

ROBERT HICKMAN

MCA MASTER 300GT



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General

Date Of Birth: 18.05.1975
Nationality: British
Marital status: Married, Annette Hickman (née Corder)

Health: Excellent; unrestricted ENG1
Smoker: NO
Driving Licence: Full clean

Profile

I am a seasoned industry professional with excellent longevity and a proven track record. I take my work and responsibilities seriously and remain professional at all times. I am calm and level headed, well mannered, hard working and good-humoured.

Marine Industry Work History

June 16 - Present **Captain**, MY White Star, 49.9m, 528GT, Trinity, 2004

The vessel sold in June 2016, and I was kept on as Captain. Immediately followed 12 weeks of Owner cruising. September 2016, vessel taken to Pendennis Shipyard, Falmouth UK for major refit works in 2016/2017 and again in 2017/2018. Subsequently White Star won 2nd place in the 2018 World Superyacht Refit of the Year awards.

Jan 15 - June 16 **Captain**, MY White Star, 47m, 499GT, Trinity, 2004

[Trinity Yachts - White Star](#)

I was personally approached and asked to take over the Captaincy by the outgoing Captain who moved full time onto managing the owners new build 72m project. We were in the 2015 MYS & 2016 ECPY and received huge praise for the standard and condition in which she had been maintained to. All original crew left to the new build and I re-crewed the vessel accordingly.

Mar 13 - July 14 **Captain**, MY Larissa, 40m, 286GT, Sunseeker Predator, 2010

www.sunseekerlevolpi.net

I was asked to Captain this vessel by Owners the fleet Captain. I joined this vessel and delivered her to Tunisia from the Riviera to complete her sale. On our return I dealt with all the incumbent paperwork, and the change of name to Larissa. An intense maintenance period began with the overhaul of the vessels AC, insulation, black/grey tanks, navigation equipment and general improvements along with flag and class inspections, to make her season ready. I then delivered her to Lebanon for the owners use where it was used both locally and in Cyprus before returning back via Greece & the Corinth Canal to Italy & France for the 2014 season. In July 2014 the vessel was sold and crewed with the new owners Russian crew.

Nov 09 - Nov 12 **Chief Officer**, MY Alibi, 52m, 663GT, CBI Navi, 2005

www.myalibi.com

Alibi cruised extensively within the Mediterranean with a busy owner and charter itinerary. Due to Alibi being over 500GT, my duties included implementing all ISPS and ISM procedures, liaising with the management company, and carrying out all on board drills, training and re-certification. The Captain gave me free reign to run the vessel as I saw fit. During my tenure, the vessel underwent a 5-year survey, Lloyds, Cayman and Port State Control inspections, all passed with no issues. I used the IDEA planned vessel maintenance program, which was used to monitor and update all the ships certification and drill/maintenance schedules. I was the Safety Officer aboard and the Ships Security Officer and responsible for the implementation of the Ships Security Plan and the ships Safety Management Plan on board, I was also the ships Navigational Officer. During the season she operated with a crew of 12 and accommodated up to 12 guests. The vessel has undergone a number of yard periods including a hull re-paint, which I ran during the Captains absence. I also ran a deck crew of 3, implementing maintenance and cleaning schedules, training, and rotas. I gained parking, close quarter handling and regular drive time experience.

March 06 - Oct 09 **Captain**, SY Halcyon, 30m 1929 Classic Ketch

www.halcyonyachtcharter.com

A stunning classic yacht steeped in history. I was involved with the £1m+ restoration project from its inception and had an integral role in her re-design and development, working closely with the shipwrights, management and the owner. I also worked directly in setting up and developing all aspects of the charter business and website development. Running with a permanent crew of 4 she could accommodate up to 8 guests for charter. Her busy charter itinerary of over 15,000nm in three seasons encompassed the British Isles including Southern Ireland, Wales, the West coast of Scotland and the fjords of Norway.

July 05 - March 06 **Freelance Captain**, RMH Marine Solutions

Self employed freelance work which included both corporate and private skippered yacht charter work, RIB driving and motor yacht skippering, yacht maintenance including varnishing, filling and fairing, antifouling, fibreglass work.

October 05 **Watch Keeper**, Delivery, MY Solemar, 60m Amels

www.yachtsolemar.com

A transatlantic delivery that gave me a valuable insight into the workings of a well-run super yacht. I embraced the opportunity and used it to take celestial sights for my YM Ocean qualification and to familiarise myself with the latest in bridge technology.

Oct 04 – Sept 05 **Captain**, MSY Triciana, 67ft, Classic Dutch Steel Ketch

Management, organisation and participation in an 11 month £150K refit of this classic ketch. Jobs included: budgeting and purchasing, regular contact with the broker and owner, re-plumbing, re-wiring, complete interior and exterior varnishing, carpentry, total shot blasting and repainting, teak deck repair, and the installation of new navigation equipment, air conditioning and hydraulic pumps. This was a very hands-on role which utilised a number of skill sets. Once the project was complete the owner placed the vessel on the market for sale.

Feb 04 – Oct 04 **Captain**, Red Sail Sports, Grand Cayman

www.redsailcayman.com

Skippering 65 foot Catamarans with up to 70 guests on board involved a number of skills. Primarily safety, leadership, teamwork and good seamanship. We catered for individual charters, day sails, dinners, sunset cruises, happy hours and snorkel trips. My role was to provide the guests with a memorable and enjoyable experience within the framework of safety. Responsibilities included the welfare of the crew and guests, stock ordering, organising regular maintenance and upkeep of vessels and having an integral involvement in annual refit work. Employment ceased due to the devastation of the Island caused by Hurricane Ivan.

Dec 03 & Feb 04 **Mate**, Deliveries

North Sea winter deliveries

May 03 – Nov 03 **Senior Cruising Instructor**, Sunsail Club Marverde, Turkey

www.sunsail.co.uk

Teaching 3-day yacht courses, yacht maintenance, skippering charters and running flotillas, rescue cover, working on the beach and dinghy instruction.

Apr 02 - Nov 02 **Watersports Instructor**, Sunsail Club Galini, Greece

www.sunsail.co.uk

Running the beach and rescue boat cover, rescue boat driving, ski boat driving, rigging and de-rigging dinghies and catamarans, dinghy maintenance, running clinics and workshops, prize giving's, organising and taking yachts and clients out on day flotilla.

Oct 01 - Mar 02 **Mate**, SY Sheba Queen (Dynamique 64'), Caribbean

General day-to-day preventative maintenance and care above and below decks and crew work. Skills acquired included: winch, engine, genset and electrical maintenance, laying teak deck, sail repair, operation and maintenance of dive equipment and compressor and boat handling under sail and power.

Summer 2001 **Rescue Boat Driver**, Mark Warner Club Punta Licosa, Italy

www.markwarner.co.uk

RIB and ski boat driving in various conditions and gained basic marine engine knowledge. Other responsibilities included guest entertainment and welfare, participation in weekly competitions and award ceremonies.

Previous Work History

Winter 2001 **Handyman/Barman/Driver**, Mark Warner, Meribel, France
1999 – 2000 **Software Engineer**, Business Logic Systems, Newbury
1998 - 1999 **Marquee Erector**, Complete Events, Newbury
1997 – 1998 **Travelling**: Africa, SE Asia, Australia, NZ, USA
1994 – 1997 **Fitness Instructor**, Nottingham Trent Uni and Notts City Council

Sailing Qualifications

Master (Yachts) 3000GT
MCA Master (Yachts) 200 GT (unlimited area) with Cayman Islands endorsement
MCA Chief Mate (Yachts) 3000GT (unlimited area)
Ships Security Officer & Proficiency in Designated Security Duties
STCW95

Other Qualifications

BSc.(Hons.) Combined Studies In Sciences (Biology with Computer Science)
3 A Levels, 1 AS Level, 9 GCSE's
PADI Advanced Diver
Fitness Instructor (NVQ Level 2)
British Parachute Association Skydiving Licence
Private Pilots Licence (with Instrument & Night ratings) - expired

Education

1993 - 1996 Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham
1986 - 1993 Pangbourne Nautical College, Reading

Interests

I am a very keen sportsman enjoying a variety of disciplines, including: sailing, windsurfing, kitesurfing, rugby, squash, swimming and general health and fitness.

Background

My work ethos, love of water and sense of adventure were fostered at Pangbourne Nautical College, a former training College for Officers entering the Merchant Navy. Its traditions were still maintained during my tenure, including naval officers uniforms, daily parades, armed guard, marching band etc. Whilst there I gained valuable skills and attributes including teamwork, discipline, presentation, respect and leadership; all values I still maintain to this day and bring to the workplace.

References Available upon request