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Master 200 Unlimited, Ocean Yachtmaster Sail

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PERSONAL PROFILE

Currently working as the **First Mate** onboard of the **S/Y IDLE (33 metres)**, I am looking for a **captain position** on a <200GT Sailing yacht or Motor yacht where I can apply my passion for both sailing and hospitality. Continuously sailing from dinghy racing at 12 to skippering yachts in 1984 at 18, then in racing, I work in the yachting industry as a semi-professional since 1996 and as full time professional since 2007. I have now more than **25 years experience as skipper** on several yacht types and possess strong sailing skills. Furthermore, I have been managing my own company for 15 years, which has allowed me to gain a valuable insight into clients requests, team leadership and pragmatic project management.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- ▶ **MCA Master of Vessels 200 GT Unlimited**
- ▶ MCA Officer of the Watch Yachts 500 GT Unlimited
- ▶ **SSO (ISPS Ship Security Officer)**
- ▶ **GOC GMDSS**
- ▶ MCA/RYA Sailing Yachtmaster Ocean Certificate (Com. endorsed)
- ▶ MCA/RYA Motor Yacht Coastal Skipper (Com. endorsed)
- ▶ Advanced Open Water Diver (PADI)
- ▶ RYA radar + ARPA training
- ▶ AEC MCA Approved Engineering Certificate
- ▶ RYA Powerboat Level 2
- ▶ **MCA Basic training (STCW95)**

PROFESSIONAL YACHTING EXPERIENCE



- ▶ **August 2009 to Present** : For the same owner of M/Y Multiple, I moved on his **S/Y IDLE**, a 33 meters CNB sailing yacht, as **First Mate/Engineer** in charge of the deck, sails, engines and IT/AV on board. Since then, the yacht cruised in the Med, Caribbean islands, Panama canal, down to the Galapagos islands and did two transatlantic crossings.



- ▶ **April 2008 to August 2009** : **Bosun** and IT/AV officer on board of **M/Y Multiple** (50m), in charge of deck duties, navigational bridge watch. Responsible for all the electronics on board (satellites systems, navigation equipment, networks and computers, AV and multimedia systems). Tenders driving (Novurania/HamiltonJet) and dinghy sailing instructor.

- ▶ **Dec 2007/Jan 2008** : SunSail. **Charter skipper** in St Maarten/St Barts (Caribbean).



- ▶ **From 1997 to 2007** : ForceDouce ASBL : **Founder** and active **skipper** of a Belgium charity foundation that helps disabled and socially unadapted young persons to improve their self-confidence and their social abilities using sailing activities and regattas. We have participated to several official French and Belgian sailing championships. (<http://www.forcedouce.org>).

- ▶ **From 1997 to 2006** : SMEGS. **Manager** and main **skipper** for sailing events for physicians. A biyearly week flotilla navigation with up to 7 yachts in Ireland, Scotland, Brittany, Corsica, England, Saint-Vincent (Caribbean), Turkey.



- ▶ **From 1996 to 2002** : Sailing Team. **Racing skipper** and **sailing coach** for incentive events and regattas in Belgium, France, Cowes. More than 50 sailing races on Jod24, SunFast37, Jod35 (<http://www.sailingteam.com/>).

OTHER SAILING EXPERIENCE

2007 - UKSA Ocean graduate (Overall Grade : **Merit**) : Based in Cowes (UK) more than 2500 NM and 6 months intensive navigation training, offshore and 3 ocean passages onboard of sailing yachts and motor yachts up to 84 ft. Shore based training including navigation (Coastal & Celestial), IRPCS, SSO, STCW95. Yacht maintenance techniques (Varnishing, sails and ropes maintenance, polyester & gelcoat repair). Radar (with ARPA training) and General Operator Certificate.

Since 1984 Skipper and Races : Skipper on mono-hull and catamarans sailing yachts up to 84' including:

- ▶ Skipper for coastal navigations in Brittany, UK, Ireland, Corsica, Côte d'Azur, French West Indies/Caribbean, Turkey, Belgium coast;
- ▶ Tactician and/or Skipper for National Sport Boat Cup of North Sea (North of France and Belgium) from 1999 to 2004. Best result: 6th of 18 boats. French National Championship of First Class 8 (One Design 30" sport boat) in 2003 and 2004. Best result: 4th of 50 boats;
- ▶ Skipper for more than 30 passages in tidal waters like Nieuwpoort-Ramsgate, Brest-Cowes, Cowes-Dunkerque, etc or in Mediterranean like Cannes-Calvi, Marseille-Calvi;
- ▶ Skipper for a "Transat des Alizées" in 1995 on "Pavillon Beauvoir" (Futura 51" ULDB) Cross Atlantic race from Brest (France) to Casablanca (Morocco) then to Pointe-à-Pitre (Guadalupe, Caribbean);

1988-1989 French Navy Military Obligation

- ▶ 1 month: Bridge watch, navigation, radio and signals seaman preparation;
- ▶ 8 months: on the bridge of the Aircraft carrier "Le Clemenceau" as Navigator seaman (Timonier);
- ▶ "Brevet patron petite embarcation" (Military small yacht skipper ticket);
- ▶ Skipper for French Navy National Sailing Championship : 1st of the Med region and 3rd on the national final.

1980 - 1982 Dinghy Instructor assistant in north Brittany (France) and more than 2 years of dinghy racing (420, 445).

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- ▶ **From 2000 to 2007** : Freelance consultant in web, new media and audiovisual strategies and communication;
- ▶ **From 1997 to 2000** : Founder, VP Marketing and CTO of NetBeat, a web start-up specialised in european music distribution;
- ▶ **From 1992 to 1997** : Founder and Creative Director of a communication agency "Ideogram Brussels";
- ▶ **From 1989 to 1992** : Junior art director Saatchi & Saatchi Brussels (Belgium);
- ▶ **1990** : Art Director degree at College of Art and Design (Brussels, Belgium);
- ▶ **1984** : Science-based Baccalauréat (=A levels).

OTHER INTERESTS & SKILLS

- ▶ Cooking (French and Italian), Wines (serving, history, ...), hospitality and Table arts;
- ▶ Creative communication and visual arts in general with a focus on design, film directing and drawing;
- ▶ IT expertise in AV networks and databases publishing. Professional level in operating systems (Unix, Windows XP, MacOS X);
- ▶ Team management, coaching, human factor strategies and relationship management in small/medium size companies;
- ▶ Learning, teaching and sharing all my passions;
- ▶ And always Sailing, Racing, Cruising, Diving, Latino music ...

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