



CAPTAIN DON



Nationality: American
Current USA Passport
Clean Drivers License
Vaccination Status: Boosted
Non-Smoker | No Tattoos
Location: Miami, FL

Long-term oriented Captain seeking position aboard a 70'-90' motor yacht or large sportfishing vessel. Looking forward to utilizing my experience managing crew, safety operations and protocols, compliance, yacht maintenance, and program operations to provide a five star yacht program and experience for Owners and guests.

USCG 100 TON MASTER NEAR COASTAL | 7TH RENEWAL | OSHA CERTIFICATE | STCW 95
MARITIME TRAINING CERTIFICATE | UM CELESTIAL NAVIGATION CERT.
CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION HELM | MPT HUMAN ELEMENT LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT
4 YEAR BA IN SOCIOLOGY AND ANTHROPOLOGY



CAREER OVERVIEW

Experienced Yacht Captain with a relentless pursuit of excellence and a proven track record spanning over 30 years.

Commanded cruises as Captain to the Mediterranean, the Caribbean Islands, the Bahamas, the Eastern Coast of the United States, including Chesapeake Bay and the Intra-Coastal Waterway, made a Trans-Atlantic voyage, and transited the Panama Canal.

Renowned for meticulous attention to detail and a wealth of expertise in the operation of motor yachts and sport fishermen, including tournament fishing.

Adept at overseeing professional management and maintenance of vessels, adeptly making decisions on repairs that are both precise and cost-effective.

Skilled in implementing routine preventive maintenance measures to ensure optimal performance and longevity of assets.

Known for being a self-starter, adaptable, and accommodating, with a reputation for building rapport easily with diverse personalities.

Seasoned in commanding vessels as large as 92 feet, I am now seeking a full-time position where I can leverage my extensive experience, nautical expertise, and passion for travel, fishing, and adventure.

Committed to delivering unparalleled safety and enjoyment for all passengers while creating unforgettable experiences on the water.

VARIOUS VESSELS | 33' - 85' Vessels

CAPTAIN (FREELANCE) | 2018 - Present

South Florida/Florida Keys/East Coast USA/Bahamas

- Completed various freelance positions onboard diverse programs
- Managed 1-2 additional crew and hosted from 2-6 guests onboard for trips

SHIPYARD | 30' - 80' Vessels

PROJECT MANAGER | Feb 2024 - Present

South Florida

- Project Manager for yacht repair, sea trials, and quality control
- Oversaw routine maintenance and repairs as well as new equipment installation
- Utilized Dockmaster and Quickbooks for reporting and project management
- Consistently completed projects on time and within budget
- Trained members in vessel operations

M/Y [REDACTED] | 80' Hatteras

CAPTAIN | Jul 2023 - Aug 2023

South Florida/Florida Keys

BROKERAGE [REDACTED]

YACHT BROKER | 2021 - 2022

Miami River

SHIPYARD

PROJECT COORDINATOR | Aug 2018

Miami, FL

- Completed shipyard tasks and projects for vessels ranging from 33' to 80'
- Responsible for project management, estimate writing, quality control and quality assurance
- Completed yacht deliveries, sea trials, and day trips
- Served as Safety Officer OSHA Compliance
- Acted as Hanse/SeaLine Warranty Representative

SELECTED FISHING TOURNAMENTS & SKILLS

- ▶ Bahamas Billfish Championship
- ▶ Bertram-Hatteras Shootout (4x)
- ▶ Miami Billfish
- ▶ Reef Cup
- ▶ Buccaneer
- ▶ Cocoplum Sailfish Tournament
- ▶ Ft Lauderdale Billfish
- ▶ Ocean City White Marlin Open
- ▶ Observer, St Thomas Atlantic Blue Marlin Open
- ▶ Kite Fishing
- ▶ Deep Dropping
- ▶ Lure Fishing
- ▶ High Speed Wahoo Trolling

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & COMMUNITY SERVICE

- ▶ Member, CCA Coastal Conservation Association
- ▶ Member, Maritime Executive Group
- ▶ Member, Yacht Captains YP forum
- ▶ Member, Church Usher
- ▶ Member, Billfish Observers
- ▶ Philanthropist, Charitable donations: Wounded Warriors, Red Cross, Miami Herald Charities, Miami Rescue Mission, Salvation Army, Salesian Missions, Baptist Health Cancer Institute

REFERENCES

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F/V RELENTLESS TOO | 70' Hatteras Sport Fisherman

CAPTAIN | Apr 2006 - Jan 2018

Bahamas/East Coast USA/Jamaica/Mexico/Gulf of Mexico/Florida Keys

- Captain for 3 crew program that hosted 2-6 guests for 3-4 trips each month
- Trips ranged from day fishing trips to extended trips ranging from 1-2 months in duration
- Operated and complied with Coast Guard specifications
- Prepared operational and expense reports
- Participated in yard periods and oversaw projects including engine rebuild, teak deck repair, mechanical maintenance, and electronic installation
- Sourced and managed outside vendors, ensuring projects were completed on time and within budget

M/Y [Redacted] | 60' Bertram Sport Fisherman

CAPTAIN | Nov 2003 - Apr 2006

South Florida/Bahamas

- Managed all systems on yacht
- Responsible for all aspects of boat operation and maintenance
- Operated and complied with Coast Guard specifications

[Redacted] MARINE GROUP

CAPTAIN | Feb 2003 - Sep 2003

- Delivery and sea trial captain for Up to 85'
- In conjunction with vessel Chacuco | 58' Azimut
- Managed all systems on yacht
- Operated and complied with Coast Guard specifications
- Fulfilled duties which included all aspects of boat operation and maintenance

[Redacted] | 68' Sunseeker Predator

CAPTAIN | Sep 2002 - Feb 2003

- Managed all systems on yacht
- Operated and complied with Coast Guard specifications
- Responsible for all aspects of vessel maintenance

[Redacted] | 54' Bertram Sport Fisherman

CAPTAIN | May 1997 - Jul 2002

- Managed all systems on yacht
- Operated and complied with Coast Guard specifications
- Responsible for all aspects of vessel maintenance

[Redacted] | 46' Bertram Sport Fisherman

CAPTAIN | Aug 1990 - Apr 1997

- Performed navigation and maintenance of all equipment, machinery, and safety
- Operated and complied with Coast Guard specifications
- Fished and cruised southeast Florida and Bahama Islands