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Professional Experience

TDI-Brooks International, Inc, College Station, TX. 10/96-Present

Vessel Master. Duties: Served as vessel Master on R/V Brooks McCall 11/08 to present. Also served as Chief Officer from 4/05 to 11/08 on various TDI Brooks vessels. From 10/96 to 4/05 oversaw deck crew as winch operator / deck supervisor during offshore piston coring operations, heat flow studies, hazard surveys and various types of environmental surveys

Rustex Inc., Bryan, TX. 8/92-8/96

Skilled Labor. Duties: Skilled labor concerned with construction of natural gas processing plants as well as plant modification and maintenance. Pipeline compressor station construction.

Moore Petroleum, Inc., Kurten, TX. 5/92-8/92

Floor Hand. Duties: Floor hand on workover rig.

Geochemical and Environmental Research Group, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX. 6/88-12/91

Ordinary Seaman. Duties: Worked as winch operator, deck hand and lab technician during offshore piston coring operations.

Bandera Construction, College Station, TX. 12/87-4/92

Owner/Operator. Subcontracted remodeling and construction jobs.

Oil Well Production Enhancing Chemicals, Inc. (OWPEC), College Station, TX. 9/87-11/87

Lab Assistant. Duties: Laboratory research and development of oil well paraffin solvent.

Steak and Ale Restaurant, Bryan, TX. 11/84-10/87

Bartender while attending Texas A & M University.

Shell Oil Company, Houston, TX. 4/80-8/82

Geophysical Technician. Duties: Worked under interpretive geologists and geophysicists. Organized and filed newly purchased seismic data; demultiplexed raw field data; performed time-to-depth conversions using existing programs and sonic logs; performed processing procedures including migration, filter application, stacking, velocity analysis, deconvolution, palinspastic reconstruction, etc.; prepared geologic cross sections.

GCO Drilling Co., Abilene, TX. 5/79-9/79

Floor hand. Duties: Worked on rotary drilling rigs in West Texas and Wyoming.

Training and Qualifications

Medical Care Provider – April, 2011

Bridge Resource Management – March, 2011

Celestial Navigation – February, 2011

EPA NPDES VGP Training – May 2010

Advanced Marine Firefighting – April, 2010

VSO/CSO – August, 2009

Radar Observer – Unlimited, October 2009

FCC GMDSS Radio Operator's License, January 2005

STCW Training, Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, Texas A&M University System, August 2001.

U.S.C.G. – 200 ton Masters License, third issue, valid until 03/01/17.

Endorsements include: Radar Observer Unlimited
GMDSS Radio Operator
Vessel Security Officer
Lifeboatman

U.S.C.G. – Merchant Mariners Document, Unlimited Able Seaman, valid until 03/01/17.

Basic Offshore Survival and Emergency Training, Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, Texas A&M University System, March 1997.

40-hour HAZWOPER for Clean-up Course, Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service, Texas A&M University System, August 1995.

Education

Texas A&M University, College Station, TX, 9/82-12/86
115 hrs. Petroleum Engineering

Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX, 9/74-5/79
90 hrs. Journalism