



Consultant Spotlight

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Walter Laird is a retired U.S. Naval Officer who received his education from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Johns Hopkins University. He obtained his B.S. and M.S. in Naval Architecture, Marine Engineering, and Materials Engineering. Walter is a Certified Marine Investigator and a Certified Fire Investigator with over twenty-five years of experience conducting complex investigations. He has been Lead Engineer for FORCON International in charge of the Mid-Atlantic region for over 18 years, conducting accident, personal injury, property damage, and product failure analysis and providing expert testimony in areas of noted expertise.



This May, Walter will be headed to the United Kingdom to attend Cranfield University's first Applied Marine Investigation Course. This is part of FORCON's continuing strive for excellence in the field of marine accident investigation. The course content has been developed in close collaboration with the international accident investigation community, including the UK's Marine Accident Investigation Branch (MAIB) with the endorsement of the Cranfield Safety and Accident Investigation Centre's Industry Advisory Board. This practical course benefits from significant participation by members of the UK Air, Marine, and Rail Accident Investigation Branches and brings together the considerable expertise

and experience of investigators, operators, and researchers to deliver a level of training second to none. Walter is looking forward to sharing his extensive knowledge with others and learning from their expertise and experience.

About Cranfield University: Cranfield University Safety and Accident Investigation Centre has an international reputation for award winning teaching, research, and consultancy in transportation safety management, human factors, and incident and accident investigation.

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