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Short Curriculum Vitae (C.V.)

Richard joined Fairplay Publications, publisher of Fairplay shipping weekly magazine, in August 1984 as markets editor and spent a decade researching and writing on the dry bulk and tanker markets, while travelling globally to write country reports. In 1995 he launched Fairplay Daily News, a bulletin emailed to the magazine's subscribers at a time when this was cutting-edge; it gave him a decade of breaking the major news stories, meeting the personalities, and driving the news agenda. He stepped up to editing the flagship Fairplay magazine in 2007, led a rejuvenation of the publication two years later, and shifted Fairplay from an emphasis on ships to an understanding of the Business of Shipping. During this time, Fairplay Publications was acquired by IHS, a Denver, Colorado-headquartered data and analytics business; Fairplay became IHS Maritime and Trade. After taking responsibility for 350 Fairplay issues, in 2013 he joined IHS's Research and Analytics team, working with analysts to improve accessibility to research. In his two years with this team, he wrote and edited several special supplements and customer-focused publications, spoke at conferences around the world, presented maritime videos, led and contributed to webinars, and generated thought leadership articles both for the in-house IHS Quarterly and for industry publications. Now back in the editorial/insight team as Chief correspondent, Richard is a recognised thought leader in the global maritime industry.

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