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Profile

My passion for the sea began at an early age with sailing Lasers in the UK. I then gained further experience abroad where I learnt how to operate powerboats in Florida on a Grady White Seafarer 228. Over the years, I have expanded my hands-on-experience, from small boats to larger vessels. This progression ultimately led me to study Yacht Design at university, graduating with honours, resulting in an in depth understanding of boat construction and composite materials. I would describe myself as a dependable team player with strong problem-solving skills, combined with a keen eye for detail. I consider myself an empathetic and thoughtful individual who takes pride in the ability to communicate effectively as well as follow instructions. I am fully committed and have a contagious appetite for success. I aspire to build a successful career in yachting, working towards my Yachtmaster qualification.

Qualifications, Training and Experience

- ENG1 Medical (Exp. 17/05/26)
- STCW 2010 (expires 16/06/29)
- RYA Competent Crew Course
- RYA Powerboat Level 2 (ICC)
- RYA PWC
- Proficiency in Security Awareness
- Proficiency in Designated Security Duties
- RYA VHF Radio
- Flyingfish Superyacht Deckhand course
 - Ropework & Splicing
 - Practical Deckhand skills
 - Seamanship course
 - Washdown and Boat Repairs
- RYA Dinghy Sailing Stage 4
- RYA Windsurfing Stage 3
- BEng (Hons) Yacht Design and Production

Yachting Experience

Aug 2024 & Jun 2022 – Croatia **First Mate to Captain** **Bavaria C46**

During a one-week sailing trip out of Zadar and a two-week round trip along the Croatian coast (Split to Dubrovnik), I assisted the captain with various duties to ensure smooth operations. My responsibilities included: aiding in passage planning and chart review to determine safe navigation routes and anchorages for overnight stops; mooring to buoys, docking the yacht, and ensuring fenders were properly positioned; preparing and lifting the sails, ensuring sheets and lines were appropriately in position for both sail and motor passages; helming the yacht for long periods of time; transporting guests to and from the shore; general boat maintenance, ensuring the vessel was in optimal condition throughout the trips.

Mar 2008 – Apr 2019 – Florida **Crew Mate** **Grady White Seafarer 228**

During family visits to the Southwest coast of Florida, I regularly took the helm of my grandfather's boat, using the chart plotter, navigating to remote beaches and islands, game fishing and docking. I also sailed a Sunfish dinghy in Matlacha Pass, gaining a further understanding of tides and wind. Additionally, I operated a small outboard boat through the mangroves, navigating shallow waterways and fishing for Red Snapper, Pompano, and sharks.

Further Maritime Experience

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 Technology – 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. Delved further into composite and metal construction, marine paint technology, epoxy and gelcoat systems, and more advanced procedures for testing materials.

Naval Architecture – studying the 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.

Yacht Surveying – tracing back problems to their origin. 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.

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.

July 2017**School Work Experience****Fox's Marina & Boatyard**

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.

Other Work Experience**Feb 2025 – Apr 2025****Delivery Driver****Tesco Plc****Dec 2024 – Feb 2025****Sign Erector****Countrywide Signs****Jan 2019 – Jan 2024****Supermarket Assistant****Waitrose & Partners****Sept 2017 – Dec 2018****Assistant Technician****L Whitehead & Sons**

Hobbies and Interests: Rugby, Judo, Sailing, Windsurfing, Fishing, Golf, Skiing

References**Paul Lawson** – RYA Coastal Skipper

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