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In 1992, Cyrus Mody completed a Bachelors degree in Psychology from the University of Mumbai, India. While studying law he quickly realized that joining the Merchant Navy would be a much better option. A decision he has not regretted. He started his career in 1993 as a deck cadet on general cargo ships.

Over the next 14 years, he sailed in various ranks including Ship Security Officer and gained valuable experience on general cargo ships, bulk carriers, crude oil tankers and RO PAX vessels. He qualified as a Master Mariner in 2003.

In 2007, Cyrus joined the International Chamber of Commerce's - International Maritime Bureau (ICC - IMB). Cyrus passionately believes in the positive work done by the IMB's Piracy Reporting Centre. Having had firsthand experience in the benefits of receiving the regular broadcasts from the Centre, Cyrus realizes the need for situational awareness for the Master. Within the IMB, Cyrus's portfolio consists of gathering and analyzing data on worldwide maritime piracy and armed robbery. He regularly liaises and updates the shipping community as well as governments, navies, law enforcement, academics and media on the latest concerns, risks and trends of piracy and armed robbery in various ports and seaways in the world.

Cyrus is actively involved in speaking to and recording information from crewmembers and ship owners who have survived the harsh realities of being hijacked and kept captive. He has also co-authored a report on the Human Cost of Piracy, which gives detailed information on the treatment towards the seafarers held captive by the Somali pirates. Over the years he has also been part of the ICC delegation at the Maritime Safety Committee (MSC) meetings at the IMO where he has also been part of various working groups.

As part of the IMB in the pan-industry alliance, Maritime Piracy Humanitarian Response to Piracy (MPHRP) steering and working groups he has been involved in developing the Seafarers Pre Departure Piracy Awareness Training Guide and the Good Practise Guides for shipping companies and manning agents for the Humanitarian Support of Seafarers and their families involved in piracy incidents. He has also delivered a number of training programmes to seafarers and trainers on pre departure piracy awareness.

Recently, Cyrus has assisted the board of Directors of MPHRP to successfully transition the programme into the larger Seafarer charity - the International Seafarers Welfare and Assistance Network (ISWAN).

In addition to the anti-piracy awareness work, Cyrus has conducted investigations involving shipping insurance and cargo claims and frauds. Over the years, he has gained knowledge and identified various trade finance documentation frauds. He carries out CDD / EDD checks and documentary checks for the institutions and organisation under the membership. Cyrus has also project managed the upgrade and implementation of the Hologram Image Registry portal, which allows hologram manufacturers globally to ensure trademarks and other intellectual property rights are not infringed or counterfeited.

Cyrus is also involved in organizing various courses and workshops on behalf of his organisation.