

# Marine Cyber Crime and Fraud Relating to Recreational Vessels©

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2018

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**From:** Damen Marine Services Limited [<mailto:damenmarineserviceslimited@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 8, 2018 3:33 PM  
**Subject:** VERY URGENT PLEASE

**Dear Sir,**

**I got your contact while searching through USA bar referral directory here in Amsterdam.**

**Please can you assist our firm in drafting a purchase/ Sales agreement of a Tug Boat Vessel with a buyer in your state?**

**Thank you,**

**Kommer Damen**

**MD/CEO**

**Damen Marine Services Limited**

**Avelingen-west 20 Gorinchem**

**The Netherlands.**

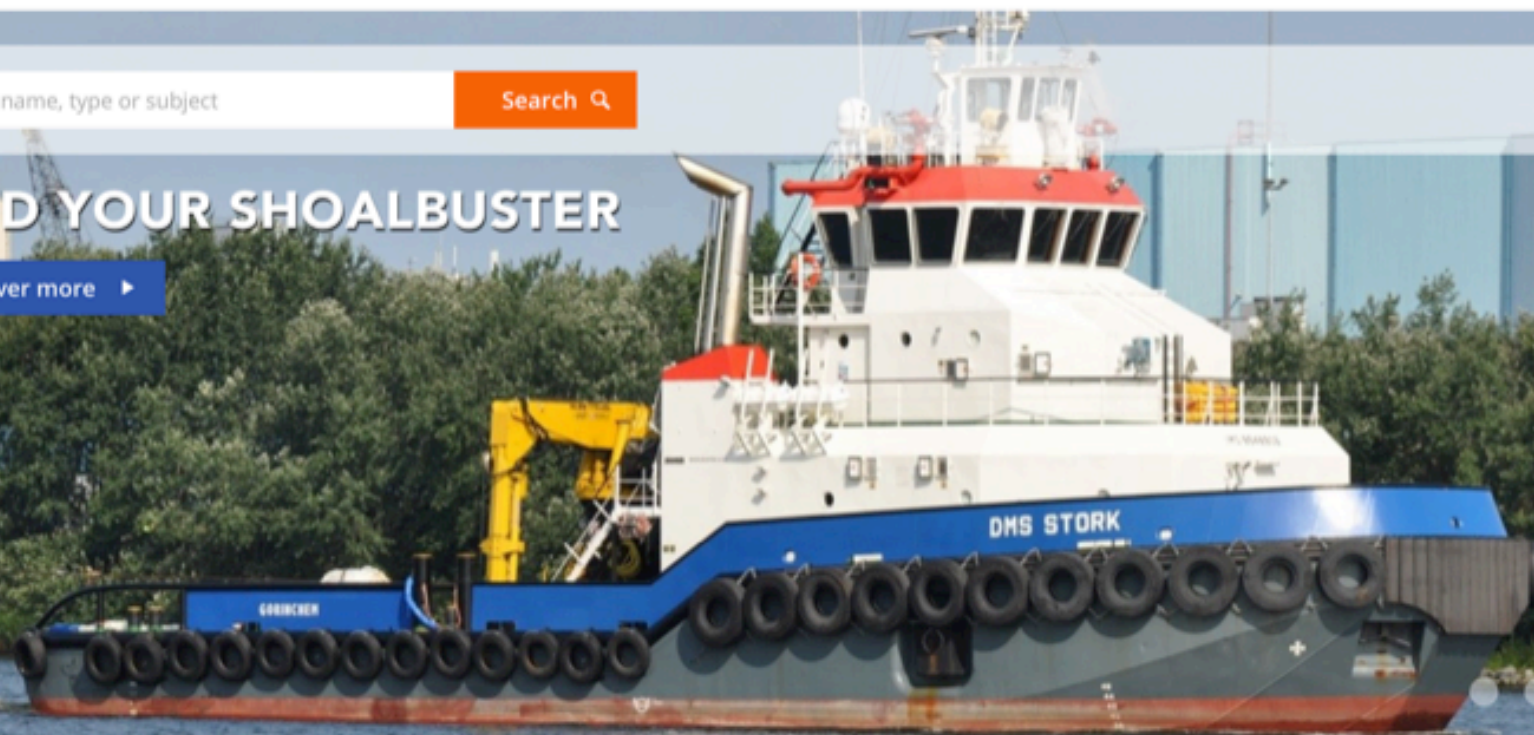


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# Kommer Damen

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- Kommer Damen's father and uncle started building boats in a shed next to the family home in the Dutch town of Hardinxveld-Giessendam in 1922.
- Five years later, they founded Damen Shipyards in 1927.
- He bought the shipyard from his father and uncle in 1969 and brought the modular shipbuilding concept to the construction of small boats and launches.
- Damen Group is now one of Europe's largest family-owned shipbuilders, generating \$2.5 billion in sales worldwide in 2017.

**To: Eugene Evgenievich Samarin**  
**From: parichart**


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We would like to retain your firm to help us in the process to review proposed transactions contract agreement for merger and acquisitions or purchase of businesses please advise on your hourly fee and initial retainer fee and forward me you retainer agreement. If you don't practice this area referral will be appreciated. Please reply to our company email below parichart1sukkasaem@gmail.com Parichart Sukkasaem

**Reply now**

Or respond by replying directly to this email.

 **Reminder!**

**From:** Martin Jongenelen getlog43@outlook.com   
**Subject:** Legal expertise on draft  
**Date:** April 24, 2018 at 16:41  
**To:** purchasenlogistics@gmail.com, tlochner@boatinglaw.com

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MJ

Greetings,

My firm is in the process of selling one of its tug boat to a buyer in your jurisdiction. I would need your legal expertise to guide us through this process, by helping us draft a complete package of your Purchase and Sales agreement for this transaction.

Are you able to take this matter? If not, a referral will be appreciated.

Regards,

Rene Bonhof  
Director Fleet Management  
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[rene\\_bonhof@jbekkersbv.com](mailto:rene_bonhof@jbekkersbv.com)



**Rene Bonhof** • 3rd

Fleet Manager and New Building projects Manager at  
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HTS ship engineering



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I am a ship management professional with over 30 years experience. Started at sea as engineer, later added expertise also as Deck Officer.. I have further developed my expertise and skills ashore. Currently I am leading a team of superintendents who take care of day to day ship management tasks and I am supervising and coaching this team. It is my responsibility to ensure that the ship owner/operator is happy with the employment of his assets and that the fleet operates reliable and within agreed budgets. The latest challenge is to manage a new building program for 6 ultramax bulk carriers at two shipyards in China. Currently, living and working most of the time in Yangzhou China and share my time between Dayang Shipyard and Jinling Shipyard to supervise our new building projects.

Specialties: 2 stroke marine diesel engines, marine coatings, Container vessels, RoRo vessels.

Bulk Carriers and vessel New Building



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### Equipment purchase scam using the name Chris Williams

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Two Ontario firms notified us that they received an email from the purported Chris Williams

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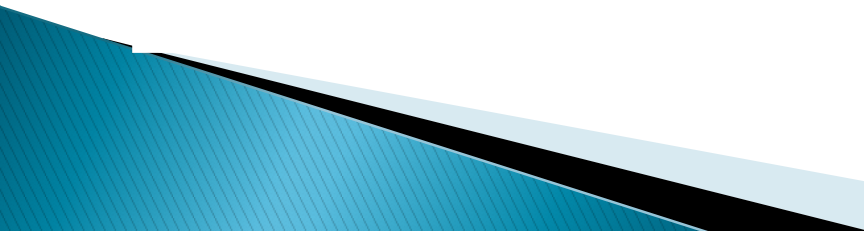
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# Due diligence on suspected fraudster

Take these steps to cross-check and verify information provided to you by the client.

- Cross-check names, addresses, and phone numbers of the client and other people/entities involved in the matter on Google® and other search engines.
  - Tip: To find exact matches, enclose your search terms in double quotes.
  - Do reverse searches on phone numbers.
  - Look up addresses using Street View in Google Maps.
  - Ask your bank or the issuing bank to confirm the branch transit number and cheque are legitimate.
  - Call the entity making the payment or loan and ask if they are aware of the transaction.
  - Contact the company to confirm it is expecting debtor's payment or business loan.
  - Hold the funds until your bank confirms the funds are "good" by contacting the other bank, and have the bank confirm, in writing, that it is safe to withdraw from the deposit.
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**From:** XXXXXX

**Sent:** donderdag 14 april 2016 13:37

**To:** '[tlochner@lochnerlawfirm.com](mailto:tlochner@lochnerlawfirm.com)' <[tlochner@lochnerlawfirm.com](mailto:tlochner@lochnerlawfirm.com)>

**Subject:** possible referral

Dear Mr. Lochner

I am a partner in a XXX Foreign XXXX law firm, resident in its New York office. A Dutch ship yard has approached me with the request for a referral in connection with the sale and transfer of a dredging vessel to a New York State resident company or individual. We are not qualified to assist and came across your name and your firm's helpful website. I tried to leave a voice mail message for you but got the signal that your mailbox is full. May I ask that you kindly call me here in New York to see if we can refer the matter to you? Many thanks and kind regards XXXXX Name Removed XXXXX

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**From:** Todd Lochner [<mailto:tlochner@boatinglaw.com>]

**Sent:** dinsdag 19 april 2016 11:09

**To:** XXXXX EMail Deleted XXXXXX

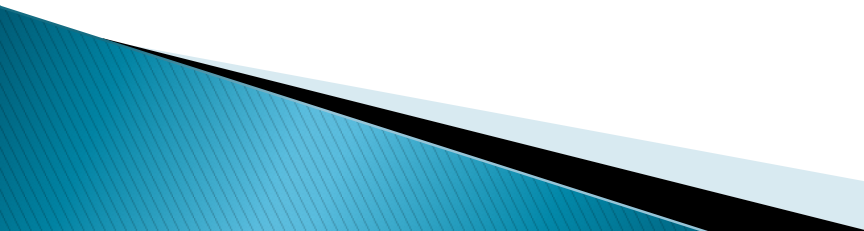
**Subject:** Re: possible referral

Mr. X

I would be happy to assist if you have vetted this as a legitimate transaction. I have been approached by several law firms for a dredge vessel transactions only to find that it is scam operation. I have been approached at least 6 times directly by the scammers. At this point my spam filter has begun to pickup any reference to dredge vessels. Please confirm the legitimacy of the underlying request and I would be happy to assist.

Best  
Todd

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## Todd Lochner

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**To:** Wrgg#Drfkqhu  
**Subject:** UH#srwledh#hihudo

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Dear Mr. Lochner

After all those years in the legal practice I am still naïve, because I have established that it is indeed a scam. The relevant client is embarrassed by the fact that these emails are sent out on its behalf. And I am embarrassed that I did not identify this myself and bothered you with my question. Thank you for the courtesy to have replied and hopefully one day there is good work to do between our firms. With kind regards XXXXX

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6th October, 2017

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
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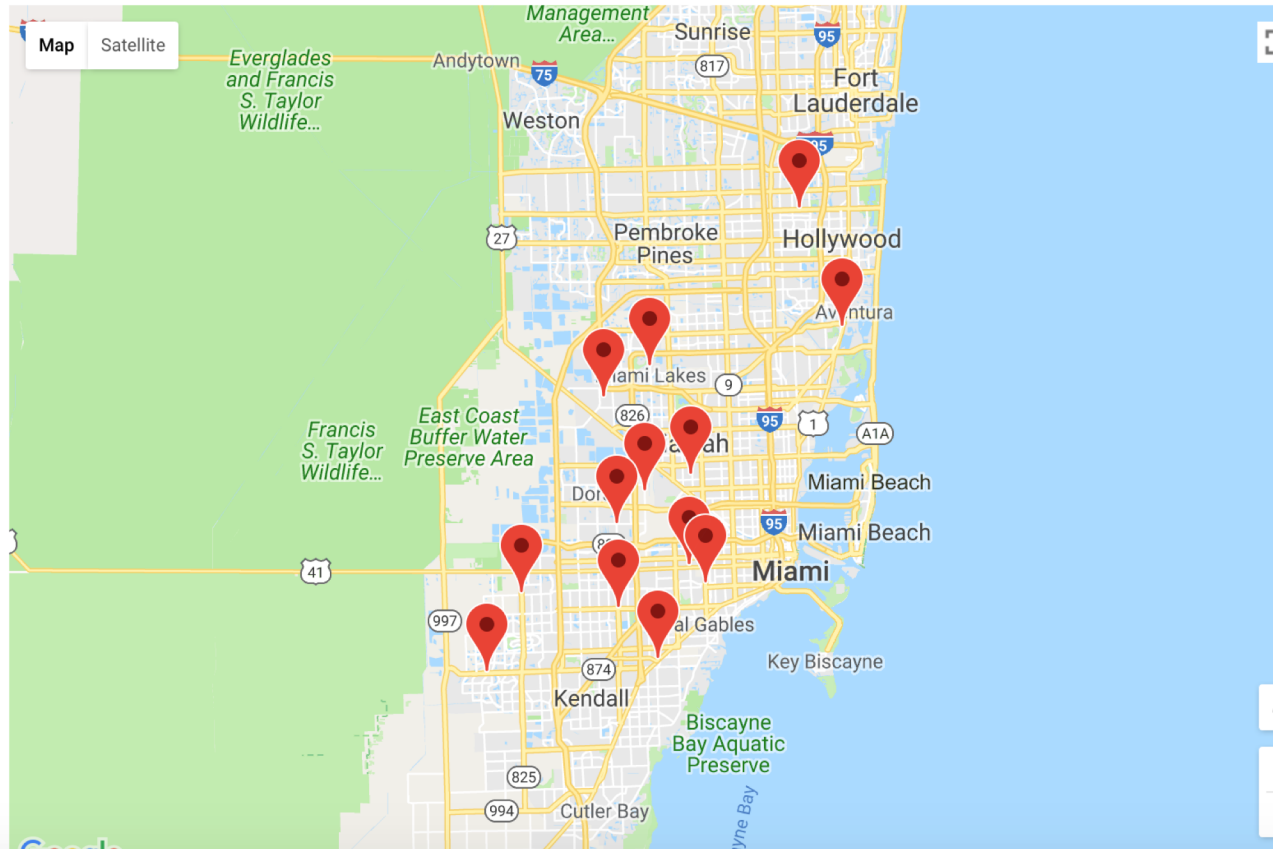
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Anyone can make a payment without log in. Once you have made a payment, you will be prompted to sign up. There is no requirement to do so.



# Richard L. Gergar

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Deacon Richard L. Gergar, 72, of Bethlehem, passed away at home surrounded by his loving family on Wednesday, September 27, 2017, following a battle with cancer. Born in Bethlehem on December 15, 1944, he was the son of the late Anna and Louis Gergar of Bethlehem. Richard graduated from Liberty High School in 1962. He was employed for 30 years at Bethlehem Steel. In May of 2006 Richard was ordained as a Deacon in the Diocese of Allentown and assigned to St. Anne's Church in Bethlehem. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and was an honorary 4th Degree Knight. He was also involved with the Cursillo and made the 19th weekend. Survivors: with his wife, Diane, are his children: son, Richard (Theresa) of Annapolis, MD; grandchildren, Colin, Madison, Dylan and Gavin; daughter, Susan Taylor and granddaughter, Lily; nephew, Mark Ihrle. He was predeceased by sister, Elizabeth Ihrle. Services: A viewing will be held on Monday, October 2, 2017 at St. Anne's Catholic Church 450 E. Washington Ave., Bethlehem, PA 18017 from 9:30-11:30 AM followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:30 AM. Arrangements Connell Funeral Home, Bethlehem. Contributions: In lieu of flowers



# ► The Classic Con:

In *Confessions of a Confidence Man*, Edward H. Smith lists the "six definite steps or stages of growth" of a confidence game.<sup>[6]</sup> He notes that some steps may be omitted.

## Foundation Work

Preparations are made in advance of the game, including the hiring of any assistants required.

## Approach

The victim is contacted.

## Build-up

The victim is given an opportunity to profit from a scheme. The victim's greed is encouraged, such that their rational judgment of the situation might be impaired.

## Pay-off or Convincer

The victim receives a small payout as a demonstration of the scheme's effectiveness. This may be a real amount of money, or faked in some way. In a [gambling](#) con, the victim is allowed to win several small bets. In a [stock market](#) con, the victim is given fake [dividends](#).

## The Hurrah

A sudden crisis or change of events forces the victim to act immediately. This is the point at which the con succeeds or fails.

## The In-and-In

A conspirator (in on the con, but assumes the role of an interested bystander) puts an amount of money into the same scheme as the victim, to add an appearance of legitimacy to the scheme.

This can reassure the victim, and give the con man greater control when the deal has been completed.

In addition, some games require a "[corroboration](#)" step, particularly those involving a "rare item". This usually includes the use of an accomplice who plays the part of an uninvolved (initially skeptical) third party, who later confirms the claims made by the con man.<sup>[6]</sup>

