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After excelling in School and College Mike started his early career in retail, before moving into the banking industry and began to develop his leadership skills. He made the decision to attend University in 2000 and received an Honours Degree in Media Management which opened the doors to his successful career in Leadership and Management. Mike has held several senior leadership positions ranging from a Blue Chip Maritime Organisation to a leading UK IT solutions company.

Since 2014 his passion has been working with people and teaching within the maritime industry. He completed the Train the Trainer course in 2015 and the Reflective Practitioner Teaching course in 2016 as well as the IMO 6.09 and IMO 6.10 Train the Trainer and Simulator Trainer courses. His teaching qualifications were augmented further in 2017 with the successful completion of the PTTLS Level 3 Award in Education and Training, and further Train the Trainer qualifications with ProPass. He is regarded as one of the UK's leading instructors of the Maritime HELM (Human Element Leadership Management) course.

Outside of his primary role as Instructor, Mike has developed (starting as a hobby) a significant understanding of web and graphic design in particular HTML 5, CSS 3, Adobe Photoshop, Indesign and Dreamweaver, and most modern website authoring tools. This coupled with his understanding of Maritime STCW instructing has allowed him to develop the on-line CBT ECDIS Type Specific courses to a very high standard helping seafarers remain current at a non-profit cost.

His service to Industry was recognised in 2017 when he was awarded a Fellowship by the Institute of Leadership and Management.

Outside of work, you will find Mike playing his sax, singing and hitting drums vaguely in time to the music, in a variety of different bands.

