



“...we need to set up our courses by the stars, not by the lights of every passing ship...”

For the past 30 years I have accumulated experience in commanding a wide variety of cruise vessels worldwide. Over this time I am proud to have achieved excellent safety records and award winning guest experiences

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

License: Master Mariner August 1983, Croatia, Slovenia, Bahamas Special license for 40 knots and above

MARITIME EXPERIENCE

September 2012 – present

Master m/v Tere Moana, Paul Gauguin Cruises

- Worked closely with Paul Gauguin Cruises Marketing to create itineraries for vessel.
- Oversaw refurbishment and drydock of vessel prior to re-launch in December 2012.
- Assisted in all aspects of port operations.
- Tere Moana is a unique and intimate yacht like vessel carrying only 88 guests with 60 crew. She quickly gained a reputation as an ideal vessel for charters and affinity groups. Together with the team on board, we were able to create individual products and experiences for each and every one of the varied charters.
- In 2014, Paul Gauguin Cruises was voted #1 Small Ship Cruise Line by the readers of Travel + Leisure Magazine
- Vessel has been deployed in Mediterranean, Caribbean, Panama Canal, Costa Rica.





October 2004 – September 2012

Master m/s Paul Gauguin, Regent Seven Seas Cruises, Paul Gauguin Cruises

- The m/s Paul Gauguin is a 19,200 ton vessel sailing exclusively in French Polynesia and delivering a luxury product that is delivering this unique destination like no other vessel is able.
- Worked closely with local French Polynesian community to ensure ease of operation in this somewhat challenging region.
- Continually raised guest ratings and improved technical aspects and maintenance.
- Worked closely with the ports to ensure best itineraries with little conflict with other vessels for the best experience of our guests.
- The Paul Gauguin also reached consistency in terms of high levels of guest satisfaction, crew morale, business success, safety, security and environment.
- Supervised drydocks in Australia.



2000 -2004

Master m/v Crown Odyssey, m/v Norwegian Crown, NCL

- Worked closely with owners to transform the vessel into “Freestyle Cruising”, adding three new restaurants and many new open spaces.
- During this period, the Crown Odyssey and the Norwegian Crown became the flagship of the fleet, accomplishing all their operational objectives.
- Vessel sailed worldwide including the Mediterranean, Asia, Australia, and the United States.



1993 – 2000

Staff Captain and Master m/v Marco Polo, Orient Lines

- Itineraries included Antarctica in December – February; the Amazon River to Manaus in March; Mediterranean in April, May; Scandinavia and Baltic from June to August; then back to the Med until repositioning for Antarctica in December.



1989 – 1993

**Staff Captain Ocean Islander, Ocean Princess, Ocean Pearl,
Ocean Cruise Line**

- Ships operated worldwide

INTERESTS/KEY ABILITIES

- Experienced Yacht handler
- Qualified diver
- Excellent contacts throughout the cruise industry including ports, marine and technical



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