

# Professional Yacht Captain

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No tattoos, True non-smoker, EU Citizen Passport holder  
US B1B2 Visa exp. 2021, Clean Driver's licence Cat A, B

## *Career Goal*

Presenting UK MCA Captain (unlimited yacht size and area) certified professional-mariner with respect-earning attitude and 18 years sea-going proven track record, bringing high standards from the Commercial fleet to the fine Yachting industry as a young, positive and reliable candidate for:

Shore-based managerial position on a permanent contract, looking to dedicate loyalty, longevity and contribute my sea-going professionalism, administrative skills and team spirit.

## *Core Competencies*

- **MCA Master Mariner Class 1** (unlimited yacht size and sailing area) Reg. II/2-Antibes
- **ISM Safety Officer and ISPS Security Officer** according to new MLC 2006 Convention
- **PADI Dive Master and Emergency Responder** ● **MCA AEC – Approved Engine Course**

Fluent English (MARLINS Test - TOSE 98% Advanced) and good Russian language knowledge

## *Extra Yachting Qualifications*

- STCW Management level including Advanced Fire Fighting and Medical Care for crew on-board
- Bridge Team Management and Marine Environmental Awareness according to MLC 2006
- ECDIS Electronic Chart Systems and GMDSS GOC - General Operator
- RYA PWC (Jet Ski) Instructor, Operator and Fast Rescue Boat Operator
- Tender Operations Training (V. Ships Training) and Zodiac RIB and Water Sports Operator
- Passenger Ship Special Training and Radar Simulator, Observation, Plotting and ARPA Operation

## *Professional Achievements Summary*

- 18 years sea-going experience through all Oceans and tidal waters of more than 75 countries, handling single propeller, twin screw and Azipod propulsion
- Maritime University graduate-Masters Degree (M.Sc. in Navigation)
- 12 excellent written professional references
- Respect-earning, result-oriented and can-do attitude
- Scratch-free docking ability for close-quarter Tender and Yacht-handling proven since 2008 on 20m-75m sized Motor Yachts
- Deck equipment maintenance, cleaning chemicals sourcing, inventory and tasks logging softwares
- Winter engines maintenance
- 2.5 years military service on a Navy ship

## *Career Track Record and Accomplishments*

*February – May 2018*

**Captain / Owner's representative**

**50m (Heesen) Motor Yacht Rocket**

Overall in charge of this private dual season Dubai based Motor Yacht cruising Middle East waters. Joined MY Rocket mid her Dubai season with permanent presence of Owner on-board and regular (up to 10 guests) guest events. Ran with 11 international crew, I liaised with 2 managements – Owner's side and an employer agency, I managed her through her yard maintenance period in Dubai in May.

**Referees – Management company Burgess (manager Ian Petty)**

*September – November 2017*

**Captain / Owner's representative**

**50m Motor Yacht Fly Me to the Moon**

Overall in charge of this temporary season-completing gig on a private Monaco based Motor Yacht cruising Med sea. Joined this YPI managed classic Motor Yacht with no overlapping or handover from last Captain as previous crew left altogether. Winter maintenance preparations in end of October.

**Referees – Management company YPI (managers Stanley Benngard and Nora Todorova)**

*August 2014 – September 2017*

**Captain / Owner's representative**

**48m (Heesen) Motor Yacht Let It Be**

Overall in charge of this Heesen built (2007) Motor Yacht running with 7 crew members and cruising the Mediterranean Sea. Joined without handover from my predecessor I managed to build a great crew team and meet the short 3-weeks' notice to bring the yacht up to standard for her shining presentation on Cannes boat show and the following Monaco Yacht festival. Handling the budget frames, managing the yacht day-to-day business without shore management support, accounting for crew and supplies, sourcing quotations, provisioning, handling crew shortlisting and disciplinary issues, liaison with shore contractors for maintenance and spare parts delivery, establishing strong professional relation with services contractors and sale brokers, meeting the statutory flag requirements for safety equipment, flag and class certificates are just a few aspects of my achievements on-board MY Let It Be. However I have also benefited from both yacht shows by building many new professional relations and business contacts thus expanding my professional horizon. Evidential for my efforts and achievements on-board MY Let It Be are two excellent written references - one from the Owner and one from the central brokerage agency Gaspard Yachting.

**Referees – 1) Owner MY Let It Be, 2) Pierre Badin - Manager at Gaspard Yachts 3) Ch. Engineer M. Kolev**

*May – August 2014*

**Captain / Owner's representative**

**43m (Westship) Motor Yacht Mona Liza**

Cruising Adriatic sea on a private and charter use with 7 crew on-board. Being a short seasonal assignment with a tight budget and abandoned exterior condition to catch up with I had to bring the boat up to standard, earn crew respect and set my authority in a very short time. We had our first charter with a very short notice - just two weeks after my joining which were used to source the crew and get it into a team spirit starting from scratch.

**Referee – Chief Stewardess Rosi Kozhuharova**

*April 2012 – May 2014*

**Captain / Chief Officer**

**70m (Oceanfast) Motor Yacht Nomad**

Annually 9 months straight as Chief Officer and Relief Captain on-board 70m Oceanfast build Mega Motor Yacht with full ISM and ISPS systems in place, cruising Mediterranean sea on Private and Charter use. Multinational crew, very busy tight schedule as an ISM Safety, ISPS Security and Environmental Officer passed successfully internal and external ISM and ISPS Audits with no remarks or non-conformities. Head of the Deck Department of four Deck crew including 2nd Officer. Hands-on maneuvering, docking, provisioning, accounting, planned and unplanned maintenance, heavy anchor and sea-going watch-keeping, water sports, Drills and checks, new crew joining members familiarization, yacht business correspondence, liaise with sub-contractors and running her day-to-day business routine operations. Overseen her annual dry dock period, planned and unplanned maintenance. My last period I served as Captain for 3 months straight.

**Referees – 1) Captain Theodoros Perikleous and 2) Chief Engineer Marin Hristov**

*June – September 2011*

**Captain / Chief Officer**

**50m (Oceanco) Motor Yacht Anedigni**

I joined through her busiest HIGH Mediterranean season period cruising South of France, Italian Riviera, Corsica and Sardinia on a 3 months relief position as a Staff Captain/Chief Officer. I adapted fast to the team and earned respect as a Head of the Deck Department of four deck crew, handling responsibly my assignments as ISM, ISPS, GMDSS GOC, Navigational and Environmental Officer, Stand-alone Watch-keeping Officer, and smoothly running day-to-day Yacht business, stock control, LSA, FFE and Deck maintenance through IDEA software, organizing, supervising the guests safety in lots of daily swimming and water sports activities with jet-ski, wave-runners and sea-bobs, water - ski and inflatables towing.

Referee - Capt Hans Rost

**Mar 2010 – Apr 2011**

**Chief Officer / Captain**

**75m (Hanseatic) Royal Motor Yacht Rabdan**

I cruised the Arabian Gulf on a Chief Officer's and on multiple occasions – Captain's position. Having started from scratch when joined ghost yacht with no crew to take over from, I managed to bring her exterior to best presentation standard in shortest period possible to receive her Principle - His Highness the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi. MY Rabdan was under a very short constant notice of readiness and kept in pristine exterior state managing the Deck Department in the local harsh sandy environment. She was registered as a Passenger class Yacht running a full ISM system on board hence keeping me busy with high-standard Safety and Security duties and maintenance daily tasks. I led her through several spotless internal and external ISM Audits and kept on performing Passenger-vessel-standard Safety Drills and trainings, improving the existing safety arrangement and Policy, suggesting and implementing Safety and Security amendments, organizing the maintenance of the Safety, Security and Deck equipment and water toys. I played key role for managing the Yacht preparation for the YAS "Grand Prix Formula 1" prestigious event in 2010 and oversaw her major refit in ADSB Shipyard in 2010/2011. Despite the huge Captain's turnover I was on and off Captain's role - totally 6 Captains to take and hand over to, maneuvered her alone on a few occasions for scratch-free docking in the tight Yas Marina on anchor-alongside-stern-to scheme. Along with my main duties I was additionally assigned as the Yacht car driver providing for the Yacht supplies and running all administrative tasks and day-to-day business in Abu Dhabi where I gained a valuable knowledge of the local suppliers and high-end yacht service providers. All my assignments as the Ship's ISM Safety Officer, Ship's ISPS Security and Environmental Officer, and Head of Deck Department of four crew (including Second Officer) I conducted with professionalism, dedication and pride having them proven with excellent written references.

Referees - Captains Stig Lungstrom and Howard Crowther

**April – October 2009**

**Chief Officer / Asst. Engineer**

**39m (CRN) Motor Yacht Agatha**

Cruising the West Mediterranean Sea as a stand-alone Officer of Watch, ISM Safety and ISPS Security Officer, Navigational Officer - Charts corrections and Routes preparation, I was also involved in lines-handling, maneuvering, Deck maintenance, deckhands management, hands-on full hull sides paint and stainless steel polishing, wash-downs, varnishing and touch-up painting, Safety Drills, training and crew familiarization, Yacht supplies and stock-control, GMDSS Radio Officer and Medical Officer duties, Oversaw her dry-docking period in AMICO shipyard - Genoa/Italy. I participated in Yacht Jet Ski RYA certification as a PWC Training Center along with obtaining my RYA PWC Operator and RYA PWC Instructor certification. During my contract I passed MCA AEC course and certification, got MCA UKLAP exam and certification, and took UK MCA Master unlimited ticket.

Referee-Ch Eng Veselin Teoharov

**September 2008 – February 2009**

**Chief Officer**

**133m Mega Yacht Cruiser Seabourn Spirit**

On a busy Worldwide charter cruising the Mediterranean Sea, Middle and Far East and running full ISM system on-board. Stand-alone Watch-keeping, Strict Bridge record-keeping, Safety Officer - Drills, checks and LSA and FFE equipment maintenance, Lines handling, Crew management, Stock control, Water toys activities and interactions with guests visiting very distant and exotic locations as Ko Kood and Phuket Islands (China, Vietnam, Egypt).

Referee - Captain Thoenis Soerensen

**June – August 2008**

**Captain**

**20m (Heesen) Motor Yacht Vesselina**

Cruising Khalkidhiki / Greece with various duties - Wash-downs, Filler corrections, Painting, Routes preparation, stainless steel polishing, Navigational Watch, Charts corrections, Maneuvering, ISPS and ISM duties, Scuba Diving assistance and supervision, GMDSS Radio Officer, Lines handling, Engine maintenance, Accounting, Purchasing, Provisioning, Yacht representation, Events on board organizing.

**February – May 2008**

**Chief Officer / Relief Captain**

**41m (Heesen) Motor Yacht Ladyship**

Cruising West Mediterranean sea - Malta, Naples, Montenegro with duties as Officer of Navigational Watch, painting, maneuvering, Safety Officer – crew familiarization and ISM and ISPS Checks and Drills, Deck maintenance, lines-handling, Navigational Charts correction, wash-downs, polishing, varnishing, filler corrections, navigational passage planning, accounting, purchasing, Stock control. Oversaw her dry-docking period in Malta shipyard.

**Referee - Owner's representative Alexey Zotov**

**2006 – 2008**

**Officer of Navigational Watch and Chief Officer**

**Passenger Ships**

5-plus stars modern big liners with the latest high-tech Integrated Bridge equipment and **Azipod propulsion** fitted on board (stand - alone Watch-keeping Officer/Safety Officer/GMDSS, Security Officer)

- **Celebrity Cruises** GTS Constellation under the highest standard RCCL (Royal Caribbean Fleet) Navigational policy on-board cruising North Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Caribbean Sea as Officer of Navigational Watch on Gas Turbines and Azipods propulsion equipped 300m 5-stars plus Passenger Liner cruising USA, Caribbean, North and Baltic Seas - Safety and Officer of Navigational Watch, Deckhands Management, GMDSS Radio Officer, Safety equipment maintenance, Lines handling etc.

- **Silja Line** GTS Finnjet - legendary Passenger ship cruising the North Sea, The Bahamas - Officer of Navigational Watch on 200m Passenger Ship GTS FinnJet (Commercial) The Bahamas - Navigational and Safety Officer, Deckhands Management, GMDSS Radio Officer Safety equipment maintenance and checks , Lines handling etc.

**Referee – Captain Branko Skoric**

**2000 – 2006**

**Officer of Navigational Watch**

**Commercial Ships**

Stand-alone Officer of Navigational Watch, Safety and Fire-Fighting checks and maintenance, equipment stock control and purchasing, Navigational Officer in charge for Chart corrections and Routes preparation, Cargo handling, Port papers preparation, Medical, GMDSS Radio Officer daily routines. Always under full ISM and ISPS systems. Commercial ships I have served on board:

- **150m** MV San Francisco (Ahrenkiel GmbH) – Officer of the Navigational Watch, Navigational Charts corrections, Routes, Lines handling, Deckhands control and supervision, Port papers preparation etc.

**Referee - Ahrenkiel GmbH Crew Manager Susanne Petkovic**

- **180m** MV Cordelia (Ahrenkiel GmbH) - Officer of Navigational Watch, Ship Security Officer – Navigational Charts corrections, Routes preparation, Lines handling, Deckhands control and supervision, Port papers preparation.

**Referee – Captain Krasimir Ivanov**

- **170m** MV Columbus Queensland - Officer of Navigational Watch, Ship Security Officer – Navigational Charts corrections, Routes preparation, Lines handling, Deckhands control and supervision, Port papers preparation.

**Referee – Ahrenkiel GmbH Crew Manager Susanne Petkovic**

- **160m** MV Europe Star, **170m** MV Egon Oldendorff - Officer of Navigational Watch - Navigational Watch and Charts corrections, Routes preparation, Lines handling, Deckhands control and supervision

- **200m** MV Pacific Link – Assistant Officer of Navigational Watch, Deck maintenance – Chipping, De-Rusting, Painting, Cargo operations supervision, Chart corrections assistance, Lines handling etc.

## ***Maritime Education***

### **Maritime University 6 years study course - Masters Degree (M.Sc.) in Navigation 1993-1999**

Masters Degree (M.Sc.) in Navigation with major subjects: High Mathematics, Physics, Philosophy, Stability, Seaworthiness, Technical Drawing, Astronomy, Crew Management, Cargo handling and Securing, Meteorology, Ecology, Engineering, Marine Electronics, Cargo Transportation and Management, Safety at Sea, Radio communications, Maneuvering, Rules of the Road (COLREGs), International Maritime Law.