



CAPTAIN REX WITKAMP

USCG 200GRT/500 GT MASTER LIC. #4551406

CURRENT LOCATION: FT. LAUDERDALE, FL

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Specializing in short term super yacht and sportfish deliveries as a USCG Licensed Captain/Engineer. Comfortable aboard a private 50-80' Sportfish, or 60-120' motor yacht, with preference given to a fishing-minded programs based in Florida, USA, Bahamas/Caribbean. Looking forward to utilizing my engineering & mechanical, emergency medical, fishing/diving experience, managing crew, safety operations and protocols, compliance, yacht budgeting/maintenance, and smooth program operations to assist Yacht Owners.

STCW | TWIC CARD | PARAMEDIC

Non-Drinker. No Drugs. Family Man.

Charter Experience Fishing & Yachting

PADI Master Scuba Diver Trainer | Nitrox

Instructor | Deep Dive Instructor

Night Dive Instructor | Bilingual English/Spanish

Confined Space Rescue Technician | Rope Rescue

Technician | Vehicle & Machinery Rescue

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Experienced mariner with zero insurance claims against my license while driving, docking, towing, and maintaining various vessel builds to 112'

Strong communicator and highly organized individual with ability to add value to yacht programs through planning, organization, training, communication, relationship building, employment of technology and tools, and broad set of experience and skill sets.

NOAA Blue Star Fishing Guide Recipient. Successfully led offshore fishing programs.

Strong engineering experience, as well as managing yard periods, major repairs, overhauls, refits, and evaluating and selecting vendors and contractors to meet the needs of Owners and clients.

Ability to set up and administered provisioning, inventory controls, maintenance, and budget/accounting and operational reporting systems.

Maintain detailed scheduled maintenance programs to ensure vessel is available for Owner use when needed.

Excel at working with Owners and principals on travel itineraries, guest activities, excursions, guest requests and preferences to ensure all expectations are met and exceeded.

10+ years as Firefighter/Paramedic with ability to handle tasks under high-stress situations in varying circumstances.

M/Y ELYSIAN | 112' WESTPORT | Private
CAPTAIN | Dec 2022 - Apr 2023 | Ft. Lauderdale

- Vessel oversight & management of vendors during vessel's listing for sale
- Palm Beach Boat Show
- Procurement, training, & supervision of crew
- Plan, digitize, streamlining and execution of 5-yr Maintenance Plan
- Vessel Travel locations: Ft Lauderdale, Florida Keys, Palm Beach

M/Y EXODUS | 112' WESTPORT | Private
RELIEF CAPTAIN | July 2022- December 2022 | Ft. Lauderdale

- Act as Relief Captain managing post survey/sea trial punch list refit totalling \$350k
- Delivery to/from Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show
- Manage/Operate Engineering Tasks for Preventative Maintenance
- Coordinate Multiple Contractors Providing Vessel Upgrades
- Vessel travel locations: Derektors Shipyard, Dania Beach, FL, Roscioli Shipyard, Ft Lauderdale, FL

M/Y SEAQUINN | 112' WESTPORT | Private
RELIEF CAPTAIN | July 2022- December 2022 | Ft. Lauderdale - Bahamas

- Act as Relief Captain managing \$400k refit during extensive yard period • Sole Crew & Owner Consulting/Training for first international use
- Manage/Operate Engineering Tasks for Preventative Maintenance
- Coordinate Multiple Contractors Providing Vessel Upgrades Vessel travel locations: Ft Lauderdale, Bimini, Florida Keys

M/Y BLU OCEAN | 85' AIKON | Private
CAPTAIN | June 12-13, 2022 | Delivery Ft. Lauderdale - Stuart, FL

- Delivery & Owner Consulting/Training for first use
- Manage Machinery & engine nuances while en route
- Vessel travel locations: Ft Lauderdale to Stuart, FL

M/Y TRANQUILITY | 60' HORIZON POWERCAT | Private
CAPTAIN | April 4 - July 31, 2022 | Ft. Lauderdale - Bahamas

- Sole Crew & Owner Consulting/Training for first international use
- Manage/Operate Engineering Tasks for Preventative Maintenance
- Coordinate Multiple Contractors Providing Vessel Upgrades Vessel travel locations: Ft Lauderdale, Bimini, Florida Keys

F/V JOSIE B | 55' VIKING SPORTFISH | Private
CAPTAIN | March 8-22, 2022 | Ft. Lauderdale - Bahamas - Key West, FL

- Delivery & Owner Consulting/Training for first international use
- Offshore Fishing Bahamas & FL Keys
- Vessel travel locations: Ft Lauderdale, Chub Cay, Bimini, Miami, Marathon, Key West

M/Y SEAQUINN | 112' WESTPORT | Private
CAPTAIN | Feb 7-15, 2022 | Delivery St. Lucia to Puerto Rico

- Reposition Yacht & 40' Invincible with quad Mercury outboards Tender from St. Lucia back to Puerto Rico
- Towing, rotational watch keeping, night operations, anchoring, docking
- Multiple 150+ mile open ocean tender runs Dominica, St Kitts & Nevis, St Thomas to Puerto Rico
- Vessel travel locations: St. Lucia, Martinique, Dominica, Terre-de-Haut, Guadeloupe, Monserrat, Saba, Tortola, BVI, St Thomas, St John USVI, Puerto Rico

M/Y SEAQUINN | 112' WESTPORT | Private
CAPTAIN | Dec 8-27, 2021 | Delivery Florida to St. Lucia

- Reposition Yacht & 40' Invincible with quad Mercury outboards Tender from Fl Keys to St. Lucia
- Towing, rotational watch keeping, night operations, anchoring, docking
- Multiple 150+ mile open ocean tender runs Puerto Plata to Cap Cana, Cap Cana to Fajardo, Guadeloupe to Dominica
- Vessel travel locations: Marathon, FL Keys, USA, Acklins, Bahamas, Turks & Caicos, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Saba, Monserrat, Guadeloupe, Terre-de-Haut, Dominica, Martinique, St. Lucia

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Yacht Operations & Compliance
Strong Engineering Experience
Scheduled Maintenance Programs
Yard Period/Project Management
Budget Creating/Forecasting/Reporting
Trip Planning/Itineraries
Guest Services & Concierge
Owner Asset Management
Sportfishing Programs
Sportfishing Tournaments
Fishing Tackle Set Up/Cleaning
Crew Management/Development
Safety Training/Drills
Dive Instruction
Dive Programs/Operations
Inventory Management
Quicken/Quickbooks
MS Office
Hospitality Experience
IT/AV/Web
Drone Operations/Video

REFERENCES

PROFESSIONAL

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M/Y DRILLER/EDEN | 112' WESTPORT | Private
CAPTAIN | Oct 2021-Dec 2021 | Ft. Myers/Naples, Florida

- Reposition Yacht from Ft Myers to Naples, FL
- Reposition Yacht from City Dock to Naples Seaport
- Managed Massive Refit to include \$140k electronics upgrade
- MTU 4k hour engine service
- Vessel travel locations: Ft Myers, Naples, FL, USA

M/Y BELLA GIORNATA | 92' LAZZARA | Private
CAPTAIN | Oct 2021 | Del Ray Beach, FL

- Seizure for US Marshall Service, determine seaworthiness of vessel
- Inventory all goods and appurtenances on board for U.S. District Court
- Vessel travel locations: Del Ray Beach, FL, USA

M/Y MYSTIC STAR | 82' MONTE FINO | Private
CAPTAIN | Aug 2021 - Sept 2021 | Ft Lauderdale, FL

- Multiple Refit Projects Completed
- Electrical, Fiberglass/Resin, Paint Prep, Mechanical, Deck Work
- Ensured clearing papers, licenses, and certifications were up to date
- Vessel travel locations: Ft Lauderdale, Miami, FL, USA

M/Y DOMINIC | 90' MAIORA | Private
CAPTAIN | Jul 2021 - Aug 2021 | Florida to Bahamas

- Owner's trip/yacht operations for 4 crew/5 guest vessel that toured Nassau, Highbourne Cay, Compass Cay, Staniel Cay
- Responsible for overnight International voyage to Bahamas
- Program challenges included unfinished yard period that left primary electronics, chart plotter and fuel transfer systems partially functional.

M/Y COFINA | 54' VIKING | Private
CAPTAIN | Dec 2020 | Nassau, Bahamas

- Sportfish trolling for Wahoo, Mahi- Mahi, Tuna, Marlin
- Scuba Diving / Spearfishing Excursions
- Entertained 6 Guests & Owner on multiple offshore excursions
- Vessel travel locations: Nassau, Andros Island, Bahamas

M/Y FRANCESCA | 70' BERTRAM | Private
CAPTAIN | May 2019 - Sept 2020 | Ocean Reef, FL Keys

M/Y CORAL PRINCESS VI | 40' BURPEE | Charter
CAPTAIN | Dec 2019 - Sept 2020 | Islamorada, Florida Keys

M/Y LOST CONTINENT | 40' BURPEE | Charter
CAPTAIN | Dec 2019 - Sept 2020 | Islamorada, Florida Keys

M/Y SPIEGEL BEAGLE | 30' ISLAND HOPPER | Charter
CAPTAIN | Dec 2019 - Sept 2020 | Islamorada, Florida Keys

M/Y ONE LOVE | 39' HATTERAS | Charter
CAPTAIN | Sept 2014 - Jan 2021 | Islamorada, FL

Additional Positions Available Upon Request

FREELANCE CAPTAIN SERVICES

CAPTAIN | Sep 2014 - Present

Navigation & Yachting Experience in: Jacksonville, St Augustine, Ocean Reef, Florida Keys, Ft Lauderdale, Key West, Ft Myers, Naples, Miami, FL, Bahamas, Turks & Caicos, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, BVI, USVI, Saba, Montserrat, Guadeloupe, St. Kitts, Nevis, Dominica, St Lucia

Captain for multiple privately-owned motor yachts including:

- 112' Westport w/ Twin MTU 16V 2000 M91 Diesels
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- 95' Lazzara w/ Twin MTU 12V 2000 Diesels
- 90' Maiora w/ Twin Caterpillar V-12 1800 C-32 Acert Diesels
- 85' Pacific Mariner w/ Twin Caterpillar C-32 Acert Diesels
- 82' Monte Fino w/ Twin Caterpillar C30 Diesels
- 70' Bertram w/ Twin Man V12-1900 Diesels
- 60' Horizon Powercat w/Twin Caterpillar C12 Diesels
- 55' Viking w/ Twin Man V12-1900 Diesels Diesels
- 50' Evans w/ Twin Cummins QSC500 Diesels
- 48' Whiticar w Twin Cummins QSC500 Diesels
- 48' Marine Management w/ Twin Cummins Diesels
- 46' Hatteras w/ Twin Detroit 892 Diesels
- 46' Newton w/ Twin Cummins QSC 500 Diesels
- 40' Invincible w Quad Yamaha 350s
- 40' Invincible w Quad Mercury 350s
- 40' Burpee w/ Single Caterpillar 3126 Diesel
- 39' Hatteras w/ Twin Yanmar 350 Diesels
- 39' Contender w Quad Yamaha 350s
- 38' Bertram w/ Twin Cummins Diesels
- 34' Freeman w/ Triple Yamaha 350s
- 34' Regulator w/ Triple Yamaha 350s
- 30' Island Hopper w/ Single Caterpillar 3126 Diesel
- 27' World Cat w/ Twin Suzuki 225s

Additional References Available Upon Request