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Personal Statement

I am currently RYA Principal and Chief Instructor at *Seawings*. I further developed my skills and competences working as a freelance Skipper in the UK and during four years of employment as a Skipper and Senior Instructor as well as RYA Powerboat Chief Instructor in Wellington (New Zealand). I hold Master qualifications (Sail and Power) from different countries (France, New Zealand, UK and Portugal) and I have more than fifteen years of professional experience.

I am passionate about the sea. I like the contact with the public and have excellent customer related skills. I am an open minded person able to work under pressure in a challenging environment.

Qualifications

United Kingdom

- RYA/MCA **Yachtmaster Examiner (Sailing Vessel and Power Driven Vessel)**
- MCA (Maritime and Coastguard Agency) **Master 200GT unlimited – OOW 500GT unlimited**
- RYA/MCA **Yachtmaster Instructor (Sailing Vessel and Power Driven Craft)** certificates ([Royal Yachting Association](#))
- RYA/MCA **Certificate of Competence: Yachtmaster Ocean**. Sailing Vessel and Power Driven Craft. Commercially endorsed STCW.
- RYA **International Certificate of Competence**.
- RYA **Powerboat Instructor** for Powerboat level 1 and 2.
- RYA **VHF SRC** (Short Range Certificate) Assessor (Instructor and Examiner)
- RYA **RADAR** Instructor

New Zealand:

- Maritime New Zealand **Certificate of Competency as Inshore Launch Master (ILM)**
- Yachting New Zealand Sailing Instructor
- Coastguard Boating Education New Zealand **Marine radio Instructor**
- Coastguard Boating Education New Zealand **Boatmaster Instructor**

France:

- **Master 200 GT (Sailing Yacht)** certificate (STCW)
- **Master 200 GT (Motor Yacht)** certificate (STCW)
- **Sailing boat Skipper** certificate
- **Motor Yacht Skipper** certificate
- **Master certificate of competency**
- **Marine Engineer 250 kW**
- **GOC** (General Operator Certificate)
- **ROC** (Restricted Operator Certificate)

Portugal:

- **Patrão de Costa**
- **Patrão de Alto Mar**

Other Marine Qualifications:

- STCW Basic safety training
- **Yachting New Zealand Sailing Instructor**, Level 3/3
- **New Zealand Coastguard Tutor** (Coastguard Boating Education)
- Medical training certificate, French Merchant Marine Level 2 (STCW95)
- **Sailing Instructor FFV** (French Sailing Federation) on Keelboats and Dinghies
- Recreational boat drivers' Licenses (sea, coastal, river and sport)

Diving qualification:

- **PADI** Dive Master
- **PADI** Rescue Diver
- **CMAS** Diver ** (**FFESSM**)

Flying Qualifications:

- Private Pilot

Academic Qualifications

- PhD in Physical oceanography in 2001 (University of *Paul Sabatier*, Toulouse, France)
- Master in Meteorology and Oceanography in 1998 (University of *Toulon et du Var*, Toulon, France and *Pierre et Marie Curie* University, Paris, France).

Key Skills

Technical Skills

- Skippering and teaching,
- Navigation,
- Boat Maintenance,
- Very good proficiency in common Microsoft applications, such as Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Access.

Language Skills

- Mother tongue French
- Fluent in English and Portuguese
- Good level in German

Personal Skills

- Excellent communication and social skills
- Customer focus attitude and skills
- Flexible and mobile
- Open minded with a positive attitude
- Excellent presentation skills
- Very reliable, hardworking and quick learner
- Calm and able to work under pressure in a challenging environment
- Self leadership attitude

Employment

Nautical professional experience

Job Title: RYA Principal and Chief Instructor at *Seawings* (www.sea-wings.org)

Dates of employment: February 2012 - Present

Duties: Managing the training centre. Delivery of RYA courses (Motor Yacht, Sailing Yacht Yachtmaster schemes and powerboat). Supervision of our team of instructor.

Job Title: Skipper and RYA Yachtmaster Instructor (Sailing Vessel and Power Driven Craft). Freelance.

Dates of employment: March 2010 – February 2012

Duties: Delivery of RYA courses (Power driven craft and Sailing vessels RYA Yachtmaster schemes), charter, yacht deliveries, Skipper for private yacht owners, United Kingdom and Portugal.

Job Title: Senior Instructor, RYA powerboat Chief Instructor.

Company: *Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club Sailing Academy* in Wellington, New Zealand.

Dates of employment: Sept 2007 – Feb 2010

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Duties and responsibilities:

- **Instructor** on all sailing courses from the Yachting New Zealand Keelboat national scheme
- **Tutor** for New Zealand Coastguard Education (*Day Skipper* and *Boatmaster*) and **tutor/examiner** for *Marine radio*
- **Instructor** on **RYA** powerboat courses
- Administration of the Sailing Academy
- Charter
- Corporate Sailing sessions (Team Building)
- Delivery of the *NCEA (National Certificate of Educational Achievement)* courses
- "Slip Master": Overseeing operation of the Slipway and the equipment, coordination of the booking and payment for public use
- Maintenance and repairs of the fleet

Job Title: Sailing Instructor

Company: *Royal Port Nicholson Yacht Club Sailing Academy* in Wellington, New Zealand.

Dates of employment: Feb 2006 - Aug 2007

Other professional experience in New Zealand

- Co-author for a travel-guide book (New Zealand North Island) for the company *Frogs-in-NZ Ltd* (3 months contract)
- Oceanographer at the National Institute for Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA), (5 months part time contract)

Previous experiences

2005: First Mate aboard the sailing Yacht *Le vieux Crabe* (Auric Ketch, 28 metres, 50GT), company *Marine et compagnie*, shipowner M. Reze.

2004: Employee at the *Cité de l'Espace (City of Space)* theme park in Toulouse, France

2002-2003: Oceanographer at the *Oceanographic Institute, University of São Paulo*, Brazil

1998-2001: PhD candidate in Oceanography, Toulouse, France

1994-1998: Skipper and Sailing Instructor at the *Yacht Club of Ile D'Yeu*, France (4 months per year)

1994-1998: Master in Meteorology and Oceanography, Paris and Toulon, France

1992-1994: First Mate aboard the Sailing Yacht *Fleur de Lampaul* (Auric Ketch, 32 Metres, 62GT)

1987-1992: Various navigations, expeditions, campaigns aboard the Sailing Yacht *Fleur de Lampaul* (see details below).

Experience aboard the Sailing vessel "Fleur de Lampaul"

Between 1987 and 1994, I worked, sailed and lived for four years aboard the Sailing vessel *Fleur de Lampaul* from the company *Archipel* (shipowner C. H. Gruyer).

In 1987, when I was 13 years old, I embarked for a one year expedition to Portugal to the Madeira isles and Canaries isles. This voyage has been documented in a book ("*Les Enfants Dauphins*" Ref: ISBN: 2-07-058726-6, A58726, Ed. Gallimard) and a film for the French television (programme "*Thalassa*" on channel 3).

When I was 16 years old, in 1990, I embarked on the same vessel as a professional crew member for the campaign "*Festival of the Sea*". During this voyage, we sailed along the French Atlantic coast for 4 months, visiting 20 ports.

Two years later, in 1992, I embarked as a first mate for a two and a half years expedition called "Peoples of the Sea". We sailed along the West African coast (Mauritania, Senegal and Guinea Bissau), then across the Atlantic ocean to the Amazon, Caribbean, Bahamas, Azores and back to France. During this voyage, we wrote 4 books ("Les peuples de l'Eau", Ref: ISBN: 2-07-058726-6, A58726, Ed. Gallimard) and made 16 documentaries for the French television (programme "Thalassa" on channel 3). In addition to that, I gave numerous interviews for the French press and television.

Other Activities and Interests

I am an active person who has strong interest in different peoples, environmental issues, cultures and societies. I enjoy travelling off the beaten track. I am passionate about the sea and enjoy sailing (Racing and cruising, Keelboats, motor and dinghies), scuba and free diving. I also like flying, tramping, mountain biking, music, and playing drums (Batucada).