

DAMIEN



PROFILE

Having been in the yachting industry for the past 11 years, I am confident that the skill set I have developed will be advantageous to any given vessel and crew. My understanding and experience in the day-to-day and long term maintenance, upkeep and general operations onboard yachts, as well as my ability to complete tasks at the highest standard makes me an asset onboard. I strive for longevity and progression in the industry. I am passionate about sharing my knowledge and skills to encourage growth within my crew members. My hope is to continue expanding and building valuable managerial experience and obtaining my Master <3000gt ticket.

MARITIME EXPERIENCE

Captain/Engineer experience:

M/Y [REDACTED] 26m/85ft Ocean Alexander December 2023 - April 2025

Master with 3 Crew – Private Motor Yacht based in Fort Lauderdale
Served as captain aboard a privately owned vessel berthed behind the owner's permanent residence in Fort Lauderdale. Maintaining the yacht to the highest standard was paramount, given the vessel's high-profile use and frequent hosting of guests, including Coast Guard admirals and members of the Coast Guard Foundation for cocktail parties and onboard events. The yacht cruised the U.S. East Coast during the summer months and operated in the Bahamas and Caribbean during the winters. Oversaw a significant yard period during my tenure, personally managing engineering maintenance projects including the RPM rebuild of the MTU main engines. The vessel was equipped with MTU mains, Kohler generators, and a full hydraulic system powering thrusters, rudders, and stabilizers. Project and financial management were key components of my role, particularly during refit periods. The owner placed a strong emphasis on cost oversight and budget adherence, which I handled with precision and transparency.

M/Y [REDACTED] 30m/100ft Broward April 2021- August 2021

Master with 5 crew. Operated vessel in South-East Alaska running 7-day summer trips. Delivered vessel from Seattle to Juneau where we provisioned and fueled between trips. Our main docks were Sitka, Petersburg, Juneau. Operated in tides ranging up to 19ft in places and a lot of satellite communication used. Vessel housed 12 guests at times. As Captain/Engineer on this vessel it kept me very busy but taught me a lot about the maintenance required on vessels of this size.

Deliveries I have delivered vessels between 60-80ft up and down the east coast from Rhode Island to Miami

Chief Officer experience:

M/Y [REDACTED] 47m/151ft Delta Feb 2022 – August 2023

Permanent- Chief Officer
Charter/Private, Caribbean, Bahamas, New England cruising, 10 crew

- Lead and looked after a crew of 10
- Ran full ISM, ISPS onboard
- In charge of handling customs and immigration paperwork for inbound/outbound clearances for vessel, crew, and guests
- In charge of running the Safety Management System onboard
- Run all Monthly, Quarterly, and annual drills
- Update of all onboard publications
- Management of all bridge log books, Garbage, GMDSS, Official log
- Management of Hours of rest onboard
- Planning/managing for upcoming yard period
- Orchestrate all deck operations and guest excursions
- Passage planning and navigational watchkeeping
- Oversee all onboard maintenance, construction of worklists and contractor management
- Run a 43ft Jupiter luxury/fishing tender often making long distance trips and guest excursions

CONTACT

Nationality: South African
Date of Birth: 20th March 1995
Health: Excellent
Appearance: 192cm, 93kg
Mobile: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]
Current Location: Florida, USA
Immigration status: Green card applicant, working permit, social security no.

QUALIFICATIONS

- MCA Master <500GT, All oceans
- MCA Chief Mate <3000gt
- MCA Officer of the Watch < 3000gt
- Yachtmaster [REDACTED]
- Celestial Navigation endorsed <200GT
- GMDSS GoC
- STCW 2010
- ENG-1 Medical Certificate
- Proficiency in Designated Security Duties
- Helicopter Landing Officer [REDACTED]
- RYA PWC Instructor
- Approved Engineering Course [REDACTED]
- RYA VHF Course
- PADI Rescue Diver
- Dangerous Goods

SKILLS AND PERSONAL INTERESTS

Watersports
Off-road Motor Biking
Polo Player
Sport & Fitness
Drone Pilot
Photography

M/Y [REDACTED]

50m /164ft Trinity

Oct 2021 – Feb 2022

Permanent – Chief Officer

Charter, Bahamas Cruising, 9 crew

- Lead and look after a crew of nine
- Run all monthly, quarterly, and annual drills
- Update bridge publications
- Manage all bridge certifications and logs (GMDSS, official, and garbage)
- Manage Hours of Rest in compliance with MLC regulations
- Assist in 15-year survey, annual survey, and sale survey
- Orchestrate all deck operations and guest excursions
- Passage planning and navigational watchkeeping
- Oversee all onboard maintenance, construction of work lists, and contractor management
- In charge of all maintenance, troubleshooting, instructing, and operating of 41ft Bahama tender, often making long distance trips and excursions

M/Y [REDACTED]

74m/242ft Admiralty

Sept 2018 – Oct 2020

Permanent – Bosun

Private/Charter, Antarctica, South America, Mediterranean, Caribbean, and Bahamas, 22+ crew, Heavy Owner Use

- Expedition vessel at sea for extended periods of time; back-to-back owner usage/charters and often onboard for long trips
- Lead a team of five deckhands
- Very experienced large tender driver; onboard tenders ranging from 6-10.5m, twin stern drive. Volvo Penta D220
- Experienced HLO in landing various types and sizes of helicopter
- Jet surf guru of instructing and maintenance
- Splicing extraordinaire with all types of line
- Boat detailing, routine maintenance, daily upkeep, product knowledge, caulking, fairing and painting, varnish, tender handling, water sports operations and maintenance, basic engineering troubleshooting and maintenance, lead all mooring operations (including calling bow and stern), deep anchor operations, large crane and hydraulic operations and procedures, excellent bridge familiarity and operations

M/Y [REDACTED]

74m/242ft Amels

Feb 2016 - Aug 2018

Permanent – Bosun

- Progressed from deckhand to lead deckhand to bosun during my time onboard
- Managed a team of 4 deckhands
- Extensive cruising, including East & West Mediterranean, Caribbean, North & South America, French Polynesia and Asia
- Navigational watch keeper whilst underway
- Experience in the build process of a yacht, including deck orders, organization and layout, team training and SOP development
- Boat detailing, routine maintenance, daily upkeep, product knowledge, caulking, fairing and painting, varnish, tender handling, water sports operations and maintenance, basic engineering troubleshooting and maintenance, mooring operations (including calling bow and stern), anchor operations, crane and hydraulic operations and procedures, excellent bridge familiarity and operations
- Extensive tender handling for both crew and guests including: 30ft Limo tender twin screw, 30ft Beachlander single screw inboard/outboard and 18ft rescue tender jet propulsion
- Constant guest interaction including tender driving, water sports, beach set ups, chaperoning and guest activities

M/Y [REDACTED]

60m/196ft Amels

April 2015 – Nov 2015

Permanent – Deckhand

M/Y [REDACTED]

77m/252ft Devonport

Sept 2014 – Jan 2015

Permanent – Deckhand