



Projects : Refits : Technical assist : Relief

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Profile

The design, construction & sailing of yachts has long been a prevailing interest. I studied Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering at University. A period followed working on commercial ships and offshore fishing vessels. I then returned to study and apprentice as a traditional Boatbuilder. Since this time I have had 20 years experience focusing on large performance sailing yachts. Refitting, sailing and racing them. In the capacity of Captain, Engineer or Race crew. The advances in design, rigs and engineering systems in yachts is what I aim to continue working in. Currently I am freelancing as a technical project manager using my past experience and qualifications to enable me to participate in this area.

Qualifications:

MCA Master (200gt) (II/2)
AMSA Marine Engineer (III/1&3)
Bachelor of Applied Science (Marine Engineering)
Diploma of Wooden Boat Building
RYA Ocean (commercial)

Sea miles:

Approx 70,000 miles under sail.

Work Experience

2021

Project Manager

Oyster Yachts

Subcontracting to Oyster yachts for an upgrade to they 885 fleet. Coordinating 5 yachts for surveys and the follow up works. Working with Structural engineerings, shipyard and surveyors on behalf of the construction shipyard.

2020/21

Production Manager

Baltic Yachts

Subcontracting to Baltic yachts for 6 months on an engineering project. Interesting retrofit of high voltage system with new generators & associated cooling systems.

2018 - 2020

Project Manager

Astilleros de Mallorca

Mallorca's only large shipyard facility and sister company to larger commercial shipyards in the north of Spain. I was focused on the production side of the projects being managed. Using my background in engineering & boatbuilding as well as drawing on my experiences as yacht Captain.

1998 - 1999 **Chief Engineer** **Lorjona Fisheries Pty Ltd**
350 tonne deep sea trawler operating in Southern Ocean. Initial employment was for overseeing a refit after large engine room fire, employment continued into commissioning & then as seagoing engineer

Nov-Dec 98 **Watch crew** **62' Spirit of Sydney (ex BOC yacht)**
Expedition to Macquarie Island. 2000Nm southern ocean passage.

1996 & 1997 **Marine Engineer** **Sanford Fisheries Ltd**
Seagoing engineer on vessels operating in and around NZ waters. This time also included a large refit on new vessel for conversion purposes, engineering systems responsibilities.

1992 - 1994 **Marine Engineer** **BHP Transport Ltd Shipping**
Commercial Seagoing and refit engineer on Vessels operating internationally.

Sailing Regattas

Caribbean 600 '20	SY Allegra
Cannes, St Tropez '19	Herreshof SY Spartan
St Barts Bucket '18	Baltic SY Nilaya
Palma Vela, Porto Cervo & St Tropez '17	Wally SY Sensei
Porto Cervo Maxi's & St Tropez '16	Wally SY Open Season
Palma Vela, Mahon, St Tropez & Porto Cervo '15	Wally SY Open Season
Cowes round island, Cowes - St Malo & Fastnet Race '15	SY Leopard
BVI Lora Piana, SuperYacht Palma, Porto Cervo '14	J Class SY Rainbow
Porto Cervo Lora Piana '14	Wally SY Open Season
St Tropez '13	Wally SY Magic Blue
St Tropez '11	Wally SY Angels Share
Palma Vela, Portofino, Porto Cervo & St Tropez '09 & '10	Wally SY J One
Maxi World Cup 06, Porto Fino '07	Wally SY J One
Superyacht Cup, Palma '07	SY Maria Cattiva
Monaco, Cannes & St Tropez '05	SY Cambria
Copa del Rey & Mahon Classic '05	SY Altair

Shore & Relevant Experience:

MANAGEMENT Overseeing refits has been my specialization with yachts. Whatever my employed title, the majority of work has inevitably been overseeing repairs and refits. From dry docking on Merchant ships, later with deep sea fishing vessels and recently with yachts here in the Med. This is an area I both enjoy and wish to pursue in the future. With the ambition of being able to combine my past work skills as an engineer, boat builder and sailor and use them together with my experience in new builds and refits. The 3 yrs working on the Wally 130, was of specific project management & commissioning. It was very rewarding and the sort of work that I wish to pursue, being a natural progression of my experience. This last few years I have concentrated on project management based out of the STP shipyard.

ENGINEERING Various long term refits associated with vessels involved. Organization and planning of contractors, planned maintenance, research and installation of new products/machinery. Recently the focus being on carbon fibre hulls and rigs of the wally boats and their fairly unique engineering systems. Previous major refits have been on offshore fishing vessels and one extensive refit on an exploration vessel for high latitude navigation. The winter of 08/09 was an interesting change with the overseeing of a refit on a classic Feadship motor yacht. 2010 was solely a year of refit on a large wally composite yacht and my involvement was a combination of much design and boatbuilding. 2014 included working on the HJB 'Hybrid Power Systems'. A very relevant experience for new generation yachts.

BOATBUILDING Self employed during the time of studies and afterwards various small contracts and some speculation with purchased and restored small craft. Projects included ; lightweight oregon spinnaker poles for race boat ; restoration of small fishing craft ; refit of large ketch for survey ; and most importantly, the finishing off the restoration of my own yacht, a 60 year old 30' gaff ketch. Boatbuliding is a skill and knowledge that I am constantly referring to, from assessing a rig through to being able to understand the construction of a hull or overseeing of repairs.