



CAPTAIN JD CASTILE

Nationality: USA
DOB: 30 December 1986
Excellent Health
Non-Smoker / No Tattoos

Seeking a short or long-term Captain or Mate position on a private or charter yacht where I can continue to utilize my extensive sailing and ocean sports experience running multi-faceted yacht programs delivering great and memorable Owner and guest experiences.

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MCA MASTER OF YACHTS 200T UNLIMITED, COMMERCIAL(Revalidated until 2025)

USCG 100T, SAIL AND TOW ENDORSEMENTS (Revalidated until 2026)

STCW, WILDERNESS FIRST RESPONDER, PADI OPEN WATER, SURF INSTRUCTOR, KITESURF INSTRUCTOR

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Fifteen plus years of worldwide cruising, chartering, sail, and sport fishing experience.

Leadership Style: Clear communications and directives, flexible, and professional.

Creating and adhering to budgets and timelines.

Consistently anticipate and meet the needs of Owners and guests.

Work with Owners and guests on itinerary creation, guest activities, cruise planning, shore excursions, and onboard event planning and coordination.

Navigation/route planning

Claim free insurance history

S/Y Princes Irene

CAPTAIN | February -May 2024 | West Coast North America

- Delivery of a custom 60' aluminum ketch from Washington State to the Panama Canal.
- Responsible for all mechanical, electrical, and rigging repairs underway, as well as training the novice crew.

M/V Antilles

CAPTAIN | February 2024 | East Coast

- Delivery of a 90' custom one-off motor yacht from Norfolk, VA to Norwich, CT.

Polynesian Voyaging Canoe - Hokule'a

MATE/ENGINEER/ESCORT | September 2023 - October 2023 | USA West Coast

- Volunteered as general help on the deck sailing Hokule'a, the famous Polynesian Voyaging Canoe from Hawai'i, down the US West Coast
- Responsible for all aspects of coastal cruising, as well as a full schedule of public presentations, ceremonies, speeches, and educational outreach with schools.

S/Y Outnumbered

CAPTAIN/ENGINEER | March 2023 - September 2023 | SE Asia / South Pacific

- Captain and engineer of a Gunboat 66, high performance cruising catamaran
- Responsible for navigation, routing, maintenance, refit project contracting, and all other logistical aspects of managing this International cruising yacht.

M/V Indies Surveyor

Indies Trader Marine Adventures

CAPTAIN | October 2022 - January 2023 | Marshall Islands

- Captain of an 80' expedition vessel at a private island surf and kitesurf resort
- Responsible for guest safety in and out of the water, while guiding surfing, kitesurfing, sport fishing, scuba diving, and free diving trips.

M/V Admiralty Dream

MATE | July- September 2022 | Alaska

- Mate on Admiralty Dream, a 147' cruise ship running weeklong trips through SE Alaska
- Primarily responsible for night navigation and a thorough safety check program

S/Y BAREFOOT ODYSSEA

CAPTAIN | June 2022 | Caribbean

- Captain for delivery of Lagoon 620, 1100 nm from St Maarten to Fort Lauderdale
- Trained new owners on their first ever passage, introducing them to navigation, weather routing, night watches, and general passage management
- Introduced them to offshore trolling for pelagic fish species, as well as cooking variety of seafood



ABOUT CAPTAIN JD

As a Captain, my focus is providing an experience for the Owners/guests that I would enjoy myself. I strive to keep things active and exciting, by incorporating the whole variety of water sports and ocean skills that I enjoy.

A balance of ensuring a safe and efficiently running vessel with a focus towards hospitality and recreation is the best foundation for a fun and exciting yacht.

I am looking forward to a short, seasonal, or long-term position with a great program where I can use my well rounded ocean experience to bring unique value to the yacht.



ADDITIONAL SKILL SETS

Skilled Navigator/Boat Handler
Scheduled Maintenance Programs
Crew Management/Development
Tour Excursions
Dive Operations
Highly Organized
Hospitality Experience
Sailing since 7 years old
Surfing since 7 years old
Kitesurfing since 13 years old
Spearfishing since 10 years old
Experienced professional sport fisher
Drone photographer/videographer

REFERENCES AVAILABLE
UPON REQUEST

S/Y MOANA

CAPTAIN | April 2018-Oct2018 | Fiji, Tonga

- Captain of a Wharram gaff rigged schooner
- Set up and administered provisioning, inventory controls, maintenance, accounting, and reporting systems
- Managed all preparations for voyage including passage and route planning, and provisioning
- Managed frequent back to back schedules
- Operated with an environmental organization taking volunteers to remote islands in Fiji for clean ups
- Supported plastic trash remediation projects in remote communities in Fiji and Tonga
- Operated as support vessel for filming of an award winning 3D humpback whale documentary in Tonga

S/Y APHRODITE

FIRST MATE | Feb 2018-April 2018 | Southeast Asia

- First mate on a modern 33 meter ketch
- Delivered from Thailand to Indonesia
- Guided a yacht rally through remote islands in Indonesia
- Managed preparations for voyage including passage and route planning, and provisioning
- Provided on call support for the variety of different yachts in the rally, making sure every yacht arrives and anchors safely in challenging and diverse environments

HAWAII SHARK ENCOUNTERS

OWNER | Jan 2014-May 2018 | Haleiwa, Hawaii

- Owner, relief captain, and maintenance manager of multiple 35-40' power vessels
- Operated 6 trips a day doing shark cage diving with 12 passengers
- Provided an educational experience about ocean conservation

S/Y MAKANI OLU

MATE | Feb 2014-April 2015 | Hawaii

- Mate on a 30 meter, 3 masted schooner, sailing on 7-10 day voyages throughout the Hawaiian Islands, operating as a rehabilitation program for at risk youth
- Taught sailing, fishing, and free diving

S/Y SPARTAN QUEEN

CAPTAIN | 2012-2014 | Hawaiian Islands

- Captain of a Sunreef 80, on charter trips throughout Hawaiian Islands
- Managed all preparations for voyage including passage and route planning, and provisioning

S/Y HO'O NANEA

CAPTAIN | 2010-2014 | Haleiwa, Hawaii

- Captain of a custom 40' charter catamaran,
- Managed all aspects of maintenance
- Daily trips taking 20 guests snorkeling and whale watching

M/Y QUEEN OF THE RING

CAPTAIN | 2011-2012 | Hawaiian Islands

- Captain of 76' sport fisher running charter trips for big game

S/Y GONZO

CAPTAIN | 2006-2009 | Hawaiian Islands

- Owner/captain of a catamaran running private, custom charters around Kauai and Maui
- Managed all preparations for voyage including passage and route planning, and provisioning
- Took guests to remote surf, dive, and kitesurfing spots
- Provided custom, multi day excursions to inaccessible parts of the islands for fishing and hunting