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Current location:
Bazaruto Archipelago, Mozambique

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Nationality:
South African

Marital Status:
Single

Visas:
Have Mozambique work permit, all others to be applied for.

Languages:
English-fluent, Afrikaans/Dutch-fluent

Tattoos:
None

Smoking:
Mild

Health:
Physically fit

Maritime Qualifications:
RYA/MCA Coastal skipper-Sailing
RYA/MCA Yacht master offshore-power vessels 200 ton
STCW-95
SADSAA Surf launching endorsement

Career Objectives:
Looking to expand my experience to international waters. Ideally in the sport fishing industry, however a position as skipper on a privately owned or charter vessel (power) in the Med, Carribean or Pacific is my ultimate goal.

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Maritime Experience:

Nov 2007- Present

Captain and Operations Manager

Ponty Leisure and Boating

Vilanculos, Mozambique

Captaining sportfishing, diving and live aboard charters in the waters off Bazaruto and to the Indian Ocean Islands. This includes 10 day charters to the remote Bassas da India atoll, 252nm of Bazaruto

Started the charter business for an investor, running two 45 Africat sport fishers as a liveaboard, leisure sport fishing operation in the Bazaruto Archipelago, Mozambique.

Duties; all admin protocol pertaining to the operation of a South African owned company operating in a foreign country. The procurement of staff, training and management thereof, taking into account the labour policy dictated to by the government of Mozambique. All maintenance for the fleet and related fishing tackle and other equipment and the supervision thereof. Captain and head fishing guide.

Africats fitted with 2x 350 inboard Yanmar marine diesels. Garmin and Raymarine navionics, radar, autopilot and ssb/hf radio systems, crane operated tender vessel and full range of Shimano billfish and sport fishing tackle.

March 2006 Nov 2007

Marlin Lodge, Benguerra Island Mozambique

Water sports Manager and head fishing guide

Duties: the management of the water sports department of the lodge. The maintenance of a fleet of five 28 Novacats, training and labour related functions and the duties of head fishing guide and head skipper.

January 2009

Crew onboard "Ponty Gumption" in the 2009 Cape to Bahia, for the South Atlantic Trophy, previously known as the Cape to Rio transatlantic yacht race.

Experience prior to Marlin Lodge:

15 years of surf launching along the South African coastline. This is a practice of launching a vessel off a trailer into the surf zone and then proceeding out to sea for various activities. It is endorsed by the Maritime Safety Authority of South Africa providing all the safety standards and skipper's endorsements have been met. It is the only way recreational boaters can launch due to the lack of major harbours along the coast.

Good experience on the waters of the famed "Wild Coast" of the Transkei and around the Cape of good Hope.

Co skippered the around the world speed record holder, the 115 stabilised trimaran Ocean Adventurer, from Cape Town to Vilanculos, Mozambique.

Additional Experience;

3 years raft guiding on the Zambezi River, Victoria falls

Excellent experience in all forms of Bill fishing and sportfishing. Up to date with current techniques in bait rigging, jigging, plugging, switchbaiting and saltwater fly fishing especially for sailfish and marlin.

Diesel engine maintenance and outboard engines experience gained whilst on the job.....cont p3

As I have been involved with the tourism and travel industry for many years, and am currently skippering and managing a live aboard operation, my understanding and delivery of a quality seagoing experience, from the galley to the satisfaction of owner and client is excellent.

**Total sea miles power > 9m: 12500 nm
Total sea miles sailing 7000 nm
15 years skippering, 4 on own vessel < 9m**

Additional Work Experience

Prior to making the ocean my career I have 10 Years in the travel and tourism industry, holding the positions from head guide to lodge manager/general manager.

Hobbies and Interests

Nature and nature guiding, I have two national qualifications in nature conservation.

Golf

Angling, especially saltwater fly fishing. I have had the privilege to represent my provincial team and have captained the South African States Presidents Surf Angling team.

I strongly support Catch and Release.

Professional References:

Available on request