

Captain Simon Johnson

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A qualified (and fully up-to-date) experienced 48 year old luxury yacht Captain with a successful maritime career spanning over 30 years (circa 320,000 nautical miles) and an impressive safety track record.

Offers extensive experience of delivering services in line with the exceptionally high standards and expectations of the world's most elite yacht Owners and understands and consistently meets the unique and specific needs of this high-profile and extremely discerning group.

Has commanded private and charter yachts of various sizes (up to 82m) across many seas which include the Mediterranean, Caribbean, Baltic, Black Sea and Atlantic. Complements excellent technical knowledge and boat handling expertise with sound business acumen and decision-making skills, having owned a commercial yachting business and a few of his own yachts. Effectively uses these experiences to translate an Owner's needs into practical operational plans, delivering projects (new builds, re-fits, preparations for sale, securing of industry / safety certifications) and meeting all financial expectations.

Selected Achievements :

- Successfully led the commissioning process for a 77m Devonport Yachts new-build, recruiting a high-performing crew and preparing the vessel for extensive cruising across the Baltic, the Eastern Atlantic, the Mediterranean and the Black Sea (*Samar*)
- Project managed a retrofit project associated with securing MCA classification. Saved the Owner considerable expense by managing the certification process alone and independently of an industry consultancy. Engaged with the ABS and MCA to secure MCA compliance which was the first time a FRP vessel over 500 tons had come through the code (*Southern Cross III*)

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- Led a 55m private motor yacht through risk assessment conducted by the insurance company and passed with distinction. Assessment covered bridge standing orders, LSA familiarity, crew training and management systems, drills and musters (*Southern Cross III*)
- Completely re-built and owned a Classic Steel Schooner which was one of the very few yachts in the Caribbean with fully comprehensive insurance cover which included the hurricane months. This was granted due to an excellent safety charter record with no claims (*Robert Gordon*)
- Bought and re-built a 36' classic Hinckley yawl in readiness for the Antigua Classic Regatta. The boat came first and was subsequently sold at a profit (*Freya*)
- Director / part-Owner of the first certified RYA teaching establishment outside of the UK (*Scimitar Sailing*)
- Was the youngest RYA Yachtmaster Instructor

Professional Skills Summary :

Operational / Management Skills: Day-to-Day Operational Management • Crisis Management • Risk Management • Emergency Management • Highest-Level Customer Service • Elite Yacht Owner Interaction • Boat Inspection • P&L Management • Multi-Currency Cash Accounting • Balance Sheet Reconciliation • Financial Reporting • People Leadership • Safety-Centric Leadership • RYA Yachtmaster Instructor

Project Management: End-to-end lifecycle of projects including critical path analysis, commissioning, crew selection, process definition, scheduling and project documentation • Consistently delivers projects within stringent financial constraints • Has led modernisation, new builds and re-fits to high specifications and international safety standards

Technical Expertise: Ability to handle vessels with various propulsion systems • Detailed knowledge of international maritime laws and regulations • Yard management experience (management of warranty & post-warranty trials) • Understanding of marine internet connectivity (Inmarsat A, B, C, M, VSAT and modem packages) • SAM integrated bridge systems and ECDIS navigation

Sailing Career:

CAPTAIN / CHIEF OF OPERATIONS

1991 - 2012

- Commands a range of vessels for top-tier private Owners and charter use across the globe
- Accountable for all onboard operations, regularly delivering financial reports to the Owner and demonstrating the levels of professionalism, discretion and excellence expected by this elite group
- Negotiates and manages yard periods
- Creates a cohesive team onboard every vessel, engendering trust both amongst the crew and with the Owner to ensure all expectations are met

Vessels Include:

MY Lady Lau. [Aug 12 – Present

(65m Codecasa 2010. Owner-use only in Mediterranean and Caribbean. Voluntary full ISM. 19 crew)

Moved the yacht from her homeport to a yard France where I have undertaken a full underwater hull sandblast, and inside her ballast tanks, and re-painted with a superior brand application in readiness for her summer cruising .

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MY Mirage. [Jun 12 – Aug 12] (ex-Elisabeth F)

(53m Feadship 1979. Charter & Owner-use only in Mediterranean and Caribbean. Voluntary Mini ISM. 27 days at sea. 68 days onboard. 2,260 nautical miles sailed 13 crew)

- Undertook the transfer of Ownership, re-flagged to the Isle of Man, ABS Class, and clearing new survey deficiencies. Successfully passed Port State Control Inspection. Just completed 8 weeks of Owner's use

MY Elisabeth F. [Jun 09 – May 12]

(53m Feadship 1979. Charter & Owner-use only in Mediterranean and Caribbean. Voluntary Mini ISM 432 days at sea. 1087 days onboard. 23,173 nautical miles sailed)

MY Amevi [Oct 08 - Dec 08]

(82m Oceanco 2006 25 crew)

- A short-term contract and, as Relief Captain, oversaw the end-to-end warranty completion process and post-warranty sea trials. Successfully delivered the vessel to the Owner in Spain

MY Samar [Dec 05 - Mar 08]

(New-build 77m by Devonport Yachts, UK. ISM through Nigel Burgess. 16,000 nautical miles sailed. 111 days at sea. 427 days on board 22 crew)

- Project managed the final 6 months of the new build project with accountability for commissioning and crew selection, ensuring the vessel was ready for an extensive cruising schedule

Midlandia [Feb 05 - Dec 05]

(54m Benetti. ISM through Camper and Nicholson's. 11,000 nautical miles sailed including 2 Atlantic crossings. 78 days at sea. 303 days onboard 12 crew)

Helena C. [Nov 04 - Feb 05]

(45m 3-mastered Schooner. 60 days at sea. 88 days onboard 7 crew)

- Spearheaded the commissioning, repair and re-fit of an ex Malcolm Miller, creating a new charter yacht to exacting modern standards. This included leading inventory, crew selection and undertaking voluntary ISM

Shergar [Apr 02 - Nov 04]

(47m Lurssen. 14,000kw gas turbine motor yacht with a private Owner. 52,000 nautical miles. 114 days at sea. 952 days aboard 8 crew)

- Lead a 9-strong crew in the waters around Sardinia in the summer and Antigua /Bahamas in the winter

Pole Pole & Mayflowers & Akiyda [Jan 03 - Nov 04]

(12m to 22m jet boats owed by the same Owner)

- Project managed the re-fit of all boats, crewing and scheduling

Southern Cross III [1998 - 2002]

(55m FRP, 2 x variable pitch 9000 HP MTUs motor yacht. Chartering at 130 days per annum. 45,000 nautical miles. 197 days at sea. Total 1247 days onboard 16 crew)

- Led trips across the Mediterranean and Caribbean
- Drove improvement across all operations and ensured adherence to international safety standards. This included instigating ISM procedures and implementing a new safety management system

Wireless [1998]

(84' Don Brook Ketch. 2080 nautical miles. 24 days at sea. 61 days onboard)

- Re-fit project in Fort Lauderdale, US

Paladin [1998]

(61' Swan. 4116 nautical miles. 22 days at sea. 46 days onboard)

- Delivery of crew from Antigua to Palma

Robert Gordon [1991 - 1998]

(86 ton Classic Steel Schooner. 95,000 nautical miles. 1016 days at sea. 2496 days onboard)

- Originally project managed the re-build of the yacht and then purchased this from the Owner in 1995
- Organised charters (for up to 10 guests) all through the year. This included trips across the Caribbean and from Venezuela to The British Virgin Islands. Also sailed across the Atlantic from the UK via Gibraltar and the Canaries

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America [1997]

(125' classic gaff schooner. 3,500 nautical miles. 45 days at sea. 183 days onboard)

- Prepared the vessel for sale
- Ran the yacht for charters in the Solent, UK

Pre 1991

Commenced maritime career in 1979 with initial experience including: Skipper of Mediterranean charters, skippering 3 power vessels for Cowes week in the UK and delivering a number of yachts to the Mediterranean for Owners. Also spent 2 years as a Senior Instructor for Scimitar Sailing delivering all RYA courses to Ocean Yachtmaster (was also the business Owner)

Education & Professional Development:

Sailing Qualifications

- Generic ECDIS Navigation Proficiency Course [2011]
- Ship Captains Medical revalidation (valid till May 2016) [2011]
- Cayman Islands Endorsement (valid until 19 October 2011) [2008]
- Class 4 Revalidation (valid until March 2016) [2011]
- GMDSS Revalidation (valid until March 2016) [2011]
- SAM Bridge Equipment Course (includes Multipilot, Trackpilot, Chartpilot) [2006]
- Ship Security Officer Course, Warsash [2006]
- STCW 95 Upgrade [2002]
- Self-auditing SMS Course, Lloyds [2002]
- GMDSS (issued on 15 March 2001) [2001]
- Class 4, issued U, CoC0021820 [1998]
- Class 4 Training programme, Warsash [1998]
- SSB Operators Course [1992]
- RYA Yachtmaster Instructor [1985]
- RYA Yachtmasters Ocean [1984]
- RYA Yachtmasters Offshore. Commercially Endorsed [1983]
- Restricted VHF Radio Licence [1981]
- Diploma RYA Yachtmaster & Ocean Theory, National Marine Correspondence School, UK [1981]
- RYA Day Skipper and Coastal Skipper [1980]
- RYA Competent Crew [1979]

Other Qualifications

- Studying for FAA Equivalent Pilot Licence [Ongoing]
- CIMA (Correspondence Course for Certified Institute of Management Accounting) [1993]
- IPS 1 & 2 Institute of Purchasing & Supply Courses [1991]
- BSc Maths and Management Science, Manchester University [1990]
- Secondary school education to A-level standard, Farnborough Sixth Form College [1983]
- Full British Private Pilot's Licence, Class D [1982]
- BSAC Sports Diver & PADI Certifications [1989]

Additional Information:

Non-Sailing Experience:

Appointed as Secretary to Langham Mansions Ltd (2008 - 2009) and was involved in the £1m restoration of a Victorian property in London with additional Company Secretary responsibilities
Following completion of a bachelor's degree won a place on British Rail's graduate scheme through which secured CIMA and IPS qualifications

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Publications: Article on securing MCA classification for the first FRP vessel over 500 tons. Printed in the Aug 2009 edition of "Power and Motoryacht" (P.91)
Author of the first Pilot Book written on the coast of Morocco "Centreport Gibraltar"

Interests: Very active and enjoys rowing, swimming, diving, paragliding and hang-gliding
Holds CAA British and Spanish Pilot's licences

Languages: Intermediate French and Spanish (undertook private tuition). Also completed a course in industrial French which covered the construction of business correspondence

IT Skills: Proficient in general applications including MS Office, QuickBooks and Money Manager

References: Numerous references available on request

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