

Good day

No fuss, no drama, with a whole lot of ambition. I pride myself in knowing that if given the opportunity to, "I could probably do that". I'm a 23 year old who has managed to hold 5 jobs down whilst studying a full time degree over the past 3 years. Hard work is no stranger to the game, and neither is my lust for adventure. From growing up sailing, competing in international swimming competitions and always finding my way back to the water, yachting has become the calling I never knew I needed.

My journey into the maritime industry began with my keen interest in sailing, from then I have completed a variety of courses including my PWI to extend my knowledge and maritime skill set. Whilst maintaining my interest in ocean related work spaces I concurrently held multiple positions in various industries, including kayak guiding, floral design, hospitality, and freelance photography and videography. Balancing these responsibilities while pursuing my education and passions not only sharpened my work ethic and time management skills but also reinforced my ability to thrive in dynamic and fast-paced environments.

In 2018 I started my journey into the yachting industry, completing necessary courses and laying the groundwork for my future career. Subsequently, after receiving a scholarship and devoting time to academic pursuits, I re-entered the yachting space. I undertook refresher courses to ensure that my knowledge and certifications remained current.

During my time as a kayak guide at Atlantic Outlook, I honed my leadership skills and developed a keen understanding of customer service excellence as well as seamanship knowledge. My experience in floral design and market management further underscores my ability to multitask effectively and maintain meticulous attention to detail.

As a freelance photographer and videographer, I have cultivated a discerning eye for capturing captivating moments and creating compelling visual narratives. With this experience I have developed professional social skills which I hope to take advantage of in the yachting industry. I furthered this experience by working for Jared Watney, a key player in the yachting industry for South Africans. Working under Jared's eye for detail and his appreciation for the yachting industry definitely gave me a new outlook on what it means to be a deckhand, the detail and passion that goes behind working tirelessly to make the vessels we work on stand out all the time.

Having previously worked as a deckhand on MY Sherilyn, I am well-versed in deckhand duties such as polishing, teak maintenance, and providing impeccable service during charters. My positive attitude, adaptability, and strong work ethic make me a valuable addition to any yacht crew, and I am eager to bring my diverse skill set and unwavering dedication to your esteemed team on board.

Enclosed is my CV, which provides further details regarding my qualifications and professional Experiences. I am currently based in the South of France and am happy to relocate. Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to hopefully hearing from you soon.

Warm Regards
Dante Duke