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## ■ Anders Björkman

The managing director of Heiwa Co is Anders Björkman, M.Sc. Naval Architect and Marine Engineer, with more than 35 years experience of tanker and ferry design, construction and operations worldwide. Mr Bjorkman has been a delegate to the IMO for various national administrations and one NGO and has been a speaker at various Safety at Sea conferences. Mr Bjorkman holds several patents concerned with ship safety. Mr Björkman is one of the most outspoken critics of the Estonia accident investigation 1994-1997, which is still debated 2005.

### Personal Information

Nationality:  
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### Education

**1965 -1969** *Chalmers University of Technology* -Gothenburg/ Sweden, M.Sc. Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering - 1969

**1971-1999**

Various business courses and in-house training 1971-1999.

**1970**

### Military training

Marine engineer in Swedish Navy 1970 - specialized into converting merchant ships into mine layers.

<b>1971-1977</b>	<b>Professional experience</b> <i>Lloyd's Register of Shipping</i> - 1971 -1977 London/UK, Yokohama/Japan, Malmö/Sweden Ship surveyor - Research/London, Design approval/Yokohama - Japan (4 years), Newbuilding supervision/Malmö and Sölvesborg
<b>1977-1978</b>	<i>Scandinavian Underwriters' Agency</i> 1977-1978 Rotterdam, Netherlands Ship surveyor - >100 damaged ships surveys
<b>1978-1980</b>	<i>Mediterranean Average Adjusting Company</i> 1978 -1980 Monte Carlo, Monaco Casualty investigator, Average adjuster - about 50 adjustments
<b>1980-2000</b>	<i>V.Ships</i> 1980-2000 Monaco Group naval architect - Project manager. V.Ships is the worlds largest ship manager (founded 1984) with >400 ships. Project manager for major repairs world wide. Project manager for many conversions, new buildings and similar projects worldwide, e.g. six roro passenger ferries in Red Sea (1989-1997), several passenger ship and gas tanker (Japan 1993) newbuildings, war ship conversion Ukraine (1994) and Russia (1996). Also safety and environmental protection up-gradings. Also two years Marketing manager - started V.Ships Norway and built up V.Ships Scandinavian customer basis.
<b>2000 -</b>	<i>Heiwa Co.</i> 2000 - Beausoleil, France Managing director

**Heiwa Co** is a development and consultancy company for oil tankers, roro-ferries and safety at sea. Achievements: (1) has developed the only alternative to double hull tankers approved by the United Nations International Maritime Organization - 1990-1997. (2) independent investigation of the Estonia accident 1994-2000. (3) several ferry conversions (with V.Ships). The objective of **Heiwa Co** is to assist companies in the marine transport business to develop safer and more economic solutions.

#### Patents and publications

Tanker Collision Protection System Patent (1990) - USA, Japan, Korea, Brazil, Europe  
Many articles published in The Naval Architect, MER, Lloyd's List, Dagens Nyheter about probabilistic methods to evaluate oil tanker protection, passenger ship damage survival, the 'Estonia' accident etc.

Most recent publications: [Thoughts about WTC1 911 Collapse](#) (2008) - [Lies and Truths about the MV Estonia accident](#) (1998), Nya Fakta om Estonia (1999), [Katastrofutredning](#) (2000), [Disaster Investigation](#) (2001) and [Estoniabluffen](#) (2002).



#### Additional professional activities

Have served as expert to the ICS, Liberia and Sweden delegations at the IMO.  
Represented Liberia in the ICS Technical Committee

Speaker at international safety conferences - Brighton 1998, Glasgow 1999, [London 2002](#) [Tallinn 2005](#)

#### Languages

Scandinavian Spoken/Written

English S/W

German S/W

French S/W

(Dutch - Spoken/read)

(Japanese - some spoken)

(Arabic - some spoken)

Computer languages - Words, Excel, CASa Gifts, Acad, Corel Draw, etc.

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