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PERSONAL INFORMATION: **U.S. Coast Guard 200 ton lic.**



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At age ten I stepped aboard an 1874 a charter schooner as an apprentice, on the Coast of Maine. Several underage jobs prepared me for my first Captain's job at age twenty. Since then I have had many colorful experiences as a Captain on countless yacht deliveries along the U.S. Eastern seaboard. Consulting, teaching new boat owners, and completing a bereavemet charters has been the most gratifying part of my career. On longer term agreements yacht owners have appreciated my patience, honesty, lack of interest in liquor, reliability and my calm, collected approach.

LICENSES:

U.S. Coast Guard 200 ton near coastal masters lic.

STCW-95: firefighting equipment and drills, ships medicine, social responsibility, Man overboard equipment and drills

Sailing and Towing endorsed

Unlimited Radar endorsed

Merchant mariners documented

Abled body seamen certified

PADI certified scuba diver

NRA pistol Instructor

Private Pilot, aviator

CDL class A operator, A, N, P, I, S, X endorsed. I'm legal to drive anything but double-trailer vehicles down the road. These licenses cover motorcycles to 18 wheelers and motorcoaches

Maine State licensed tree surgeon

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

- 2005 – Present: Owner / Operator: WWW.OSPREYISLANDYACHT.COM SERVICES: yacht deliveries, lessons, corporate charters, bereavement charters, sea trials, pre-purchase inspection, private captaining.
- 2013 – Present: Author of the book titled: “ 5 Essential Knots in 4 motions or less Learn it once, Learn it for life”. I self-published the book and did the complete lay out and design. It focuses on the hand motions, instead of line manipulation like most knot books. Abandonment of creativity and rehearsing the hand movements is the key to retaining the knowledge. Sherman’s chain book store in Bar Harbor, ME has been well organized and consistently selling my books, during the short summer season.
- 2006 – 2013: Captain, M/V MON AMOUR, 85 ton / 70’ – 49 passenger charter yacht, with private use for Kevin Sheen. This boat has a certificate of inspection to carry passengers for hire. Numerous dry dock inspections and crew performance sea trials are mandatory on a regular basis to remain legally current. Extensive fabrication for safety had to be completed before the vessel acquired the Coast Guard COI. For this type of vessel it was nearly a complete rebuild to comply with full blue printing and adding safety equipment. The extensive fire-fighting, stability testing and emergency bilge pumping capability is the primary thing that separates this yacht from the standard Broward that slides off the rail from the ship builder.
- 2006 – 2012: Captain, M/V Full Moon, 1949 Henry Grebe, 49 passenger charter yacht specializing in bereavements & corporate charters owned by Anita Rossi based in Boston, Mass.. A historical yacht with the U.S. Coast Guard certificate to carry passengers similar to Mon Amour above. It was an honor to provide the most formal bereavement services while underway. Dress whites, flutist, military flag folding, etc., was common during these events. It was sad to see this boat fall from service.
- 1996 – 2014: Owner operator www.cliffsidetree.com an environmental company focused on tree preservation. Tree pruning and hazard tree removal was completed by technical climbing beyond the limits of aerial lifts and cranes. Consulting for Estate owners, staff training for companies that I partnered with on projects, and maintaining heavy equipment is some of my experience. Most often I worked with the men onsite completing the most hazardous aspects of the job to the standard I sold to the client. Understanding the importance of historic trees and reducing urban deforestation was an important notion I wanted my clients to be aware of.
- 2002 – 2004: Intermittent abled bodied sea man aboard the Maine State Ferry Service for:
M/V Gov. Curtis 515531 303 GT 130 ft., steel, twin diesel
M/V Capt. Charles Philbrook 990664, 288 GT 130 ft., steel, twin diesel
M/V Margaret Chase Smith 914647 99 GT 166 ft.,
Duties: direct trucks and auto cars for parking aboard, once underway, man the helm.

- 2002 – 2003 Captaining various charter boats for Bay Island Yacht Charters, Rockland, ME
Most of the boats were smaller, used for instruction. S/V Red Wings was a 45’ yacht set up for long distance cruising. I did a few one week charters and my former certificated life guard training came in handy on a couple occasions.
- 1996 – 2001 Captain M/V Piper is a beautifully finished off 35’ Lobster yacht, the answer to getting between Maine islands close enough to kiss, and around ledge infested harbor entrances. Many voyages were to poorly charted areas. Matthew Simmons an investment banker, the yacht owner who has passed on, was the kind of man whose management style was to “through you the ball and let you run with it”. Starting at age twenty, I proudly served him for five years.
- 1989 – 1991 First Mate aboard MV Lively Lady a 44’ classic offshore Lobster tour boat out of Camden Harbor. That’s where I learned to sternly announce information to the owner Captain Allen Philbrook, which was seldom needed, and offer a firm hand to passengers boarding. He’s a tall thin man who greets me every summer with a grip on each shoulder, shaking me to the rhythm of saying “great to see ya” repeatedly. He was a great mentor for me as a sixteen year old.

Professional References

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Formal Education: Maine Maritime Academy Ass. Degree in Small Vessel Operations,
Unity Forestry college
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Interests: Exploration, vintage motorcycles, flying, sailing, hang gliding, custom yachts, custom vintage RV’s, mountain climbing, soccer, mt. & road biking, IDPA International defensive Pistol Ass., scuba diving, arborculture, commercial tree climbing, business development, art

