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Captain / Officer – USCG Master 1600 GRT / 500 GT OC w/ OIC NW ii / 1

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Current Location: Fort Lauderdale, FL

PROFILE AND OBJECTIVE

Licensed USCG Master (1600 GRT/500 GT Oceans) with over 10 years of progressive bridge and deck experience on private and commercial vessels up to 264' (80m). Proven bridge team member with strong competencies in watchkeeping, COLREGs compliance, passage planning, radar/ARPA, and Bridge Resource Management (BRM). Experienced operating under formal safety cultures, including DoD security environments, and accustomed to standing navigational and anchor watches in dynamic coastal and offshore conditions.

Seeking a Bridge Team role onboard commercial vessels.

LICENCE, QUALIFICATIONS, and CERTIFICATIONS

- STCW II/3, II/1; VI/1, VI/2, VI/3, VI/4, VI/6
- STCW basic training, valid Jan 2031
- STCW Medical certificate, valid Sep 2027
- TWIC, valid 09 OCT 2030
- Able Seaman (AB) Unlimited w/ RFPNW
- GMDSS / Marine Radio Operator Permit
- Advanced Firefighting
- Medical Person in Charge
- Survival Craft / Rescue Boats / Lifeboatman
- Vessel Personnel w/ Designated Security Duties
- Radar Unlimited / ARPA / ECDIS
- Bridge Resource Management
- Watchkeeping
- Leadership & Management Skills
- Celestial / Terrestrial / Electronic Navigation
- Basic/Adv Ship Construction & Stability
- Basic/Adv Ship Handling and Steering Control
- Basic/Adv Meteorology
- Search and Rescue at the Op/Mgmt Level
- Cargo Handling & Stowage
- Associates Degree in Business Management
- USCG Ref # 3785249

MARITIME EXPERIENCE

Freelance | 40' – 95' (12-29m) | Captain | Various Builds | Charter/Private/Delivery | 2017 – Present

- Conducted coastal and offshore navigation, including night, restricted visibility, and congested waterways.
- Planned and executed multi-day passages using electronic and visual navigation techniques.
- Maintained continuous navigational watches, ensuring compliance with COLREGs and company standing orders.
- Utilized radar and ARPA for target acquisition, CPA/TCPA assessment, and collision avoidance.
- Operated under charter schedules, emphasizing safety, punctuality, and professional bridge conduct.

Absolute, Azimut S, Beneteau, Cranchi, Ferretti, Fjord, Formula, Galleon, Hargrave, Hunter, Jeanneau, Lagoon, Nortech, Prestige, Princess, Riva, Roscioli Donzi, Sea Ray, Tiara, Wajer with Hamilton Jets.

Tomorrow Never Knows | 86' (26m) | Captain | Princess | Private | October 2023 – October 2025

South Florida, Florida Keys, Bahamas, Caribbean

- Led bridge operations for an active dive-focused program operating in offshore and remote areas.
- Executed detailed passage plans incorporating weather routing, fuel management, and contingency planning.
- Maintained safe navigational watches while towing auxiliary craft and operating with multiple water toys deployed.
- Oversaw bridge discipline and operational risk management during extended voyages and adverse weather conditions.
- Coordinated shipyard periods, defect reporting, and maintenance planning in support of vessel readiness.

MARITIME EXPERIENCE continued...

Living Life 3 | 81' (24m) | Fleet Captain | Ferretti | Private | December 2015 – October 2023

South Florida, Florida Keys, Bahamas, Caribbean

- Responsible for all navigational decisions, bridge watch schedules, and voyage planning.
- Conducted radar, ARPA, and visual navigation in high-traffic coastal waters and open-ocean passages.
- Maintained vessel documentation, logbooks, and compliance records aligned with industry best practices.
- Developed strong shiphandling skills applicable to confined waters and close-quarters maneuvering.

Living Life | 68' (20m) | Fleet Captain | Ferretti | Private | June 2015 – October 2023

Pacific – Southern California: Channel Islands, Los Angeles, Newport Beach

- Performed navigational watches along the U.S. West Coast, including Channel Islands transits.
- Managed passage planning and weather assessment for routine coastal operations.
- Restored vessel operational reliability through structured maintenance and defect tracking.

Yachts4Fun | 40-60' | Deckhand | Various Vessels | Private/Charter | April 2015 – August 2015

Pacific – Southern California: Channel Islands, Los Angeles, Newport Beach

- Assisted with deck operations on various vessels including line handling, anchoring, mooring, etc..
- Implemented a core curriculum pertaining to safe vessel operations.

Cardinal Point Captains | 55'-310' (16-94m) | Deckhand | Commercial | Sep 2014 – December 2015

Pacific – Southern California: Port Hueneme, Channel Islands, San Diego

- Served as deckhand and watchstander onboard former U.S. Naval vessels operating under DoD contracts.
- Maintained active security clearance and complied with strict operational and safety protocols.
- Stood anchor, engine room, and security watches in support of vessel operations.
- Participated in training exercises with U.S. Navy and special operations units.
- Served onboard ATLS-9701, Hostile Method 8, CAW-1, and various QST vessels.

REFERENCES

- Available Upon Request