Curriculum Vitae

Of

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Academic Qualifications

Degree & Certificates:

- **Bachelor of Arts** (English and Social Anthropology)
  University of Cape Town, 1986
- **Matriculation Certificate**
  Pretoria Boys' High School

Courses & Professional Certifications

Nov 2025	RYA Yachtmaster Instructor (Full Course Revalidation) – Langebaan
Mar 2024	Firefighting at Sea – Pulse Training (STCW 95) [Previous: May 2008, Jul 2012]
Mar 2024	Proficiency in Survival Craft / Personal Survival Techniques – Cape Tech Survival Centre (SAMSA / STCW 95) [Previous: Mar 2000, Jul 2012]
Feb 2024	First Aid – Academy of Maritime Medicine (STCW 95) [Previous: Red Cross 1995, May 2008]
Sep–Oct 2017	RYA Yachtmaster Ocean – Langebaan / Hout Bay / Capri
Jul 2019	RYA Yachtmaster Instructor Revalidation – Langebaan [Original: Aug 2014]
Jul 2016	GMDSS (Global Maritime Distress and Safety System) Revalidation – ICASA [Original: Oct 2003]
May 2014	RYA Cruising Instructor – Langebaan
Apr 2013	RYA Yachtmaster (Commercially Endorsed) Revalidation – Ocean Sailing Academy [Original: Apr 2003, Reval: 2008]
Jul 2012	Ships Captain Medical Training – Professional Emergency Care (SAMSA / STCW 95) [Previous: Mar 2000]
2008	Class 6 Commercial Captain Revalidation – SAMSA (South African Maritime Authority) [Original: Aug 2001]
Mar 2000	Firefighting at Sea – Redwatch (SAMSA / STCW)
Jul 1998	S.A. Sailing Yachtmaster – South African Sailing, Durban
1998	PADI Open Water Advanced Certification – Durban
Oct 1997	Commercial Skipper (A2) under 25 Ton – Department of Transport
Oct 1996	Coastal Skipper – S.A. Sailing
1996	Registered Tourist Guide – S.A. Tourism Board
1995	Introduction to Computers – Old Mutual Computer Centre
Sep 1994	ASA Bareboat Chartering – American Sailing Association, St. Maarten
Aug 1994	ASA Coastal Cruising – American Sailing Association, St. Maarten
Jul 1994	ASA Basic Keelboat Sailing – American Sailing Association, St. Maarten
1994	PADI Open Water – St. Maarten
1992	Kayak Leadership / Rescue (Natal) – South African Rivers Association
1991	Kayak Leadership / Rescue (Doring) – South African Rivers Association
1991	Basic River Safety (Hopetown) – South African Rivers Association

Employment & Maritime History

Sep 2026	**Delivery Skipper – X-Yachts 56 'Astriana'** Brunsbüttel, Germany to Barcelona, Spain (2300 nm)
Feb–Jun 2026	**Skipper – Lagoon 620 'Sunset O'** Milford Sound – Opua – Denarau, Fiji (3700 nm)
Mar–Jun 2025	**Skipper – Lagoon 620 'Sunset O'** Honolulu, Hawaii to Papeete, Tahiti (3200 nm)
Mar–Sep 2024	**Skipper – Lagoon 620 'Sunset O'** Rosarito, Mexico to Ventura, USA (3350 nm)
Jun–Oct 2023	**Skipper – Lagoon 620 'Sunset O'** Colombia to Panama City (700 nm)
Dec 2022 – Feb 2023	**Skipper – Lagoon 620 'Sunset O'** Caribbean Islands from Trinidad to St. Maarten (630 nm)
Nov 2022	**Skipper – Lagoon 620 'Sunset O'** Transatlantic Crossing (2958 nm)
Apr–Nov 2022	**Skipper – Lagoon 620 'Sunset O'** Turkey, Israel, Greece, Italy, Sicily, Malta, Sardinia, Corsica, Balearics, Spain, Portugal, Canaries (5521 nm)
Aug–Oct 2021	**Skipper – Lagoon 620 'Sunset O'** France, Corsica, Sardinia, Sicily, Aeolian Islands, Italy, Croatia, Montenegro, Greece, Turkey (3044 nm)
Jul 2021	**Professional Yacht Deliveries – 'Simba' Fountaine Pajot 47** France to Italy (400 nm)
May–Jun 2021	**Professional Yacht Deliveries – 'Schubert' Beneteau Oceanis 45** Croatia to Scotland (3040 nm)
Jan–May 2021	**SAS / RYA Yachtmaster Instructor** Atlantic Yachting, Ocean Sailing Academy, YM Sailing Academy
Sep–Oct 2019	**Professional Yacht Deliveries – 'Welcome Back' Sunreef 50** Gdansk, Poland to Valencia, Spain (2800 nm)
Aug 2019	**Professional Yacht Deliveries – 'Rosy Pelican' Swan 44** Kalamata, Greece to Lymington, UK (2894 nm)
Nov 2018 – Jul 2019	**SAS / RYA Yachtmaster Instructor** Atlantic Yachting, Ocean Sailing Academy, YM Sailing Academy

Sep–Oct 2018	**Professional Yacht Deliveries – 'Noonsun' St. Francis 50** Georgetown, Bahamas to Barcelona, Spain (4300 nm)
Jul 2017 – Jul 2018	**SAS / RYA Yachtmaster Instructor** Atlantic Yachting, Ocean Sailing Academy, YM Sailing Academy
May–Jun 2017	**Delivery Skipper – Lagoon 620 'Reverie Infinie'** Cape Town, South Africa to Mahé, Seychelles (3000 nm)
Dec 2016 – Nov 2017	**SAS / RYA Yachtmaster Instructor** Atlantic Yachting, Ocean Sailing Academy, YM Sailing Academy
Nov–Dec 2016	**Delivery Skipper – Lagoon 620 'Reverie Infinie'** Bordeaux, France to Cape Town, South Africa (8200 nm)
Aug 2016	**Delivery Skipper – Leopard 51 'Nauticat'** Mauritius to Réunion return (300 nm)
Jul–Aug 2016	**Delivery Skipper – Adventurer 50 'Xscape'** Simon's Town to Seychelles (3250 nm)
Oct 2015 – Sep 2016	**SAS / RYA Yachtmaster Instructor** Atlantic Yachting, Two Oceans, YM Sailing Academy
Aug–Sep 2015	**Skipper – 'Emilia' Lagoon 450** Greek Cyclades
Jan–Jul 2015	**SAS / RYA Yachtmaster Instructor** Atlantic Yachting, Two Oceans, Ocean Sailing, YM Sailing Academy
To Mar 2015	**Marine Support / Coordinator – Frogsquad** Commercials Season / 'Black Sails' Production
Dec 2014	**Skipper – HQ2 (Two Oceans 75ft Catamaran)** Vilankulo – Bassas da India – Bazaruto Archipelago (Bartholomeu Dias)
May–Nov 2014	**SAS / RYA Cruising Instructor** Atlantic Yachting, Two Oceans, Ocean Sailing
2012–2014	**Marine Support / Coordinator – Frogsquad** Commercials Season & 'Black Sails' Production (Jan–Apr 2013)
Aug–Nov 2013	**Skipper – 'Quo Vadis' (Two Oceans 75)** Cape Town to Vilankulo
Jul 2013	**Skipper – 'Kyena II' (Beachcomber 33)** Simon's Town to Richards Bay
Jun–Oct 2011	**Solo Transatlantic Delivery Skipper – 'Bojangles' (Miura)** Annapolis to Falmouth, Cadiz, and Menorca

Nov 2007 – Apr 2008	**Skipper – 'Tayla' (Leopard 46)** Seychelles
Dec 2006 – Feb 2007	**Charter Skipper / Foredeck Mate – 'Advantage' (Grand Soleil 50)** St. Maarten, BVI, and Antigua Regattas (2007)
Jul 2006	**Mate – 'Nomad' (Hinckley 40)** Tortola, BVI to Boston, USA
Apr–May 2006	**Master – 'Jaguar' (143ft Tall Ship)** Trinidad to Panama City
Feb 2006	**Skipper – 'Concorde' (Wauquiez 40)** Trinidad to Martinique
Jan 2006	**First Mate – 'Apache' (Custom 105ft)** Trinidad to Fort Lauderdale, USA
Aug–Dec 2005	**First Mate – 'Eliza' (Ocean 80)** Refit & Passage from Trinidad to St. Maarten
Jun–Jul 2005	**Navigator – 'Akasha' (Matrix 76)** Cape Town to Trinidad
Nov–Dec 2004	**Skipper – 'Paradise Explorer' (Voyage 440)** Seychelles to Cape Town
Aug 2004	**Skipper – 'Tayla' (Leopard 45)** Vilankulo, Mozambique to Durban, South Africa
May 2003 – May 2004	**First Mate – '2041' (Challenge 67)** Circumnavigation of Africa
Jan–Aug 2003	**First Mate – '2041' (Challenge 67)** Cape Town – Mauritius – Kenya – Tanzania – Mozambique – Rio de Janeiro Passages
Oct 2001	**Skipper of 'Masiphumilele'** Boat-Based Whale Watching – False Bay, Cape Town
May 2000 – May 2001	**Skipper – Yacht 'Coquette III'** USA East Coast – Annapolis to South Cuba
Nov 1999 – Mar 2000	**Skipper – Yacht 'Maharani'** Maharani Charters – Cape Town Waterfront
1998–1999	**Skipper - Yacht 'Tayla' (Leopard 45)** Indian Ocean – South Africa, Mozambique, Madagascar
Mar–Dec 1997	**Marine Consultant / Bosun / Stand-in – Riverstone Productions** 'The Adventures of Sinbad' (Oct 1996 – Jan 1997)
Jun–Aug 1996	**Guide & Operations Manager – River Rafters** [Also worked 1989–1992]

Nov 1995 – Aug 1996	**Bookkeeper / Secretary – Chevron and Associates**
Jun 1993 – Aug 1994	**First Mate / Bosun / Charter – 'Rubaiyat' (Spronk 48) & 'Pretty Woman' (Sovereign 54)** Paradise Marine – St. Maarten
Jun–Aug 1988	**Dresser – Nico Malan Theatre**
Prior 1988	**Design, Production, and Sales**