

# Simon Johnson | Master 3000gt

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**Nationality:** British, B1/B2 to 2025  
**Date of Birth:** 18<sup>th</sup> January 1965  
**Languages:** English. Basic French and Spanish  
**Health:** Excellent, non-smoker, ENG1 until 2018  
**Current Location:** London, UK  
**Other:** Full clean driver's license, BSAC sports diver, PADI, Pilots Licence  
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## PROFILE & OBJECTIVE

With 30 years of experience in the luxury yachting industry as a professional, dedicated and dependable Captain, I am now seeking a permanent position on a 50-80m yacht, where I can offer over 10+ years of commitment. I have acquired and perfected extensive boat-handling skills through worldwide navigation on large private and charter yachts, and have developed a range of interesting cruising itineraries. I have a detailed understanding of the luxury yacht industry including charter management and administration, and am well versed in all aspects of compliance including ISM, ISPS, MLC and MCA regulations and procedures. I am precise and accurate in multiple-currency accountancy and reporting and proficient in many accounting and office applications. I possess considerable major refit and new build experience, using Critical Path Analysis and Operational Research Programming to ensure successful scheduling and project completion within proposed budgets. As a leader, my focus is on operating the vessel smoothly and efficiently with reliable, suitably trained and hard-working crew. I am an excellent communicator and pride myself in providing our owner and guests with the highest possible standards of service and most enjoyable and safe yachting experiences at all times.

## PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Isle of Man Endorsement, 2015
- Cayman Islands Endorsement, 2012
- STCW 95 revalidation, Warsash, UK 2016
- Medical Care, Warsash, UK 2016
- ECDIS & Transas course, Warsash, UK 2011
- SAM & TRANSAS Bridge Equipment Course Multipilot, Trackpilot, Chartpilot, SAM Electronics, Hamburg 2006
- Ship Security Officer Course, Warsash, UK 2006
- Self-auditing SMS course, Lloyds, Antibes 2002
- Personal Survival Warsash, UK 1999
- Survival Craft Warsash, UK 1999
- Class 4, UK issued, CoC0021820, MCA 1998 (revalidation until 2021)
- GMDSS UK issued, Warsash 1998 (MCA revalidation until Mar 2021)
- Advanced Fire Fighting, Warsash, UK 1998
- Vessel Construction & Stability, Warsash, UK 1998
- Business & Law, Warsash, UK 1998
- GMDSS Certificate of Proficiency, Warsash, UK 1998
- Medical Aid, Warsash, UK 1998
- RYA Yachtmaster Ocean, National Sailing Centre, Cowes 1995
- SSB operators course, Marine Electronics, Hamble 1992
- RYA Yachtmaster Instructor 'Qualified to Instruct', National Sailing Centre, Cowes 1985
- RYA Yachtmaster Offshore, National Sailing Centre, Cowes 1984
- Restricted VHF Radio Licence, National Sailing Centre, Cowes 1981
- RYA Day Skipper & Coastal Skipper, Scimitar Sailing Ltd Hamble 1979
- RYA Competent Crew, Scimitar Sailing Ltd Hamble 1979

## YACHTING EXPERIENCE

**Jun 14 – Jan 16**

**60m MY St David, Benetti 2010**

**Captain**

Aboard this private and charter vessel cruising the Mediterranean and Caribbean with up to 12 guests and 15 crew, I took care of all yacht administration and ensured full ISM compliance. I oversaw the compilation of a continuous maintenance work list, including required upgrades and preparations for the 5 year class and flag surveys and Port State control. In the Med summer season of 2015 we undertook 115 days of charter and hosted parties of up to 120 guests at the Cannes, Monaco, Antigua and Nice Boat Shows and Monaco Grand Prix.

**Aug 12 – Feb 14**

**65m MY Lady Lau, Codecasa 2010**

**Captain**

Extensively cruising the Mediterranean and Caribbean with up to 12 guests and 19 crew, I ensured that this private vessel was fully ISM compliant and running efficiently. Moving the vessel from her Italian home port to ITM, Marseille, I oversaw a full underwater hull sandblast and ballast tank sandblasting and re-painting. All modifications met the owner's precise taste and were completed in time for summer cruising. We also attended the Monaco Yacht Show, after which the yacht was sold.

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**June 09 – Aug 12**

**54m MY Elisabeth F, Feadship 1979**

**Captain**

During my 3 years on this charter and private vessel, we cruised 23,173NM around the Mediterranean and Caribbean with up to 12 guests and 13 crew. I oversaw refits at ITM, Marseille where maintenance, painting and upgrading work was carried out. We attended the Antibes and Antigua Boat Shows, Monaco Grand Prix and Cannes Film Festival. This vessel was then sold and renamed 'Mirage' and I undertook the sale transition and handover.

**Oct – Dec 08**

**82m MY Amevi, Oceanco 2006**

**Relief Captain**

Throughout this private vessel's dry-docking and warranty completion period, I managed 25 crew, undertook post-warranty sea-trials and redelivered the yacht from Marseille to Spain.

**Dec 05 – Mar 08**

**77m MY Samar, Devonport 2006**

**Captain**

Joining this new build private vessel at Devonport Yachts 6 months prior to completion, I efficiently commissioned her for extensive cruising and recruited and employed hardworking and reliable crew. Cruising over 16,000NM around the Eastern Atlantic, Western Mediterranean and Baltic and Black Seas with up to 12 guests and 18 crew, I implemented full ISM compliance and ensured all aspects of administration were completed accurately and efficiently. I also oversaw completion of an extensive warranty period before undertaking another 6 months Owner's cruise of 10,000NM.

**Feb – Nov 05**

**54m MY Midlandia, Benetti 2001**

**Captain**

Cruising the Western Mediterranean, Caribbean and Fort Lauderdale with up to 12 guests and 12 crew, I implemented ISM and completed two Atlantic crossings, from Gibraltar to Antigua and from the Bahamas to the Mediterranean, on this private and charter vessel. We also attended the Monaco Grand Prix. In 2005 I was headhunted to join MY Samar.

**Nov 04 – Jan 05**

**41m SY Helena C, John Lewis & Sons 1968**

**Captain**

Commissioning and completing a modernising refit on this 3 mast schooner (ex Malcolm Miller), I ensured all work was finished to exceptionally high standards ready for charter. I completed a survey under MCA Large Yacht Code and undertook full inventory, voluntary ISM implementation and full crew selection. We cruised the Caribbean with up to 12 guests and 8 crew.

**Apr 02 – Nov 04**

**47m MY Shergar, Lurssen 1983**

**Captain**

Based in Porto Cervo, Italy for summer and Antigua for winter, we cruised 52,000NM around the Mediterranean, Caribbean, Bahamas and Florida on this Kamewa and Rolls Royce jet propulsion private vessel, up to 48 knots. Managing 7 crew, we hosted up to 10 guests and I ensured MCA compliance and adhered to the owner's tight security demands. I also oversaw the Owner's 3 other 12-22m jet propulsion yachts: Pole Pole, Mayflowers and Akiyda, responsible for refit programs, crewing and scheduling.

**Oct 98 – Mar 02**

**55m MY Southern Cross III, Nishii Zosen KK 1986**

**Captain**

During 3.5 years on this busy charter vessel, I implemented ISM and Safety Management Systems, and oversaw an external audit and Risk Assessment Survey on the Bridge Standing Orders, LSA familiarity, crew selection and management systems, which we passed with distinction. Chartering for 130 days a year, we cruised the Mediterranean and Caribbean with up to 12 guests and 14 crew. In 1999, I successfully managed a refit in Barcelona to obtain MCA Classification, liaising with ABS and MCA. This was the first 500gt+ FRP vessel to achieve this status. We hosted up to 300 guests at the Monaco, Antigua and Palma yacht shows.

**Jun – Sep 98**

**26m SY Wireless, Sloop**

**Captain**

Overseeing an extensive resurrecting refit of this charter vessel in Ft Lauderdale, we then sailed up the East Coast to Savannah, Norfolk, Chesapeake, New York and Newport with up to 8 guests and 5 crew.

**Oct 91 – Jun 98**

**22m SY Robert Gordon, Van Bennekum 1968**

**Captain & Owner**

This classic steel schooner chartered extensively around the Caribbean from Venezuela to the BVIs with up to 10 guests and 3 crew. We operated under the new Charter Code of Practice and were one of few yachts to be year-round Caribbean-insured. I rebuilt this famous classic yacht from scratch, was fully responsible for maintenance and management and ran a highly successful owner/operator charter yachts in the Caribbean. In 1992 we crossed the Atlantic from the UK via Gibraltar to the Canaries.

**Jan 85 – Oct 90**

**Scimitar Sailing Ltd**

**Director**

During this 5 year role, I delivered 26 new build 8m-15m Westerly Yachts between the UK and Mediterranean, set up an RYA sailing school in Gibraltar (the first certified RYA teaching establishment outside the UK) and was Senior Instructor for all RYA courses, including Ocean Yachtmaster. I was also Director and part owner of the company's fleet of 22 bareboats. I cruised Sardinia, Gibraltar, the French and English channels, Brittany and the North Sea with up to 6 guests on 12m-15m Dragonlady, Excalibur, Nejmah and Fair Encounter, and skippered three 24m-44m power vessels during events on the South Coast of England.

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## OTHER EXPERIENCE

**Oct 08 – Present**

**Langham Mansion Ltd**

**Company Secretary**

In my ongoing role representing the owning company, I am part of a Board of 2 other Directors managing this building and 42 leases. I am also helping restore this mansion house to its Victorian period glory.

**Oct 90 – 91**

**British Rail, Derby, UK**

**Purchasing Team**

Progressing from Personal Assistant to Purchasing Director, I was the buyer for Class 93 and other freight locomotives.

**Oct 85 – Aug 87**

**Barkers Catering Agency, Manchester**

**Barman / Waiter**

While at university I was trained and employed as a barman and silver service waiter, giving me a strong foundation in service.

## EDUCATION

1992 – 1993 Certified Institute of Management Accounting (CIMA), correspondence course through ICS  
1990 – 1991 IPS courses 1 and 2, Institute of Purchasing and Supply Derby UK  
1987 – 1990 BSc Degree in Maths & Management Sciences, Manchester University, Manchester  
1984 Full Private Pilot's Licence Class D, Sponsored by Royal Navy, Lydd Airport, Kent  
1981 – 1983 3 A levels: Maths, Further Maths and Physics Farnborough, 6<sup>th</sup> Form College, UK  
1979 – 1984 RYA Yachtmaster & Ocean Theory Diploma, National Marine Correspondence School, Merseyside, UK  
1980 Duke of Edinburgh Silver, Elizabeth College, Guernsey  
1979 – 1981 14 'O' levels, Elizabeth College, Guernsey

## INTERESTS & HOBBIES

In my spare time I enjoy rowing, swimming, diving, hang-gliding and paragliding. I am passionate about flying, have my CAA British and Spanish Pilot's Licence, am studying for my FAA equivalent Licence and have twin-engine plane experience. I restored a 1941 Boeing Stearman Biplane that I keep in Derbyshire, UK and a 1961 Fairey Huntsman that I keep on the Hamble, UK. I have also written and published a pilot book on Morocco: 'Centreport Gibraltar'. I have raced in numerous Regattas on both Robert Gordon, and after rebuilding the 11m classic Hinckley yawl Freya from the keel up, we won our class in 2 Antigua Classic Regattas.

## REFEREES

- Sonia Palfrey, Nigel Burgess, Robert Gordon and Samar +44 20 7766 4300, spalfrey@burgessyachts.com
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