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Marital Status: Married, two children. Family home in Palma Mallorca.
Other: Master Unlimited, Engineer Grade 2, International Drivers License

PROFILE & OBJECTIVE

My career in the yachting industry has progressed from 10 meters to over 100 meters. Throughout my employment I have proven exceptional leadership skills and operational performance. I have a solid background of worldwide operation for a selection of vessels including superyachts, high speed craft, round-the-world yacht racing, marine pilotage, dynamic positioning, ice pilotage, diving, DP and ROV operations. Having commenced my yachting career as a deckhand and racing crew I understand the key of successful motivation, training, courtesy, and professionalism.

I grew up sailing and racing dinghies and yachts and the excitement of the maritime environment has not wavered throughout my career. Maneuvering, control and navigation are like second nature, and I have always enjoyed the excitement of slipping lines and heading out on the bay or to cross an ocean. Whilst my career has been predominantly focused on motor yachts and commercial ships, I remain a sailor at heart, with the highlight of my career leading a team to win an around the world yacht race, and a personal highlight of racing in the 2013 Mini Trans-atlantic solo race.

My goal is to maintain a happy and effective environment onboard to ensure yacht owners enjoy the ultimate experience of ownership without compromise to safety or maritime obligations. I have proven my ability to attract, develop and retain quality crew to build a strong harmonious team. My success results from a relaxed and open leadership style, that is firm when required and compassionate when called for. I believe an important aspect of leadership is demonstrating the knowledge, understanding and commitment to do any job required onboard. My crew respect that I would not ask them to do anything that I am not prepared to do myself.

I have world wide cruising experience and maintain an extensive network of contacts to develop unique itineraries and utilise trusted suppliers to ensure the yacht remains operational in every corner of the world. Having extensive ship yard experience, representing the builder and yacht owners in various projects around the world, I understand the importance of quality management and control. I have a meticulous track record in careful administration to maximise operational performance, always ensuring that the yacht operates to an optimal level whilst maintaining a mindful control of budget and expenses.

I pride myself on honesty, integrity, loyalty and professionalism. I enjoy developing good working relationships with yacht owners and their representatives, guests, and crew. I recognise the importance of maintaining clear and precise communication with the shore team to keep them informed, as they are as pivotal to the yachts success as the crew onboard. I look forward to joining a team as a long term commitment, focused on the enjoyment of yacht owners and their guests.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Master Class 1 Unlimited, Australia 2014
- Marine Engine Driver Grade 2, Australia 2012
- RYA Yachtmaster Ocean, Australia 2000
- Marine Pilotage, Darwin Australia 2015
- Advanced Dynamic Positioning, Australia 2012
- GMDSS Generic and type specific, Australia 2007/2019
- Crisis Management, Australia 2008
- Confined space and working at heights, Australia 2019
- Fast Rescue Craft, Australia 2018
- Ship and Port Security Officer, Australia 2009
- Ship Safety officer, Australia 2009
- Sailing Ship endorsement, Australia 2014
- Bridge Resource Management BRM, Australia 2014
- Ship Masters Medical Certificate, Australia 2008
- Member of International Institute of Marine Surveying
- PADI Dive Master, Australia 2000
- Commercial Air Diving 50m and RCC Chamber operator

PROFESSIONAL MARITIME EXPERIENCE

March 16 - Present **Captain SY Provenance SALUS Maritime** **Captain**

Captain, surveyor and consultant for my own company SALUS Maritime specialising in ISM, ISPS, SOLAS, MARPOL, Certification of class (DNVGL, Lloyds), flag requirements, Safety Management Systems (SMS), and operating procedures. My most recent project has involved taking over management and captaincy of 28m Alan Buchanan classic auxiliary ketch SY Provenance in April 2020 from a mis-managed and ill financed yard period, dismissing previous management and crew, re-establishing new crew, procedures, maintenance plan and etiquette. Provenance project has involved completion of the yard period, commissioning the vessel, brokerage and charter of the yacht to recapture some capital for the yachts owners. This project has also involved legal work to recover equipment ill inappropriate spending by previous management including over €4 Million in assets and tax.

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June 17 - Present

112m INCAT Fast Ferry

Build and commissioning Captain

Build and commissioning captain and project manager for the best quality and fastest aluminum catamarans in the world, with operational speeds of over 40 knots. I was project manager responsible for the construction, commissioning, training, and operational aspects for the build of six 35m vessels for Sydney Ferries, two 35m vessel for Melbourne and one 34m vessel for Manly and on 112m HSc ferry for Virtu Ferries Malta, and one 112m HSc ferry for ARMAS Tenerife. All vessels were built under the proposed budget and within the specified time. During the build I liaised with the vessel owners, flag and class society, to fulfill operational and legislative requirements. High speed vessels were trialed in confined pilotage and coastal waters and I earned my Tasmanian Ports Pilot Exemption for Incat vessels up to 130m. On completion of the build I was commissioning captain in charge of crew recruitment, training, sea trials, and delivery of vessels.

Aug 16 - June 17,

113m Megayacht Le Grand Bleu

Chief Officer

Managing up to 51 crew I was responsible for ensuring the safety of everyone onboard while navigating this world wide expedition ship. Overseeing maintenance and reviewing and developing the ship's SMS and responsible for onboard development and implementation of ISPS, ISM, HSC, IMDG FFS, LSA, SOLAS and SOPEP. LGB is an expedition vessel with global operations and regular pilotage in and out of ports all around the world with a combined heavy lift capability of 80T regularly lifting and co-ordinating the 68ft Sun-seeker and 74ft Dubois sailing yacht and four tenders for the yacht owners enjoyment. Our itinerary included cruising the Mediterranean, Caribbean, USA, Central and South America and one yard period and warranty work at Navantia ship yard in Spain.

Jul - Aug 16,

74m MY Mogambo, Nobiskrug,

Officer

In a temporary role cruising the Mediterranean on this private vessel with the owner 12 guests and 21 crew, I worked with the Chief Officer to review the yacht's ISM, and SMS procedures and gained a good understanding of this size of motor yacht.

Nov 15 - March 20,

95m Aurora Australis, Icebreaker,

Chief Officer

Working onboard as Chief Officer over the southern hemisphere summers, I have worked with P&O on Aurora Australis for the past five years. Chartered by the Australian Antarctic Division to resupply scientific bases and conduct research in Antarctica. Managing 24 crew I was responsible for ensuring the safety of everyone onboard while navigating and breaking through ice, loading cargo alongside and at anchor, fuel transfer operations to in Harbor and to Antarctic bases, overseeing SOLAS equipment maintenance and reviewing and developing the ship's SMS. I am also fully responsible for onboard ISPS, ISM, HSC, IMDG FFS, LSA, SOLAS and SOPEP. Aurora Australis heavy lift capability was 30T and we conducted regular lifts ashore and onto barges for Antarctic resupply.

Sep 14 - Jul 15,

Marine Pilot, Darwin Port Corporation,

Pilot

Piloting vessels from 40m to 160m including cargo ships, container vessels, livestock ships, customs vessels and cruise liners, I maneuvered up to 8 vessels per day on and off the wharf in a high tidal and windy environment, acquiring excellent ship-handling skills, the ability to monitor conditions, and quick decision making whilst liaising with multiple nationalities. As a pilot I spent time driving and maneuvering up to three Svitzer tugs participating in their operations. I worked closely with the tug masters and the towage manager to ensure safe operation during shipping movements.

Aug - Sep 13,

43m SY Mystere, Bill Tripp,

Chief Officer

I filled this position between rotations with Farstad. Cruising the Mediterranean with up to 4 guests and 8 crew on this private vessel, I ran a deck crew of two mates and was in charge of navigation, ISM, ISPS, IMDG, SOLAS, FFS, MARPOL and maintenance.

Sep 12 - Aug 14,

81m 3527 GRT OSV, Farstad Shipping,

Chief Officer

On receiving these two new-build commercial PSV vessels from the yard in Vietnam, I was responsible for sea trials and warranty work. I undertook the complete development of all ISM, ISPS, IMDG, SOLAS, MARPOL, SMS and operational procedures onboard. Working in Australia and Asia, I also created a maintenance schedule for the vessels to operate within budget, supervised all 24 crew to ensure work was carried out safely and to the highest standards, managed 14 deck crew and oversaw the junior officers' maintenance of navigation systems including ECDIS and DP systems. I demonstrated my ability to stay on develop and coordinating a demanding maintenance schedule, whilst ensuring the vessel and crew operated like clockwork. The Rolls Royce Dynamic Positioning Type 2 systems onboard required precise navigation and had to be driven for up to 12 hours daily. Cargo operations using the vessels 5T crane and also shore and rig based cranes for heavy lift operations. During my time with Farstad I also worked on two Anchor Handlers designed for towing rigs and positioning large anchors.

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Jul 12- Sep 12,

21m Offshore Wandelaar, Multicat

Captain

This newly built 4-crew jet-propelled commercial multi-cat was designed to transport 12 passengers, fuel, cargo and supplies to the North Sea Anholt Windfarm. I managed challenging maneuvering, safe transfer of passengers and cargo and developed a Safety Management System for ISM, ISPS, IMDG, SOLAS, FFS and SOPEP compliance. I developed the vessels safety management system that was implemented amongst the company fleet. I oversaw various warranty work during a shipyard period including full service of engines and jets, and correction of ECDIS and navigational systems.

Apr 11 - Jul 12,

20m SY Gold Coast Australia, Clipper Ventures,

Captain

As one of 10 elite skippers in a matched fleet of 68-foot ocean-racing yachts, I led our 18-crew team to win 1st place overall in a grueling 40,000-mile Clipper Round-the-World Yacht Race. As the only professional sailor in a crew of amateurs, I brought them to professional standards, inspiring them to succeed and strive for excellence. Application of human factor discipline played an important factor in our success and safety. As captain, I took care of sailing, training, safety, medical issues, maintenance, finance, provisioning, logistics and media relations, as well as legislative and operational requirements. Training a successful and harmonious team to race around the world safely and win proved my leadership aptitude.

Sep 08 - Apr 11,

272m Shell LNG 105,000 GRT Gas Tanker,

2nd Officer

Shipping LNG from Australia to Japan, China and Korea onboard NW Sandpiper and NW Sanderling. In addition to safe navigation I was in charge of ECDIS, ISPS, ISM, HSC, IMDG, LSA, SOLAS, SOPEP, stability, administration, maintenance, cargo loading and navigational watches. Duties involved LNG cargo loading and discharge operations while in port, maintenance and yard periods, and ballast operations.

Jan 98 - Jan 07,

Royal Australian Navy Mine Hunter

Mine Clearance Diving Officer

On completion of university degree, training, and various deployments, I became Operations officer in charge of dynamic positioning Mine Hunter Coastal. The MHC carried two ROV's, one dive boat, one RHIB (ships launch) and a 4 man recompression chamber. My Primary roles onboard were Operations Officer, Diving Officer and Navigation, managing 10 clearance divers and 14 deck crew. Other positions held included Ship Security Officer (SSO); Explosives Custodian Officer (ECO); Demolitions and IED Officer; Force Protection Officer; Helicopter Officer and Safety Officer (SO). Training as a Naval Officer developed my leadership ability in tense situations and instilled my core values of honesty, integrity, loyalty and professionalism.

SAILING

In addition to the above, I have undertaken numerous regattas, races and deliveries including a Mini Transat Campaign; International 420 campaign, 470 campaign, Open 60 Campaign; TP52 Regattas; Farr 40 Regattas; Classic racing on J Class Shamrock V; Maxi Racing on Highland Fling. Various Swan regattas; Mediterranean cruising as mate and engineer on Wally Open Season; Pacific cruising on Cyclos III, Rapture and Titania; Caribbean circuits on Rebecca, Windemere; and podium positions in 7 x Sydney Hobart, Fastnet and 2 x Middle Sea Races, International dinghy regattas in Lasers, International 420, International 14, International Moth, Etchell, SB20, Australia circumnavigation, 4 x Atlantic crossings, 2 x Pacific crossings and have over 200,000nm under sail recorded, and countless miles under motor and steam.

INTERESTS

Yacht and Dinghy Racing
Mountain bike riding
Rugby
Wreck and cave diving
Fishing

Tennis
Mountain climbing
Hiking
Kite Surfing
Wind Surfing

Yacht Cruising
Camping
Cycling
Exploration
Surfing

TERTIARY EDUCATION

2000 Bachelor of Science (BSc) Oceanography, University of New South Wales
2008 Advanced Diploma Maritime Transport and Distribution Fremantle Maritime College
2016 Diploma of marine operations, Australian Maritime College

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