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This is his ninth maritime-related book with two more in preparation. He writes a weekly shipping column in *Cape Times*, Cape Town's morning daily newspaper and is a guest writer for shipping journals.

