

# Harvey Porter



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## Profile

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I am a keen and enthusiastic sailor, looking to become a deckhand on a Superyacht. My interest in sailing and yachts started from an early age, having sailed in Florida on many occasions alongside my grandfather. This is primarily why I ended up studying Yacht Design at university. I would describe myself as a people person as well as a collaborative problem solver/effective communicator, but also someone who can follow instructions and make good judgements. Furthermore, I am a considerate and thoughtful individual and when it comes to work, I am fully committed and have a contagious appetite for success. Whilst growing up, I would often assist my father when he was working on his car, changing brakes and suspension along with minor engine work. This encouraged me to invest more time into mechanics and work out how things operate. Ultimately, coinciding with my love for sailing and boating, this has led to me becoming who I am today. It is my aspiration to progress in the industry, and work towards getting my Yachtmaster qualification.

## Qualifications

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- **BEng (Hons) Yacht Design and Production**
- **STCW 2010 (expires 10/06/29)**
- **ENG1 medical (expires 17/05/26)**
- **MCA Proficiency in Security Awareness**
- **MCA Proficiency in Designated Security Duties**
- **RYA Powerboat Level 2**
- **RYA PWC**
- **RYA VHF Radio**
- **Flying Fish Superyacht Deckhand course**
  - Ropework & Splicing
  - Practical Deckhand skills
  - Seamanship course
  - Washdown and Boat Repairs
- **RYA Competent Crew course**
- **RYA Diesel Engine Maintenance**
- **RYA Dinghy Sailing Stage 4**
- **RYA Windsurfing Stage 3**

## Yachting experience

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Sep 2021 – Jun 2024      Yacht Design and Production: Undergraduate Student      Solent University

Within my university degree I studied the following relevant modules:

**Marine Materials and Production** – based in the composite workshop, learning the process of laying up composite fibres such as Chop Strand Mat, Double Biaxial cloth, Carbon Fibre and many others.

**Naval Architecture** – this module was all about stability of vessels; small angle and large angle stability, paired with Computer Aided Design and analysis of data taken from related problems and experiments.

**Applied Marine Systems** – gathered knowledge on systems such as: propulsion and how they operate, in more detail; propellers parameters and how to select the appropriate ones; fluid mechanics and piping systems; HVAC systems and finally, fire and manoeuvrability systems.

**Marine Production Technology** – following from Marine Materials, this subject delved further into composite and metal construction, marine paint technology, epoxy and gelcoat systems, and more advanced procedures for testing materials.

**Yacht Surveying** – practical in nature, this subject furthered my knowledge in being able to find a problem, track back to where it came from and how it started. I gained an appreciation of long-term issues and weaknesses associated with wood, FRP, steel and aluminium structures together with material specific fault types, methods of diagnosis and identification and rectification techniques.

For my university dissertation, I completed a design and report of a 60ft Sportfish with an Investigation into 'Swamping'. Comparing data from similar vessels and reports on backing down effectively, the transom was designed to prevent as much water flow coming over the gunnels as possible. Designed with twin Volvo Penta IPS – resulting in the boat being more efficient in terms of fuel economy as well as a better power to weight ratio.

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**June 2022 – Croatia**

**First Mate to Captain**

**Bavaria 46**

On a two-week round trip from Split to Dubrovnik, I assisted the captain in mooring up to buoys, docking, making sure all fenders were out in position, raising the sails, helming the boat and transporting guests via a small dingy tender to shore. We visited many remote islands during the trip and I would often review the charts with the captain, to come to an agreed navigation route and conclusion as to where we would anchor safely for the night, in order for the crew to rest.

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**Mar '08 – Apr '19 – Florida**

**Crew Mate**

**Grady White Seafarer 228**

Once or twice a year, my family and I would stay with grandparents at their house on the Southwest coast of Florida. We would take trips out to remote beaches and islands on my grandfather's boat, and he would let me take the helm and show me how to follow the chart plotter to reach our destinations. I would also get involved in fishing for Spanish Mackerel, Grouper and Sharks.

It was here that I also sailed my grandfather's Sunfish dinghy in and around Matlacha Pass. This is where I really fell in love with being out on the water and taking an interest in the tides and wind.

Lastly, because of the vast areas of mangroves, my grandparents had a small outboard boat, which I would also drive, and could navigate easily between the small islands and shallow waterways. Here I would catch Red Snapper, Pompano and Red Drum Fish.

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**July 2017**

**School Work Experience**

**Fox's Marina & Boatyard**

During my two weeks of work experience I assisted the engineering team in the restoration of yachts, moving yachts in and out of the water as well as around the yard in a safe and controlled manner. Moreover, I assisted in general boat maintenance including removing and reapplying antifouling, polishing, propeller maintenance and changing of anodes.

## **Work Experience**

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**June 2024**

**Work Experience**

**Ancasta International Boat Sales**

Working alongside the Brokerage Team, I learnt the fundamentals of yacht broking and how their day-to-day operations work. Furthermore, I had conversations with the New Boat Sales Brand Managers, such as: Beneteau, Prestige and Protector where I had insight to the process of ordering new boats as well as how to manage clients.

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**Jan 2019 – Jan 2024**

**Supermarket Assistant**

**Waitrose & Partners**

My main role was re-stocking of shelves and ensuring that our customer service was always up to the highest standards. During peak seasonal times, I would often lead a small team of partners in the fruit and vegetable department where I would plan how the team could work the most efficiently and effectively.

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**Sept 2017 – Dec 2018**

**Assistant Technician**

**L Whitehead & Sons**

Alongside full-time education, on a Saturday morning I was involved with valeting cars, assisting in fitting new tyres and servicing as well as learning about the engine mechanics of cars. The garage specialised in bodywork repairs and I would help by sanding down wings, bumpers, etc. using powered polishing tools to finish the work.

## **Hobbies and interests**

In my spare time, I am a very keen sportsman, playing rugby at club level as well as judo (Brown Belt). At university, I was Club President of Solent University's Rugby Club. In the Summer, I enjoy sailing, windsurfing and golf and in the Winter, I love to go skiing. I really enjoy team oriented sporting activities, playing hard and then relaxing afterwards with friends. Being an energetic individual, I would add that maintaining a healthy and balanced lifestyle is a goal I always try to achieve.

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## **References**

Professional and Character References will be supplied upon request