

Rob Loder appointed as Chief Inspector of Marine Accidents

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The Marine Accident Investigation Branch is pleased to announce the appointment of Rob Loder as chief inspector.

The Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) has appointed Rob Loder as its new chief inspector. Rob replaces Andrew Moll OBE, who retired earlier this month after 21 years' service at the MAIB.

Rob brings a wealth of experience to the role, having worked as an engineer officer on board oil tankers, cable ships, ferries and superyachts before moving into fleet management, ship repair and project management.

Rob said:

I am honoured to take on the role of chief inspector. Andrew Moll leaves behind a remarkable legacy, and I am determined to build on the MAIB's globally recognised reputation for rigorous, independent investigation.

Working alongside the rest of the outstanding team at the MAIB, I am committed to ensuring our work continues to drive meaningful improvements in safety across the maritime sector.

After training in heavy engineering ashore, Rob joined the merchant navy and served as an able seaman and motorman while completing a rating to officer conversion course. Upon qualifying Rob was promoted to engineer officer and served on a variety of vessels including oil tankers, cable ships, ferries and superyachts; and attained the rank of chief engineer.

Rob moved into fleet management and then into ship repair, ship build supervision and project management. After a period of consultancy to the marine industry Rob joined the MAIB in 2020 as an inspector, progressing to principal inspector and then deputy chief inspector before taking up his current role.

Rob is a chartered engineer, marine engineer, and a fellow of the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST).

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