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BACKGROUND

Following a seagoing career spanning 37 years, I started a yacht consultancy in 2018. I have a wide range of experience across various maritime fields. I worked on passenger ships for 12 years, the last 5 as Captain, before moving to yachts where I have served as Captain for the last 15 years on some of the most prestigious yachts afloat. I have been able to further broaden my experience; working with helicopters, private jets and submersibles, as well as organising and overseeing operations at major events with VIP owners and guests.

In 2004 I coordinated and executed the project to find and film the wreck of a WW2 aircraft carrier at a depth of 1000m in the Mediterranean Sea, culminating in a 2-part BBC documentary. I have been delivery Captain of 2 large Yachts and stood by the build of another prior to delivery. I commanded a well-travelled yacht for adventurous owners exploring the Indian Ocean, Indonesia, Australasia, South Pacific, Alaska, Patagonia and Antarctica as well as the more usual yachting destinations in the Mediterranean and Caribbean. Most recently I played a key role in the successful 9 month refit of a large motor yacht in Northern Germany, consulted as "Owners' representative" for a prominent Yacht Owner and am currently advising on several 100m+ superyachts under construction.

PROFESSIONAL HISTORY

June 2018 to date	Bridge Yachting	Director / Owner Superyacht Consultancy
September 2017 to June 2018	Rosemount Ventures	Captain, MY Rising Sun 138m / 7841gt Private Yacht
March 2013 to July 2017	Lighthouse Marine Ltd	Captain, MY Vava II 96m / 3933gt Private Yacht
October 2012 to March 2013	Camper & Nicholson	Project Captain – 140m new build Yacht (Ocean Victory) La Spezia, Italy
December 2006 to September 2012	Blue Ocean Yacht Management	Captain MY Eclipse Dec10 (delivery) to Sep 12 163m / 13654gt Class 1 Passenger Yacht Captain MY Pelorus Jul 08 to Dec 10 115m / 5317gt Commercial Yacht Captain MY Ecstasea Dec 06 to Jul 08 86m / 2107gt Commercial Yacht
April 2006 to December 2006	Nickel Corp Ltd	Captain MY Sirona III 56m / 914gt Private Yacht
March 2003 to April 2006	Fraser Yacht Management	Captain - MY Octopus 126m / 9932gt – Private Yacht
1998 to 2003	Windstar Cruises / Holland America Line	Captain MSY Wind Surf 187m / 14745gt Sail Passenger Ship Captain MSY Wind Spirit & Wind Song 134m / 5703gt Sail Passenger Ship Chief Officer MS Amsterdam 220m / 60874gt Cruise Ship Chief Officer MSY Wind Surf & Wind Song

1997	Airtours / Suncruises	Chief Officer MV Sundream 190m / 22945gt Passenger Ship
1997	Stena Line	2nd Officer Stena Normandy 149m / 24872gt Ro/Ro Ferry (Relief work)
1991 to 1997	Cunard Line	2nd Officer to 1st Officer on board QE 2 294m / 69053gt Transatlantic Liner Vistafjord 200m / 24492gt Cruise Ship Cunard Countess 150m / 16795t Cruise Ship
1988 to 1991	Jubilee Sailing Trust	2nd / Chief Officer STS Lord Nelson 55m / 368gt Sail Training Vessel
1988	Ropner Ship Management	2nd Officer MV Farland 290m / 64748gt Bulk Carrier
1987	Maersk IOM	2nd Officer MT CT Star 110m / 5493gt Chemical Tanker 3rd Officer MT Maersk Captain 120m / 9445gt Liquefied Gas Carrier
1985 to 1986	Ocean Fleets	3rd Officer - VLCC, Ro/Ro, Bulk, General Cargo, Container
1981 to 1985	Ocean Fleets Ltd	Deck Officer Cadet - VLCC, Ro/Ro, Bulk, General Cargo, Container

Education:

1993 – Warsash Nautical College (Class 1)

1990 – Warsash Nautical College (Class 2 / 1)

1981 to 85 – Riversdale College of Technology (Cadetship & Class 3)

Professional Qualifications:

1993 – Class 1 Deck Officer (STCW'95 II/2 – unlimited)

1990 – Class 2 / 1 Deck Officer

1985 – Class 3 Deck Officer

Strong IT skills including all Microsoft Office products. Have done considerable work creating database systems using Access and financial and crew management using Excel

Other Interests:

- Running, training & racing (London Marathon 2012 and regular long distance races)
- Cycling – long distance / trans-alpine and sportives
- Skiing / Snowboarding / Mountain Trekking
- Yacht cruising (Owner Oyster 435)