

# PAUL MESSENGER

MASTER MARINER



Nationality: British/Australian

DOB: 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 1968

Status: Married with 2 young children

## ➤ PERSONAL

I am a British professional mariner with over 30 years' experience at sea on various vessels and the previous 17 years I have been working on large motor yachts, the last 15 as Captain. I would like to utilise my experience and knowledge which include an unlimited tonnage license and over 6 years of full rotation to work with a similar minded captain working on a large private or commercial yacht with my experience coming from years of cruising with private and charter yachts and previous to that on small luxury cruise ships all adding to knowledge in local cruising areas and managing large crews.

## ➤ EDUCATION

1984        7 'O' Levels - Dunsmore School for boys.  
1988        ONC Nautical Studies - Glasgow College of Nautical Studies  
1991        HND Nautical Studies - Warsash Maritime College (SIHE)

## ➤ LICENCES AND CERTIFICATES

British Class 1, Master Mariners Certificate Unlimited  
ISPS Security Officer  
FAA Private Pilot

## ➤ YACHTING EMPLOYMENT

Apr 2016 – *Rotation Captain, 100m+ M.Y. Lürssen*  
Present     Master on a busy private yacht with 60 crew which travels extensively with the Owner cruising the Mediterranean and Far East.

Dec 2014 – **Rotation Captain, M.Y. Solandge – 85m Lürssen (MYC)**

Mar 2016 Master on a new charter yacht with 30 crew. Busy charter seasons in the Mediterranean and Caribbean, 2015 Monaco Yacht Show (largest, yacht in show). Extensive use of Dynamic Positioning. Departed due to yacht being for serious sale.

Sep 2010 – **Rotation Captain, M.Y. C<sup>2</sup> - 78m Abeking & Rasmussen**

Dec 2014 Master on a private yacht with 26 crew responsible for managing several extensive yard periods including accounts and budgeting as well as surveys. Repositioning the vessel as required including many Trans-Atlantic crossings and several high profile guest trips.

2009- 2010 **Captain, M.Y. Princess Mariana – 78.6m Royal Denship**

Master of a busy charter yacht with 27 crew and helicopter, cruising the Caribbean and the Mediterranean. Self-managed so extensive on-board planning and financial management with the Owner's Representative. Yacht was seriously for sale and was sold in December 2010.

**Relief/Delivery Captain**

2009 MY Sai Ram 52m Benetti (Capt. Piers French)  
2 x MY Alexandra 45m Timmerman (Master Yachts)  
MY Aquarius (ex MY Shanti) 65m Amels (Capt. Kenan Seginer)  
& Yard Period & Delivery (one month)

2007- 2008 **Captain, M.Y. Eminence – 78m Abeking & Rasmussen - Project 6478 (MYC)**

Employed late in the construction to build up a team to complete the project, crewing up the yacht for delivery, working with the management on the build budget and overseeing ISM/ISPS and all regulations for a commercial yacht. Working with the Yard and Management on signing the yacht over including sea trials. Delivery and straight into the first trip with the Owners for the summer in the Mediterranean.

2006 -2007 **Captain, M.Y. Le Grand Bleu - 113m Kusch Project (Blue Ocean Y.M.)**

Master of a very busy private explorer yacht with 50 crew, cruising the Med, NW Europe and the Caribbean. A very intensive yard period in Germany followed by a change of management including changes to on-board procedures including ISM/ISPS. Extensive helicopter operations.

2006 **Captain, 88m Motor Yacht New Build Project**

A very active involvement in every aspect of this unique project which was built by the Owner and his close team, including design, layout, technical and safety advice as well as the usual ordering of equipment and spares, crew employment, preparing for MCA LY2, ISM, ISPS and all other safety surveys and requirements for a new vessel.

- 2005 **Captain, M.Y. Rising Sun – 138m Lürssen**  
Relief captain, use of DP, managing a crew of 50, preparing for a guest trip. Cruising Mediterranean with Guests.
- 2004 -2005 **Captain, M.Y. Charade – 47m Feadship**  
Captain on a private yacht based in the Bahamas and Florida cruising Bahamian islands. Running with a crew of 10 and 8 guests. Heavily involved in the design of a new 68m as build captain for the same owner.
- 2001- 2004 **Captain, M.Y. Reverie - 70m Benetti (Wilson Y.M.)**  
Master from delivery of a new 70m motor yacht, extensive cruising of the Mediterranean and Caribbean. Managing 26 crew and up to 18 guests in association with a management company. Coordinating refit periods and running maintenance including bringing the vessel in line with the ISM and MCA Codes for commercial yachts and then straight into a busy charter season through 2003 before the yacht was sold in the spring of 2004.
- 1999- 2001 **Chief Officer, M.Y. Reverie - 70m Benetti new build (Wilson Y.M.)**  
Part of a team preparing a new project for delivery and was heavily involved with the paint application and associated problems, testing of equipment and systems, recruiting personnel, ordering stores etc.
- 1998 -1999 **Chief Officer, M.Y. Midnight Saga - 57m Cammenga (Wilson Y.M.)**  
Second in Command, watch keeping officer, responsible for the deck maintenance, ordering stores etc.

#### ➤ COMMERCIAL EMPLOYMENT

- 1997-1998 **First Officer, Cunard Line**  
First Officer on-board Cunard's small 102m Luxury Sea Goddess cruise ships cruising the Mediterranean, East Africa, Seychelles and the Far East.
- 1994- 1997 **Chief Office/Second Officer Windstar Cruises, Viking Recruitment**  
Second in command and responsible for the Deck Department on Windstar's 148 pax, 136m sailing passenger ships in Tahiti and the smaller Caribbean and Mediterranean ports.
- 1992-1993 **Second Officer, Viking Recruitment/IMMS**  
Employed on various cargo vessels, General and Refrigerated, engaged in worldwide trading. Responsible for the navigation of the vessel, maintenance of the safety equipment and supervising the cargo operations whilst in port.

1988-1992 ***Second/Third Officer, The Maersk Company Ltd.***

Responsible for keeping navigational and cargo watches on various types of vessels including gas and oil tankers, cargo ferries and offshore support vessels.

1984-1988 ***Cadet, BP Shipping Ltd.***

Four year approved cadetship training in navigational and cargo duties on various types of oil tankers resulting in a British Class 3 (Deck) Certificate.

➤ **INTERESTS, ACTIVITIES AND SKILLS**

Main priority in life is my family, having 2 young boys taking up most of my spare time.

Other interests include Mountain Biking and Sailing including windsurfing, kite surfing, dinghy's and yachts.

Flying including fixed wing and gyrocopters.

➤ **LANGUAGES**

English, conversational French and basic Italian

➤ **REFERENCES**

Available on request