

Sam Turner

Yachtmaster Offshore Sail

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Personal Profile

Having rediscovered a lost passion for boats and sailing through daywork at a Barcelona super-yacht refit yard, I returned to the UK working in insurance for 2 ½ years to save up for a Yachtmaster qualification. I am now eager to gain industry experience in any location. In the long term I suspect that my practical nature may take hold and lead me in an engineering direction. In the meantime I feel that my calm temperament, reliable nature and determined work ethic would be a great asset amongst any crew. As my experience below demonstrates, I am not averse to working in unfavourable roles in order to achieve an ultimate goal.

Yacht / Sailing Experience

12/10 – 01/11 Delivery: 1st mate on 54' cutter rigged ketch from Los Angeles to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico

04/10 – 11/10 Flotilla Skipper: Neilson Holidays based in Greek Ionian. See below for full details.

01/10 – 04/10 2500+ miles on various sailing yachts up to 67' as part of Yachtmaster course

Competitive dinghy racing from early childhood, taking part in club, regional and national events. Qualified for RYA Youth Squad (Topper class) in 1996.

Maritime Qualifications

05/10 RYA Powerboat Level 2
05/10 RYA Keelboat Instructor
05/10 Foundation degree in Operational Yacht Science (Falmouth Marine School)
04/10 MCA (STCW95) Basic Crew Training
04/10 MCA / RYA Yachtmaster Offshore Sail (Commercial endorsement pending ENG 1)
03/10 RYA Small Craft Radar
02/10 RYA Short-range Radio
01/10 RYA Diesel Engine Maintenance

Employment

01/11 – present **Yacht Dayworker:** MY Zeepaard. Current work has mostly involved sanding, varnishing and caulking, but also helping with washdowns, polishing and staining furniture. See below for other daywork experience.

04/10 – 11/10 **Neilson Active Holidays:** *Flotilla Skipper and Keelboat Level 2 Instructor*
In charge of a flotilla of around 10 yachts up to 39'. Responsible for my own crew as well as the wellbeing of guests on the chartered flotilla yachts. Also lead weekly maintenance of all non-engine related aspects of the yachts from sails and rigging to marine heads and holding tanks.

05/07 – 12/09 **Castle Cover Ltd:** *Senior Sales Advisor, Resource and Planning Assistant*
Joined as an insurance sales advisor and quickly promoted to a senior advisor thereby assisting the sales team manager with coaching, interviews, disciplinary hearings etc. Without applying I was asked if I would assist the Resource and Planning Executive (RPE) in his role. This involved managing the shifts and holiday allowances for 250+ call-centre staff in accordance with call-flow predictions and covering the RPE role in his absence.

- 02/07 – 05/07 **Rubicon Staffing Solutions & Select Appointments:** *Temporary office work*
- 03/06 – 01/07 **Yacht Dayworker:** Working in MB92 Superyacht Refit, Barcelona. Occasional work includes some finishing, but mainly engine room maintenance; taking apart bilge and air-con systems to replace parts.
- 12/05 – **Self employed:** Freelance graphic designer (self-taught) for various bars, restaurants and shops in Barcelona. I continue to do small projects for clients in Barcelona in my spare time.
- 9/05 – 12/06 **Self employed:** I set up and ran a successful enterprise teaching Spanish cookery to tourist groups in Barcelona. The initial setup process involved negotiating deals with bars and restaurants regarding working premises and sales outlets. I personally taught the classes until 12/05. I continued to work on all promotional aspects alongside my primary sales outlet (Travel Bar, Barcelona) until 12/06. I eventually sold the concept and the class continues to run.
- 2/03 – 9/05 **Self-employed:** Trading on an internet auction site during most of this time. Moved to Barcelona near the end of 2004 where I continued with internet trading.
- 6/02 – 10/02 **Barker Personnel Services:** *Temporary office work*
- 6/01 – 9/01 **Dotted Eyes – Digital mapping solutions:** *GIS Consultant (as part of a university work experience placement)*
- Employer – Alison Justham
 - Duties – answering telephone queries regarding *MapInfo* software
 - Working as part of a team, digitising Church of England dioceses
 - Taking an active role in the artistic design of the new company brochure
 - Maintaining up to date details on Ordnance Survey website

Education

6/03	HND level 2	Applied Geography (Bournemouth University)
6/99	A Levels (3)	A - D
6/97	GCSE's (9)	A* - C

Skills (Personal and Interpersonal)

- Keen eye for aesthetic detail
- Relevant and succinct approach to report writing and other written tasks (see example at <http://retroscendence.blogspot.com/>)
- Computer literate
- Practical and efficient
- Enjoy problem solving
- Conscientious and thoughtful
- Polite and friendly

Interests

- Water and snow sports, especially kitesurfing, dinghy sailing and skiing
- Writing; I was a regular contributor to the student newspaper whilst at university
- Broadcasting; I hosted a radio show on the student radio station whilst at university

References

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