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S/V Auspicious
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Delivery skipper, Provisioning Agent, & Yacht Management

Sailing background

30 years recreational sailing, racing and cruising. Some commercial experience, including towing. Substantial charter experience in British Virgin Islands, as well as USVI, Bahamas, Southern California. Raced and cruised Long Island Sound, Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay, Delaware Bay, English Channel, and Solent. Served on oil tanker in Gulf Coast/East Coast service. Single-handed boats in excess of 50' LOA. Delivering boats since 2003.



Capable mechanic, rigger, and cook. Strong electronics and radio skills.

In November 2011 my colleagues in the global cruising community did me the honor of electing me to the Board of Directors of the Seven Seas Cruising Association (SSCA). Served as Treasurer in 2011 and President in 2013. Received Southbound II award for service to the cruising community.

Representative experience:

(December) skipper of Hatteras 46 LRC Island Spirit from Bocas del Toro Panama to Rio Dulce Guatemala
(March) skipper of Passport 40 High Heeled from Hollywood FL to Forked River NJ
(February) skipper of Benneau 381 Magic Maddie from Annapolis MD to Washington DC
(December – January) first mate on cold weather delivery of Swan 47 Bandana from Oxford MD to Virgin Gorda BVI
(September) skipper of Hallberg-Rassy 40 Pusteblyume from Daytona Beach FL to Annapolis MD
(May) skipper of Hallberg-Rassy 40 Auspicious from Annapolis MD to Abacos and Exumas Bahamas and return – offshore
(June) delivery crew of Tarten 46 Air Born from Annapolis MD to Miami FL – offshore
(June) skipper of Tayana 37 Adventure Bound offshore from Charleston SC to Morehead City NC
(February) first mate on cold weather delivery of Swan 47 Bandana from Ox: collegeord MD to Tortola BVI
(November) skipper of Saba 50 from Annapolis MD to St Thomas BVI (COVID)
(January) skipper of J/160 Heron from Deltaville VA to San Juan PR (COVID)
(May) skipper of Trintella 50 Valour from Bradenton FL to Charleston SC
2006: skipper of transatlantic Ellös Sweden-Göteborg Sweden-Southampton UK-Plymouth UK-Horta Azores-Bermuda-Norfolk VA-Annapolis MD on Hallberg-Rassy 40
2006 – 2008: race S/V Bear Away, J/30, jib & spinnaker trim, alternate helmsman

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2006 – 2007: race S/V Emma J, J/22, pit
2004 – 2007: race S/V Krugerrand, Morgan 36, foredeck
2004 – present: periodically (several times/year) sail as sail trim coach
2005: skipper on offshore delivery Occoquan VA (Potomac River to Havastraw NY (Hudson River)
Chaparral 350 Signature
2002 – 2005: cruised Chaparral 350 Signature on Potomac River and Chesapeake Bay
1993: est director for advanced side-scan sonar system on Puget Sound
1989 – 1994: survey and system installation team lead, instrumentation ship in Barents Sea
1987: logistician offshore from Port Everglades FL to Newport News VA on USS Whidbey Island LSD 41
1983 – present: Moorings captain, unlimited worldwide
1980 – 1982: college racing big boat series including NY40 and Luders 44
1980 – 1982: crewed for assorted club racers on Lon Island Sound and from Sheepshead Bay
1978 – 1982: college dinghy racing 420
1980: SS New Jersey Sun merchant marine cadet (deck and engine)

Other relevant work

2016 – 2018: speaker at Annapolis Boat Show Cruisers' University
2010 – 2011: Offshore Passages Opportunities (OPO <http://sailopo.com>) pro skipper
2010 – 2013: exclusive delivery skipper for Midatlantic Hallberg-Rassy broker
2009 – 2018: Instructor Seven Seas Cruising Association (SSCA) Seven Seas U (SSU) on long distance communications (SSB and satellite, offshore cruising, and cooking underway
2009 – 2018: speaker at SSCA GAMs and with Boat/US Speaker's Bureau

Relevant training and certifications

Extra class Amateur radio license KO4MI licensed since 1975
2007: Weather forecasting (Lee Chesneau)
1994: imagery analysis (optical, acoustic, and radar)
1992: Hydroscan side-scan sonar operation

Academic and professional background

1998: MBA, Keller Graduate School
1998: Master of Program Management, Keller Graduate School
1982: Bachelor of Science, Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, Webb Institute

Services

Towboat/US Pro Level towing coverage
SPOT tracking service

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