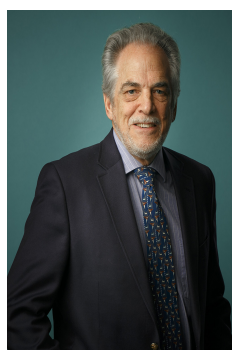
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### **Frédéric Hébert**

Frédéric Hébert has been Head of Unit C1 “Pollution Response Services” at the European Maritime Safety Agency since June 2016. He started his professional career as an officer in the French Navy where he was in charge of pollution response at the Préfecture Maritime de la Méditerranée, then moved to the Legal Department of the Ministry of Finance where he held the position of Head of Office for International and Environmental Law, dealing in particular with the “ERIKA” incident legal actions. In 2006, he was appointed by the Secretary General of the International Maritime Organization Director of the Regional Marine Pollution Emergency Response Centre for the Mediterranean Sea (REMPEC), a Regional Activity Centre of the Barcelona Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment and the Coastal Region of the Mediterranean, a position he has occupied until 2014.



### **Robert G. Allan**

Since graduating with honours from the University of Glasgow with a B.Sc. in Naval Architecture in 1971, Robert Allan has been designing high-performance commercial workboats of all types, most notably high-performance tugboats for tanker escort and offshore terminal operations. In 1981, he succeeded his father as President of Robert Allan Ltd. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in the Province of British Columbia, and a Fellow of both the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers and the Royal Institute of Naval Architects. Nowadays, Mr. Allan serves as Executive Chairman of the Board at Robert Allan Ltd., and he continues to work “almost” full time, focussing on special projects and on mentoring the next generation of designers within the Company.



### **Dirk Degroote**

Dirk Degroote started his career at Damen in 2003 as a graduate student from the Delft University of Technology, developing an innovative solution for tender stowage in relation to the damage stability of large motor yachts. After his graduation in 2004 as a naval architect, he worked as a design and proposal engineer, developing amongst others a fuel-efficient design with maximized crew comfort and operability for safety standby vessels. Early 2012 he went back to his roots as a naval architect and joined the Damen’s Tugs division, first as design and proposal engineer and from 2013 as head of the department, combining design with his wider experience in production and management. Appointed in January 2017 as Product Manager Tugs, he is now responsible for all activities of Damen in the Tug market and directly in charge of product development, innovation, sales support and technical management for Tugs.



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### **Stefan Mueller**

Stefan Mueller studied mechanical engineering at the University of Stuttgart and graduated as Dipl. Ing. He joined MTU Friedrichshafen in November 1989 starting as a numerical engineer developing mechanical simulation software and using it for calculation of the dynamic behaviour of propulsion plants under various load cases. In 1996 he was made responsible for a team of engineers dealing with “vibrations of drive-trains”. In April of 2002 he took the responsibility of the department of “New Technologies / Design Studies”. Since April of 2006 he is Director of the “Application Center Marine & Offshore” at MTU Friedrichshafen.



### **Christian Strahberger**

Christian Strahberger took over as the Managing Director of Schottel GmbH in 2016. He is an industry expert with a strong technical and intercultural background. After studying in both Germany and the United States to obtain his doctorate in Physics, he began working for Siemens AG and later, in 2009, for the mechanical engineering company Voith. Most recently, he has been serving as Chairman of the Board of Management for the Marine division of Voith Turbo Schneider Propulsion.



### **Adrian MUNDIN**

Adrian MUNDIN joined the UK Chamber of Shipping in 2012. He leads on technical matters such as safety of navigation, ship construction and marine engineering, and is also the secretary for the British Tugowners Association. His previous career was in the Royal Navy as a Marine Engineer specialist. Sea appointments included HMS MANCHESTER as a Deputy Marine Engineer, with a Persian Gulf deployment; Squadron Engineer to the Royal Naval Reserve Squadron; Senior Engineer in the aircraft carrier HMS ILLUSTRIOUS, and finally, Marine Engineer in HMS MARLBOROUGH, which included the invasion of Iraq. Ashore he has been involved in gas turbine test and evaluation, head of training group, graduate recruitment and public relations in the Ministry of Defence. His final job in the Service was Equerry-in-Waiting to HRH The Duke of Edinburgh.



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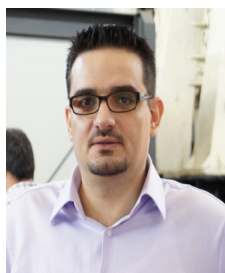
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### **Ben Harris**

Ben joined the Shipowners' Club in 2001 and is now Head of Claims, London Branch. Ben began his career with the Club after graduating from university with a Law degree and the Judges award for International trade. He started out as a trainee claims handler assisting Members in South East Asia and South America before being seconded to the Club's legal correspondents in Queensland, Australia in 2003. Ben rejoined the Club in London in 2004 and started his legal training culminating in his qualification as a solicitor in England & Wales in 2006. He continued to work closely with the Club's Membership in Australasia and coordinated the response on a number of significant and high profile collision cases. In 2010 Ben moved to Vancouver as a Director of the Club's Canadian Branch office. In 2013 Ben returned to London to reprise his current role with the Club heading up the claims team responsible for assisting our Membership across Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Indian sub-continent and the Americas. Notably this has involved leading the handling of a significant grounding incident in Greece that resulted in a large pollution and wreck removal liability and more recently, Ben has been heavily involved in the salvage of a Members containership in Ecuador. Ben also represents the Club at the International Group Pollution Sub-committee.



### **Sotirios Stoukas**

Sotirios Stoukas is a Chartered Naval Architect and Marine Engineer. Graduated in 2001 at the School of Ship Design and Marine Engineering of the National Technical University of Athens he gained a doctorate in Naval Architecture (Ship Design Optimization & Efficiency) from NTUA in 2011. From 2002 to 2008, he worked in the Ship Design Laboratory of NTUA as Fellow-Scientist. Since September 2008 Mr. Stoukas has been employed at Lloyd's Register Group and particularly at Hellenic Lloyd's S.A., Greece and Lloyd's Register EMEA-United Kingdom. His current position is at Stability Load Line & Tonnage department of Piraeus Technical Support Office in Greece, where he is responsible for a wide range of tasks including, among others, Plan Approval (stability and strength), Consultancy, Technical Assistance, as well as preparation of quotations and offers for various job types.