

Curriculum Vitae.

Colin D. Speedie.

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Colin Speedie is a Commercial Yachtmaster with twenty years experience in the field of marine wildlife research, throughout the British Isles. During that time he has worked as Master and naturalist aboard commercial whale watching vessels, and as Principal Investigator on many research cruises on behalf of the Sea Watch Foundation, The Wildlife Trusts, WWF-UK, Marine Conservation Society and Earthwatch Institute (Europe). Born and raised by the sea, he has owned boats for almost all of his life, and has eighty thousand sea miles experience on a variety of sailing vessels.

Having led a parallel career in business, within a family firm specialising in marine based supplies for Organic farmers, he has worked at every level and learned the skills necessary to coordinate and manage projects, as well as work closely with people with a wide range of abilities.

With active experience in marine ecotourism and wildlife research, he founded the UK's first Marine Wildlife Training and Accreditation Scheme, the WiSe Scheme (www.wisescheme.org). He has run many courses on sustainable ecotourism around all parts of the UK, and lectured on the subject at University level.

He has extensive experience of public speaking on marine conservation matters, and as a photographer and journalist has regularly had images and articles featured in a wide range of magazines and journals.

Employment History:

Joined Sea Trident Ltd. September 1975, appointed Director 1981, Managing Director and Owner 1986 – 2007. Suppliers of marine based materials to Organic farmers.

Formed Seawatch Charter 1992. Partner until 2000, now sole owner. Yacht Charter, wildlife research projects.

Partner in Wave Action 2007. Marine environmental research consultancy.

Sailing History:

Own yachts since 1986. Current yacht OVNI 435

Commercial Yachmaster No 11408 since 1993.

Master of various commercial vessels up to 24m since 1993, in the English Channel, Irish Sea and the Hebrides.

Approximately 80,000 miles experience as Master cruising, racing (including successful completion as Mate of the Fastnet Race in 1999 with a handicapped crew), commercial yacht charter, and commercial whale watching and marine wildlife research.

Marine Wildlife Research History:

Commenced research cruises in 1988 (basking sharks) and cetaceans (whales and dolphins) in 1992.

Regional co-ordinator Sea Watch Foundation (cetacean research) 1992 – 2005.

Lead various scientific research cruises on behalf of the Sea Watch Foundation 1992 –1999 in the English Channel, Irish Sea and the Hebrides.

Co-founder, Seaquest project (Devon and Cornwall Wildlife Trusts) 1999.

Founder of European Basking Shark Photo-identification Project 1999.

Commenced the Wildlife Trusts/WWF-UK Joint Marine Programme basking shark research project (Project Director and Principal Investigator) 1999 – 2007.

Winston Churchill Memorial Trust Fellow of 2002, studying Marine wildlife tourism in the United States and New Zealand

Co PI Marine Conservation Society Turtle, Jellyfish and fixed fishing gear Project 2002 – present

Principal Investigator, Earthwatch Institute (Europe) Basking Shark research project, 2002 – 2007.

Trustee, The Shark Trust 1999 – 2000.

Chairman, The Shark Trust, 2000 – 2004.

Trustee, The Shark Trust 2004 - 2008

Chairman, the UK Basking Shark Biodiversity Action Plan sub-group 2001 – Present.

Author of six published scientific papers, three as co-author, three as sole author.

External supervisor 12 MSc students 2000 - 2004.

Education and Training

Blundells School, Tiverton, Devon 1970-74

Exeter College, Exeter 1975

2 A levels

Training: Yachmaster (with Commercial endorsement) 1993 - present

Basic Sea Survival 1993

First Aid at sea 1993 (updated 1999 and 2005)

Ship Captains Medical 1993