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SUMMARY

Experienced Operations Manager and USCG Vessel Captain skilled in leading complex land and maritime operations. Proven ability to assess and overcome complex obstacles, strong leadership, and strategic planning skills, with hands-on experience in many U.S. ports. Proven record in team management, project execution, and maritime/OSHA safety and compliance.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Project Manager *Hawaii Flooring Specialists* (Oahu) *Dec 25- Current*
Manage fleet remodel crews through high end floor installations, hardwood refinish and full remodels. o

USCG Master Captain/ Sales Manager

Ohana Boats Sales & Hawaii Boat Club (Honolulu, HI & Surrounding Islands) *Apr 2025 – Nov 2025*

- Manage fleet of 12+ vessels private and club vessels, ensuring 100% compliance with USCG and local regulations.
- Coordinated maintenance, repairs and charter scheduling; reduced downtime by 15% through proactive inspections
- Trained and supervised deck crews, instilling standardized safety procedures and emergency response drills

Senior Tow and Salvage Master Captain

Sea Tow International (Seward, AK / San Diego, CA) *Aug 2021 – June 2023*

- Navigation and Charting: navigated complex Alaskan coastal waterways in all seasons, employed expert knowledge of local charts, currents, and maritime regulations to execute operations safely and mitigate accidents
- Vessel Operations: oversaw the safe operation of Sea Tow vessels in Alaskan and Californian waterways, prioritized passenger well-being and swift resolution of marine emergencies, including vessel tows, salvage operations, and rescues

Charter Operation/ Sales Manager/ Captain *Fjords Adventures, LLC* (Seward, AK) *Apr 2020 – May 2024*

- Regulatory Compliance: maintained impeccable compliance with USCG and federal national park maritime regulations, and local harbor permits, maintained an exemplary safety record during charters and inspections by relevant authorities
- Client Management: safely operated open ocean vessels in diverse sea conditions, showcased exceptional seamanship skills to enhance passenger safety and enjoyment

Operations Manager, Captain, Lead Mechanic & Dive Supervisor

Storm Chasers Shipyard, Vessel Salvage and Industrial Dive (Seward, AK) *June 2021 – Aug 2023*

- Dive Operations: directed dive operations in demanding environments, oversaw underwater construction, inspection, repair, and maintenance of industrial infrastructure, including hydro sync lifts, pipelines, and offshore structures
- Lead Shipyard Mechanic: directed crew of shipyard laborers to complete a variety of vessel projects safely and efficiently.

Snowcat Operations Manager & Fuel Distribution Manager

Chugach Powder Guides (Girdwood, AK) *Dec 2018 – Apr 2025*

- Team Leadership: Led a team of over ten skilled operators and maintenance personnel, cultivating a culture of safety, efficiency, and teamwork. Established ongoing training and skill development initiatives to enhance staff competencies
- Operational Efficiency: implemented control measures to optimize helicopter and snowcat operations. Reduced helicopter charter cancellations caused by human or mechanical factors
- Regulatory Compliance: Ensure strict compliance with local and Alaska State regulations governing helicopter and snowcat operations, safety protocols, and environmental protection standards

EDUCATION

MIAMI UNIVERSITY (Oxford, OH)

B.S. in Business Marketing; Minor in Naval Science

May 2014

Activities: Delta Sigma Pi Business Fraternity, full-time Firefighter/EMT, Airport Manager, Rock Climbing Course Instructor

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Certifications: USCG Near Coastal Inspected Master 100-Ton, USCG Medical Certification, USCG Tow Ast, STCW Able Seaman, STCW Lifeboatman, Watch Ratings, ARPA, Radar Observer, Advanced Firefighting, FCC Marine Radio Operator, Padi Rescue Diver, First Aid & CPR, UFSAC Firefighter, OSHA Hazmat, Various NIMS Certs, FEMA Rescue Technician

Security Clearance: TWIC, USA Passport, Global Entry

Vessel's Captained: 70' Dive vessel, 60' Hatteras, 41' Post Yacht, 27'-45' Sailboats, 20-92' types of work Vessels & More

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April 2024- Current

Yacht Fleet (Range 45-108 Gross tons, 40-90 Feet, 1600hp)
Operated - (Offshore Oahu, Big Island) (Private Charter and Commercial Fishing)
Equipment - Marine RADAR, GPS, VHF, Starlink, EPIRB & Sat Phone
Position – Master and Mechanic
Pursuit 365, Monterey 385SS, Hatteras 60, TwinVee, WorldCat

August 2024- January 2025

Southern Explorer (97 Gross tons, 90 Feet, 1600hp)
Operated - (Offshore San Diego) (Charter)
Equipment - Marine RADAR, GPS, VHF, Starlink, EPIRB & Sat Phone
Position – Master and mate, watch duties, navigates in all weather conditions including fog, night and inclement weather; operates the vessel not to exceed 12 hours per day with passengers, longer watches while commercial fishing

May 2024- October 2024

F/V Mr. B (41 Gross tons, 44 Feet, 800hp)
Operated - (Offshore San Diego) (Commercial Fishing Operations & Passenger Charter)
Equipment - Marine RADAR, GPS, VHF, Starlink, EPIRB & Sat Phone
Position – Master navigates in all weather conditions including fog, night and inclement weather; operates the vessel not to exceed 12 hours per day with passengers, longer watches while commercial fishing

Jul 2021 – May 2024

Commercial Dive Vessel M/V Acorn II (Location) (73 Gross tons, 70 Feet, 10 Passenger, 1100hp)
Operates - (Alaska coastal waters from Prince William Sound to Cook Inlet) (performing commercial dive activities)
Bridge Equipment - Marine RADAR, AIS, GPS Plotter, EPIRB & VHF
Position – Master (100 ton) navigates in all weather conditions including fog, night and inclement weather; operates the vessel not to exceed 12 hours per day

May 2021 – Aug 2023

Seatow Central Alaska (Variety of 30'-42' offshore tow vessels)
Operates – (PWS, Seward, Whittier, Offshore Alaska) (Performing disable vessel tows, planned tows, offshore sailer assistance, dock assist operations)
Bridge Equipment - Marine RADAR, AIS, GPS Plotter & VHF
Position – Master w/ tow assist navigates in all weather conditions including fog, night and inclement weather; operates the vessel not to exceed 12 hours per day

Aug 2022-Jan 23

Seatow San Diego (Variety of 30'-42' offshore tow vessels)
Operates – (San Diego harbor, Mission Bay and Offshore to the islands) (Performing disable vessel tows, planned tows, offshore sailer assistance, dock assist operations)
Bridge Equipment - Marine RADAR, AIS, GPS Plotter & VHF
Position – Master w/ tow assist navigates in all weather conditions including fog, night and inclement weather; operates the vessel not to exceed 12 hours per day

Apr 2019 - April 2024

F/V Off The Leash (7 Gross tons, 37 Feet, 6 Passenger, 600 HP Volvo)
Operates – (Southcentral Alaska Coastal Waters primarily Prince William Sound & Resurrection Bay) (Commercial fishing and passenger charter operations)
Bridge Equipment - Marine RADAR, AIS, GPS Plotter (Compass Rose) & VHF

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May 2021-Aug 2023

S/V Reality Check (6.5 Gross tons, 34 Feet, 12hp)

Operated – (Resurrection Bay) (Chartered Sailing day and overnight trips)

Bridge Equipment - Marine RADAR, GPS Plotter, EPIRB & VHF

Position – Master navigated in all weather conditions including fog, night and inclement weather; operated the vessel not to exceed 12 hours per day

Aug 2021 – Dec 2021

M/V Nomad (55 Gross tons, 78 Feet, 1,200hp)

Operated - (Offshore San Diego) (Chartered Fishing)

Bridge Equipment - Marine RADAR, ARPA, GPS Plotter, VHF, EPIRB

Position – Relief Captain in all weather conditions including fog, night and inclement weather; operated the vessel not to exceed 12 hours per day

Aug 2018 -July 2018

F/V Ptarmigan (10 Gross tons, 40', 650 hp)

Operates – (Cordova & Prince William sound) (Commercial Fishing operations)

Bridge Equipment - Marine RADAR, GPS Plotter (Compass Rose) & VHF

Position – Relief Captain assist navigates in all weather conditions including fog, night and inclement weather; operates the vessel not to exceed 12 hours per day

Current Certifications:

- Master Of Self-Propelled Vessels Including Sail or Auxiliary Sail Of Less Than 100 Gross Register Tons (GRT) Upon Near Coastal Waters.
- Assistance Towing
- Radar Observer (Unlimited)
- Able Seafarer-Unlimited
- Lifeboat Operator
- Wiper
- Steward's Department (F.H.)
- II/4 Rating forming part of a navigational watch (RFPNW)
- VI/1 Basic Training (BT)
- VI/2 Proficiency in the use of survival craft, rescue boats and fast rescue boats
- VI/3 Advanced Fire Fighting
- Rating forming part of a navigational watch (RFPNW).
- Proficiency in survival craft and rescue boats other than fast rescue boats (PSC).
- Advanced Firefighting.
- Basic Training.
- TWIC

Awaiting return on filled MMC:

- 200 Ton Oceans and Near Coastal Master/ Mate
- VPDS