



Danté Duke

Deckhand



Profile

Looking for your next upbeat, outgoing deckhand? Look no further. I am a 26 year old well versed in ocean orientated work and passions, seeking my next deckhand position on a private or charter yacht.

I am a motivated and versatile deckhand with experience on both motor and sailing yachts. In addition to these skills I have a background in photography and videography. I grew up sailing, swimming competitively for my country, engaging in every outdoor activity I could possibly involve myself in which has assisted in my overall strength and passion for fitness.

My capability to excel in a number of jobs simultaneously provides a valuable asset to my skill-set whilst my positive attitude and excellent sense of humor creates a charming environment. Known for my strong work ethic, teamwork skills, and creative problem-solving abilities, I aim to bring only the best service and positive energy to your crew. I am committed to building a long-term career in yachting while contributing energy, professionalism, and reliability to every vessel I join.

Ocean Experience

Deckhand on Motor Yacht Norma Jean (46m) May 2026- Current

Part of a two-person deck team aboard a private and charter motor yacht. Responsibilities include tender driving, watersports, guest service, docking procedures, vessel maintenance, washdowns, detailing, and toy management. Joined the vessel on the U.S. East Coast before transitioning through a shipyard period and into an active Caribbean charter season.

Deckhand on Classic Sail Motor Yacht Atlantide (37 m) September 2025- May 2026

As part of a two-person deck team, I supported a wide range of deck operations, including general maintenance, docking procedures, tender driving, chase-boat upkeep, washdowns, rig maintenance, and polishing. I consistently contributed to delivering a high-quality guest experience and assisted with interior duties when required. Working within a fleet environment allowed me to take on diverse roles and responsibilities, adapting to the needs of each operation. This experience has motivated me to continue expanding my skillset and step into positions with greater responsibility onboard. I left for professional growth opportunities.

Deckhand on SY Far II Kind (22 m) May 2025 - July 2025

After working on a Motor Yacht for just under a full year I branched back into sail when a wonderful opportunity came up. I have worked as a first mate on Far II Kind. I have primarily assisted in deck maintenance and washdowns etc as well as docking procedures and sailing. In addition to this I was required to work on the interior when guests were onboard as well as cook for them on the occasion that they decided to remain onboard for a meal.

My time on Far II Kind has been an experience where I have had to be quick on my feet, learn how to handle stressful situations efficiently and wear many hats to assist in all areas where I could. Since joining the boat has moved back into a shipyard period.

Deckhand on MY Flying Manta (43 m) August 2024- May 2025

I started on MY Flying Manta as temporary crew which after 2 months turned into a permanent position. Primarily I have worked as the second deckhand on board MY Flying Manta. I joined a crew of 6 starting my temporary position in shipyard preparing the boat for sale viewings. My role was primarily second deckhand however during the shipyard period I was presented the opportunity to work in a variety of areas including the interior, engine room as well as exterior.

Some of my tasks during shipyard included jobs like installing a new ceiling in the engine room, assisting with insulation installments and piecing back together exhaust covers, making gaskets along with many other hands on jobs to assist in where I was needed and able to help out. The boat had been in shipyard for roughly 8 months when I joined her. After a month in shipyard, post me joining, we set off on our passage from Falmouth, UK, to Monaco. I was expected to perform my daily deckhand duties as well as cover watch under passage as well as at anchor and in port. During my time onboard I was also part of helio operations and crane operations.

I really enjoyed my time on board Flying Manta, switching between our shipyard period to boss trips, winter period and the start of a busy season has encouraged me to learn as much as I could from every opportunity presented to me. I was able to adapt and learn quickly on the job to work seamlessly into a small close knit crew. Since joining the yacht the vessel has sold to a new owner with new crew.



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Personal Info

- 26 Years old (27/06/2000)
- English Speaking
- German passport
- B1 B2
- South African Passport
- South African Drivers License

Qualifications

- Yacht Rating
- AEC1
- PADI Openwater
- RYA Powerboat level II
- RYA Personal Watercraft
- RYA PWI
- VHF Radio
- Designated Security Duties (DSD)
- SYSA Deckhand Introduction SYSA
- STWC 10
- MCA Highveld Food Health Safety Level II

Interests & Skills

Former international Swimmer, Freediving, Photography & Videography, Hiking, Fitness, APA Certified Sea Kayak Guide, Lifesaving, Proficient in Adobe Suite, Experience in water toys and water sports instructing, Helicopter operations and Crane operations assistance.

Adaptable, outgoing, positive, enthusiastic, fast learner, adventurous, eager and social

Deck stew on SY Masa Yume (25 m) Temp June- August 2024

As a temporary position I worked as a sole stew on board SY Masa Yume as well as being a second deckhand. I was responsible for housekeeping, service, detailing and provisioning as well as anchoring, lines and driving the 10m tender on board. This role was mostly involved with organization and preparing the boat for a boss trip for the month. The boat had been in shipyard for 2 years, I was responsible for getting it ready for the season after joining it in Italy and making the trip to Monaco thereafter.

Deckhand on MY Sherilyn (76 ft) 2020-2021

For just under two years I worked as a deckhand on a local boat in Cape town, familiarizing myself with deckhand duties such as polishing, teak maintenance, wash downs and service on charters.

**Kayak Guide -Atlantic Outlook, Cape Kayak Adventures
2018-2024**

Part-time work while I was studying which developed into a full time position in Cape Town. I started as a trainee junior guide and moved my way into a senior role . I was guiding trips solo and as a team, as well as moving and maintaining the kayaks used.

Land Experience

**Wedding Coordinator assistant and florist - Fabulous Fusion
2023-2024**

Helped with the logistical aspects of wedding planning and ensuring that everything ran smoothly on the big day. I also specialized in creating and arranging floral decorations for weddings, including bouquets, centerpieces, and ceremony arrangements, based on the couple's preferences and the overall wedding theme.

**Florist - Florence Flower Bar
2023-2024**

Floral arranging, styling and sales for Florence Bar as well as assisting with social media and videography for marketing. This role was primarily based on customer relationships.

**Social Media Management and photography - Visuelle Media
2023-2024**

Part of a team in charge of maintaining, managing and creating content and photography for a number of businesses on social media. This role included planning and conducting content shoots as well as managing social calendars and deadlines.

**Freelance Photographer & Videographer
2022-Current****Assistant editor for Jarryd Watney - Ocean Air Media**

I had the privilege of spending a few months of lock-down interning for Jarryd Watney, assisting with editing footage and photography This experience allowed me to merge my passion for yachting and photography into a single narrative.

**Florist and Market Manager - Adenes Flowers
2022-2023**

A part-time job I took on whilst studying in Cape Town, this role included managing Adenes market stand at OZC, communicating and documenting stock take, orders and customer relations. In addition to these roles I was one of the floral arrangers at the market in charge of floral designs and bouquets.

**Hostess at Ariel Modern Italian Fine dining
2022-2024**

Front of house hostessing, included but was not limited to communicating with guests and ensuring tables were reserved and properly allocated each evening. This restaurant is a high end and busy establishment offering a high turnover with an esteemed reputation.

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