

Nicholas S. Appleberry

Captain / Officer – USCG Master 500GRT/500GT OC

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PROFILE AND OBJECTIVE

Experienced and reliable yacht captain with **10+ years of Command and Vessel Management Experience** on yachts ranging from 40'–95' and experience onboard commercial vessels up to 310'. Demonstrated success running both **Private Dive-Focused Programs and Day Charters**, managing crew, delivering exceptional guest experiences, and maintaining vessels to the highest safety and engineering standards.

Seeking a **Captain position on vessels 35m+ or Officer role on vessels 50m+**,
with availability for **Deliveries and Day Trips**.

LICENCE, QUALIFICATIONS, and CERTIFICATIONS

- STCW II/3, VI/1, VI/2, VI/3, VI/4, VI/6
- STCW basic training, valid Feb 2026
- STCW Medical certificate, valid Sep 2027
- TWIC, valid 09 OCT 2030
- GMDSS / Marine Radio Operator Permit
- Advanced Firefighting
- Medical Person in Charge
- Survival Craft / Rescue Boats / Lifeboatman
- Vessel Security Officer & VPDSO
- Radar Unlimited / ARPA
- Bridge Resource Management
- Watchkeeping
- Leadership & Management Skills
- Celestial / Terrestrial / Electronic Navigation
- Ship Construction & Stability
- Ship Handling and Steering Control
- Meteorology
- Search and Rescue
- Cargo Handling & Stowage
- Associates Degree in Business Management

MARITIME EXPERIENCE

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

Assigned to vessels via Yacht Management South Florida, Miami Yachting Company, and Various Brokers in Florida.

Many deliveries on Fort Lauderdale's New River to various shipyards, as well as FLIBS and MIBS.

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

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

South Florida, Florida Keys, Bahamas, Caribbean

Very Active Dive-Based Program based in Miami Beach that towed a 28' Regulator Center Console and carried a SeaDoo GTi 170, and Seabob FS5. We curated an exceptional experience for New Owners, and established the vessel and program from scratch. Successfully navigated over 5000nm to remote areas due to detailed passage planning, weather monitoring, and reservation management. Meticulous expense records were kept in a custom spreadsheet. Shipyard periods were closely managed and monitored. I resigned due to the commute.

MARITIME EXPERIENCE continued...

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

South Florida, Florida Keys, Bahamas, Caribbean

Vessel acquired at FLIBS 2015, this brand new, 2014 Ferretti F-800 (Hull 24) was cared for until it was sold in 2023. This active watersports based program carried onboard: Seadoo Spark, Novurania RIB, waterski/wakeboards, Onean Carver-X electric surfboard, Lift e-Foil, Jetsurf GTI 2 stoke board, eco-golf driving range, inflatable paddleboards and kayaks, 2 Seabob FS5, full suite of snorkel gear, and full beach set up that included a volleyball court. I performed all routine maintenance onboard the mechanical components of the vessel and her toys.

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

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

This 2003 Ferretti was the sister ship to Living Life 3. For many years, I would fly from Florida to California to maintain and operate this vessel for 2 weeks every 6 weeks, unless there was a guest trip. Before I joined this vessel, it was not cared for regularly. Through successful remote communication with workers in California, we built a maintenance plan that brought this vessel back to a reliable standard. She was sold in 2024.

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

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

This company specialized in twin screw powerboat training to new owners. It was here that I was able to learn basic line-handling, good seamanship, and fundamental ship-handling techniques through observation and hands on application of the curriculum which would prove to be of great value in the future.

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

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

This was the most incredible opportunity to begin my career at sea. I maintained a security clearance with the Department of Defense, and served onboard various decommissioned Naval vessels. We operated out of the SeaBee's Navy Base in Port Hueneme, CA. Responsible for general cleaning duties, engine room watches, anchor watches, cooking, and even role playing as a pirate with 9mm sim rounds against the Navy SEALs.

S/V Mistral | 27' (8.2m) | Owner | Ranger Sloop | Private | March 2013 – March 2014

Marina del Rey, CA

1971 Ranger Sloop was my first experience into the world of maritime. Here I was able to learn the great responsibilities of maintaining a vessel of my own, the importance of good seamanship, and the great responsibility of taking other people out to sea. I learned how to sail on this boat, and due to this, my family got into sailing. My father became part of a club in Dana Point, CA and my Uncle bought his own boat that we sailed on for many years.

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

I enjoy an active lifestyle that includes running, roller hockey, and a good sweat in the gym. Also, enduro style motorcycling and back country camping bring me great joy. I drum when I can, and I am currently restoring a 1980 Volkswagen Vanagon Westfalia.

REFERENCES

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