

David Rutherford

Super Yacht Captain & Manager



Summary

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Locations:
Surrey UK
Fort Lauderdale &
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Australia

Australian Citizen
UK Spouse Visa
USA BIB2 Exp: 1/26
E3 VISA USA -
in progress

Fully Vaccinated
(Pfizer)

MCA Master of Yachts
3000T certification
(valid through to 2029)

EEUSA -
Bachelor of Science
Marine Transportation
Operations

A highly experienced Super Yacht Captain and Manager spanning 30 years of luxury yachting, including 16 years on a 37 mtr Motor Yacht based on Sydney Harbour.

Accustomed to both charter and private yachts, I have a thorough understanding of the intricacies of yacht management and operations.

Building on excellent communication skills and a VIP-focused approach, I have a proven ability to efficiently manage strong teams to deliver high calibre guest experiences.

I strongly value longevity and I have maintained strong professional relationships with past owners. I am now looking at transitioning into a shore-based yacht management position. Desired locations would be USA or UK, but opened to all viable scenarios.

Achievements

Over 85,000 sea miles logged in the Eastern and Western Mediterranean, Bahamas, Windward & Leeward Islands of the Caribbean, USA East and West Coasts, Mexico, Pacific Central America, and the East Coast of Australia.

I have formed solid relationships with many key suppliers, management companies, contractors and shipyard personnel which is a valuable asset to any owner.

Proven ability to provide full yacht management services, remaining within a yacht's annual budget saving owners substantial \$\$\$.

Extensive refit management experience on various projects costing up to \$12 million all of which were delivered successfully on time and within budget.

Key Skills

Extensive knowledge of yacht management gained through collaboration with yacht management companies.

Practical knowledge of engineering systems and yacht operations.

Highly organised & efficient demonstrating integrity & strong leadership abilities.

Trustworthy, diligent and approachable with an easy going demeanor

Dedicated to ensuring owners and guests feel safe, comfortable, and well cared for onboard.

Incident free yacht handling with meticulous attention to on-board security and safety.

Licenses and Certificates

Bachelor of Science Marine Transportation Operations Educational Equivalency USA

Certificate of 'Super Yacht Management' - Maritime Training Academy, U.K.

MCA Master of Yachts 3000T (Clean and Current to 2029)

MCA Ocean Yachtmaster & RYA Offshore Yacht Master

PADI Open Water Diver & Certificate III & IV Personal Trainer

Motor Vehicle & Motorcycle Licences (current)

Professional Yachting Experience



**17th January 2025 - ongoing: Seachange Yacht Management
Refit Manager/ owner's representative.**

M/Y Emerald Lady 115ft Benetti, Based on the Gold Coast.

I delivered this yacht from Port Douglas to the Gold Coast over the period of a week.

Projected managed a dry dock refit and 10 year survey to prepare for sale.

Through this ongoing project I have developed a great relationship with the Boatworks shipyard and various onsite contractors and brokers.



1st September 2024 - ongoing: Rotation Captain - Month on Month off

M/Y 'Delisle 3' 137ft Gulf Craft, 352GT

Cook Islands-registered commercial yacht based in Airlie Beach Qld.

Private owner and charter use cruising Fiji, North Qld, Papua New Guinea & Sth Pacific.

Managing crew of seven.



**1st Feb 2024 – 10th Aug 2024: Mediterranean based relief Captain positions including
M/Y 'Astralium' Lowland, 105ft, 178GT - Managed under Mini ISM.**

This position started in Rodriguez Shipyard, Golf Juan with 2 lengthy owner trips from Antibes to Pisa.

Working with yacht management companies to oversee smooth and efficient yacht operations.

Encompassing financial management & technical maintenance alongside the engineer.

Crew recruitment, training & administration.

Ensuring compliance with safety and regulatory standards.

Maintaining strong relationships with owners providing ongoing temp support, deliveries and handing over with the new captain.



Jan 2008 - Feb 2024 (16 years): Captain & Operations Manager

M/Y 'Shirley Anne', 125 ft. NQEA 237 GT

Oversaw the yacht's operations with a crew of seven, operating on Sydney Harbour, Australia's largest and busiest harbour with extensive cruising along the East Coast of Australia.

I have maintained a strong relationship with the owners and family.

Successfully managed a 45-week refit, totalling \$12 million. The refit was conducted under DNV survey requirements:

- Hull/swim platform extension and hull plate replacement.
- Full engine room rebuild (asbestos found)
- Main engine rebuilds.
- Installation and commissioning of (2) new generators
- Brand new teak decking and full paint job
- Installation of an updated Bridge Console (which I designed) with a new 'Seatouch' yacht management system.
- Installation of a new Crestron A.V. system
- Purchase of a new tender



May 2005 - Dec 2007: Captain - M/Y 'Touch', 120 ft. Custom Built Motor Yacht 2

- Busy charter yacht
- Cruised The Bahamas, The Windward and Leeward Islands of the Caribbean, Croatia, Montenegro, Corsica and Sardinia, Amalfi Coast and the French Riviera
- Full management of the yacht and crew of (8)



Dec 2003 - Mar 2005: Captain - M/Y 'Ubiquitous', 112 ft. Westport 196 GT

- Well-travelled private yacht
- Cruised extensively throughout the South Coast of Florida, The Bahamas, Turks & Caicos Islands, North & South Coasts of Cuba, Jamaica, Cayman Islands, the East Coast of Mexico, then shipped to Australia from Ensenada Mexico.
- Total management of the yacht and crew of (5)



Jul 2002 - Oct 2003: Captain/Engineer - M/Y 'Lady Nina', 70 ft. Azimut Seajet 85 GT

- Based in Miami, Florida
- Cruised extensively throughout the Bahamas, East Coast of Florida, and the Leeward Islands of the Caribbean
- Responsible for the total management of the yacht as well as on board engineering.

I started in the Maritime Industry at an early age with a family-owned vessel and Seaplane charter company on the Great Barrier Reef, Australia.

May 1995 - Deckhand in Ft Lauderdale, Florida.

January 1996 to July 2002, Various private and charter motor yachts as a First Officer, Cruising the Bahamas, the Caribbean and Mediterranean.

M/Y 'Lady Tiffany' 117 ft. DML

M/Y 'Lady Jenn' 137 ft. Palmer Johnson

M/Y 'Picante' 120ft Christensen

M/Y 'Mayan Queen' 135 ft. Hakvoort

M/Y 'Taipan' 172 ft. CRN

M/Y 'Renegade' 142 ft. Lloyds

Referees

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