

GAC Shipping Surveying Capabilities

Expert support in the Middle East



GAC's team of experts meet the survey needs of ship owners and charterers throughout the region.



Delivering your strategy.

Total survey support for ship owners and charterers

You never get prior warning of a maritime incident at sea or in port, and when they occur, an immediate response is vital.

A prompt response can make the difference between a positive or negative outcome. Legal claims and liability issues are complex issues which require handling by competent, experienced professionals.

GAC's P&I team and in-house surveyors have the expertise, experience and technical know-how to meet the changing demands of the industry whilst providing the best strategies for loss prevention, casualty management and maritime risk.

GAC's surveyors based in Dubai and Kuwait offer initial guidance in the aftermath of an any incident. They investigate the condition of the vessels involved in cases of total loss, salvage, wreck removals, collisions, marine pollution, damage to cargo, hull or machinery damage, slow steaming, bunkers & oil shortage, charter party disputes, seaworthiness, or personal injury. Our surveyors can also offer supervision and leadership for ship-to-ship transfers.

Vessel condition assessment

The hull, structure, cargo handling gear, hatch cover arrangements, machinery

condition, and operational status of oil tankers, container ships and general cargo vessels are surveyed.

Detailed reports are provided, including the statutory status of the vessel and its history. Information about where the survey was conducted, as well as details of the vessel's recent operational history, ports of call, cargoes carried and management / crew is also given.

Vessel condition surveys

- Superficial condition inspections for pre-purchase requirements
- Pre / post charter assessments
- Pre-finance inspections
- Condition surveys (exclusively for charterers and terminals)
- Hose test surveys for cargo hold hatch covers
- Cargo hold cleaning supervision and guidance on-board on continuous attendance basis
- Passivation of stainless steel cargo tanks / preparing cargo tanks for loading
- AQIS approved surveyor to conduct vessel's Hold Cleanliness Inspection prior to loading of cargo bound for Australian Ports

- On hire / off hire condition survey
- ULD testing of cargo hold hatch covers

Cargo surveys

- Bunker Quantity Surveys
- Pre loading and discharging condition surveys
- Wall wash tests / chemical cargo carriage superintendency
- Break bulk loading / discharging survey
- Specialized cargoes - acrylonitrile, strong acids and bases superintendency
- Load-in / load-out and mobilisation of heavy lift cargoes and project cargoes
- Lashing supervision and certification
- Fitness to load surveys (WWT)
- Project cargo measurement and condition surveys
- Super cargo for RoRo and break-bulk (US Army cargo and General cargo)
- Cargo sampling (petroleum / other cargoes)
- Cargo tally, super cargo, cargo expeditors, pre / post shipment steel cargo surveys and other project cargoes



Claims and investigations

- Machinery damages
- Structural failure inspections
- Liquid cargo quantity and quality discrepancy
- Expertise in root cause analysis and investigations into marine accidents including grounding, collisions and/or contact damages to fixed and floating objects
- Marine pollution investigations
- Investigation of contamination claims of various refined oil products, vegetable oils and chemicals in bulk (quantity and quality) for underwriters, charterers and owners
- All types of container / cargo damage inspections (including reefer containers and refrigerated cargoes)

Ship and shore-based inspections

- Dry-dock preparation, supervision and upgrading vessel's draft, cargo carriage capacity etc.
- Cargo grab capacity testing and certification
- Cargo grab load testing witnessed by class
- Container single voyage certificates

- Container suitability and fitness inspections
- Mooring master / pilot / cargo operations supervisor for ship-to-ship transfer operations involving oil tankers approved by oil majors
- Safety audits and surveys (exclusively for charterers and terminals)
- Bollard pull testing
- Towage approval certification
- Magnetic compass adjustments and deviation cards

Shore Tank Assessment

- Oil / chemicals / gas
- Pipeline transfer surveys
- P&I surveys
- Cargo sampling (petroleum)
- Laboratory analysis witnessing

SERVICES AT A GLANCE

- Proactive claims management
- LOU and bank guarantee provision
- Appointment of surveyors and lawyers
- In-house surveyor provision
- Stowaway repatriation
- Medical assistance claims management
- Repatriation of human remains



Full range of professional surveying services

About the GAC Group

GAC is a global provider of integrated shipping, logistics and marine services. Emphasising world-class performance, a long-term approach, innovation, ethics and a strong human touch, GAC delivers a flexible and value-adding portfolio to help customers achieve their strategic goals. Established since 1956, GAC employs over 9,000 people in more than 300 offices worldwide.

The GAC advantage

- Team of surveyors with vast shore based and marine experience on-board all types of vessels
- Excellent relationships with local authorities and port officials helps expedite case handling and minimise Principals' financial exposure
- Excellent in-house IT and surveying proficiency
- Surveyors available 24/7 and at short notice
- Experienced surveyors specialised in liquid cargoes and tanker vessels
- Prompt response and feedback with preliminary findings upon urgent survey nominations
- Preferential rates with local surveyors and lawyers

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