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OBJECTIVE

I AM EXCITED TO EMBRACE THE NEXT CHALLENGE AND AM ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT CULTIVATING STRONG WORKING RELATIONSHIPS AND COMMITTING LONG TERM TO A SOLID PROGRAM.

KEY SKILLS

- **20 years of experience as a Master** in the **Mediterranean, Caribbean, Bahamas**, and the **East Coast of the United States**.
- 6 Atlantic crossings.
- My background includes new build specifications, construction, acceptance, and the completion of the warranty period.
- I am proficient in the regulatory intricacies of both pleasure and commercially registered yachts.
- I take pride in my ability to retain and develop crew, to being a good steward of the principle's money, and to leading a competent, skillful, and detail-oriented team.
- I enjoy curating elevated itineraries that are inspired by my own adventurous spirit.

WORK HISTORY

Captain – M/Y Comfortably Numb (60-meter CRN) & **M/Y Four Jacks** (151' Palmer Johnson) **Jun 2020 - Dec 2024**

- After running Four Jacks for two years, I transitioned over to Comfortably Numb for the last 6 months of her build.
- As the operational Captain, I relocated to Ancona, Italy. I immediately began assembling a talented group of officers and key personnel, which remained intact until I left the program in December.
- My chief officer and I worked with MTSI to create our Safety Training Manual, Fire and Safety Plans, Garbage Management Plans, NTVRP, SOPEP, Emergency Towing Booklet, SEEMP, Muster Lists, Ballast Water Management Plan, Safety Management System, Ship's Security Plan, S.O.P.'s, and train the crew.
- I oversaw the formation of our planned maintenance, the purchasing of engineering spares, and the outfitting of the deck, engineering, interior, and galley departments.
- I collaborated with the family office to build our annual and monthly budgets as well as our accounting system.
- In December 2022 we completed the sea trials, our Cayman Island Shipping Registry and American Bureau of Shipping audits, departed the European Union, and set sail for the Caribbean.
- In the first 12 months, we completed three Atlantic crossings and logged over 20,000 nautical miles.
- For our Mediterranean season I choreographed a six-week owner's trip encompassing most of the Western Mediterranean.
- I worked closely with the Executive Protection Team to ensure guest safety and seamless logistics.
- Although private, Comfortably Numb maintained her commercial compliance and ISM Certificate.

Captain – M/Y Catching Moments (120' Benetti Classic)

Sep 2017 - Feb 2020

- I was initially brought in on a temporary basis to rectify lingering mechanical issues, clear up outstanding purchase survey items, and complete the Lloyd's Special Survey (10 year).
- After spending time with the owners and working with Fairport Yacht Support; I decided to join the team permanently.
- I then set about overhauling the crew and transforming the culture on board. After which, we entered the charter market and enjoyed a successful campaign with repeat clientele booking charters for the following year.
- Under my leadership the program was resurrected and the owner's vision of how to enjoy their yacht was fully realized.

Captain – M/Y MAG III (143' Benetti – Vision) **Nov 2015 - Sep 2017**

- I originally came to MAG III with a management company to help stabilize a tumultuous program.
- I quickly transformed the crew and my core team remained together for 22 months. Four successful seasons later, the owners discovered a renewed enthusiasm for their yacht.

Captain – M/Y Dream Weaver (120' OA/Christensen) **Dec 2013 - Nov 2015**

- I was hired as the captain/engineer when the family purchased the yacht from the manufacturer.
- Used by three brothers and their families, we were extremely busy and became adept at quick turnovers.

Captain – M/Y CHECKMATE (143' Benetti – Vision) **Jan 12 - Nov 13**

- I spent the year of 2012 in Viareggio, Italy overseeing the completion of the construction. This process provided me with intimate knowledge of both the ship building process and all the working systems on board.
- After signing for the yacht and excepting delivery, I finalized the Cayman Commercial registration and delivered the yacht to South Florida.
- Checkmate ran with a crew of nine and was available for charter.

Captain - M/Y LADY LILY (112' Westport) **May 10 – Jan 12**

- Being the captain and engineer allowed me to become very familiar with Westport's new generation technologies like the IntelliSea ship's monitoring system, the Crestron lighting and A/V control systems, and the Kaleidescape entertainment system.

While upgrading my license, I worked as a freelance Captain on the following yachts:

- **M/Y BIG CITY** (142' Trinity) Spent 5 weeks assisting with the delivery of the yacht from Spain to Rhode Island.
- **M/Y LIGAYA** (132' Ocean Pacifico) Worked in Brisbane Australia for 8 weeks reclassifying the yacht with Lloyds and overseeing the yard period.

Captain - M/Y REDEMPTION (118' Broward) **Mar 08 – Oct 09**

- Redemption was a U.S. flagged yacht and a member of the Camper & Nicholsons' Charter Fleet.

Captain - M/Y SOPHISTICATED LADY (80' Burger) **Sep 06 – Mar 08**

- In November of 2007 we finished an extensive Mediterranean cruise covering three continents, seven countries, and almost 5,000 nautical miles.

ABOUT ME

- I grew up in Texas on the Gulf Coast and began racing sailboats at the age of eleven. In 2003 I committed fully to making yachting my career. After several years of rising up the ranks in the deck department, I assumed my first Command in 2005.
- However, what truly stands out about 2005 is that it marks the year I met my wife.
- I am passionate about the water, craft coffee, watching American Football, English and Champions League Football, and Formula One Racing.
- In our free time Laura and I enjoy hitting the gym, motorcycle rides on our Triumph Bonneville, hiking, and travelling.

REFERENCES

[contact details available on request]

- **Joe Gasper** (Comfortably Numb – former Michigan State Police Director and head of the Executive Protection Team)
- **Angelo Vas** (Comfortably Numb – former Chief Officer / Relief Captain)
- **Tim McKay** (Comfortably Numb – Director of Owner's Operations)
- **Graeme Lord** (Catching Moments – founder of Fairport Yacht Support and Director of Professional Yacht Crew)
- **Jamie De Leeuw** (Catching Moments – former Chief Officer, now Captain M/Y Golden Ours)