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Captain Russell Westerlind

PROFESSIONAL CURRICULUM VITAE

Professional Yacht Captain

USCG Master 500 GT Upon Oceans

Yacht Command • Vessel Commissioning • Owner Representation
International Deliveries • Bahamas Operations • Crew Leadership
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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Professional yacht captain with more than 45 years of boating and maritime experience and over four decades of professional vessel operations. Extensive background in yacht command, vessel commissioning, owner representation, crew leadership, yacht management, international deliveries, Bahamas operations, and owner/operator instruction. Recognized for combining traditional seamanship with modern navigation and vessel management systems.

LICENSES & CREDENTIALS

- USCG Master 500 GT Upon Oceans (1995–Present)
- USCG Master 100 GT (1985–1995)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Captain – 2022 Princess X95 | South Florida | 2026

- Selected to commission and captain a Princess X95 luxury motor yacht.
- Directed vessel acceptance, systems familiarization, warranty coordination, maintenance planning, and operational readiness.
- Planned and executed Bahamas cruising operations, customs clearances, voyage planning, weather routing, and fuel management.
- Operate advanced yacht systems including Garmin navigation suite, dual radar systems, Starlink communications, Opacmare transformer system, and Zero Speed stabilization.
- Coordinate crew operations, vendors, maintenance contractors, and owner requirements.

Founder & Principal – A Prudent Mariner Yacht Management and Training | 2010–Present

- Provide yacht management, owner/operator training, voyage planning, and vessel oversight services.
- Deliver personalized instruction in navigation, docking, safety, seamanship, tides, currents, and traditional chart-work.
- Develop operational procedures, safety programs, and vessel readiness plans.

Captain – M/Y Medusa | VSC/Princess 58, 70, VSC/Princess 68

- Served approximately 25 years as captain aboard M/Y Medusa.
- Managed all vessel operations, maintenance, crew leadership, guest services, budgeting, and voyage planning.
- Conducted extensive cruising throughout the United States, Bahamas, Caribbean, and international waters.

Yacht Management, Delivery Captain & Private/Charter Captain | 1985–Present

- Commanded and delivered vessels from 40' to 150'.
- Operated Hatteras, Princess, Oceanfast, Pacemaker, Viking, Westbay, and Westport yachts.
- Completed numerous East Coast, Bahamas, and international passages.
- Participated in the maiden voyage and semi-circumnavigation of Australia aboard the 125' Oceanfast Mercedes.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Yacht Commissioning & Acceptance
- Yacht Management
- Owner Representation
- International Deliveries
- Bahamas Operations
- Crew Leadership & Training
- Traditional & Electronic Navigation
- Safety Management
- Voyage & Fuel Planning
- Maintenance Coordination

March 12, 2026

To Whom it May Concern,

I first met Russell Westerlind in 2001 when I hired him to teach me how to captain my own boat. What began as a simple instructional arrangement quickly developed into a professional relationship and a friendship that lasted more than 25 years.

Russell has planned incredible trips for us over the years, including weeklong adventures to the Bahamas, Key West, and up the East Coast all the way to Maine and even an unforgettable trip to Mexico. Each journey was thoughtfully organized, complete with travel schedules, dinner reservations, and activities at every stop. His ability to manage both the logistical and experiential aspects of a trip made every outing relaxing and enjoyable. He is also incredibly approachable and personable. I have seen him interact with my daughters both as children and now as adults, and I can confidently say he has a natural ability to tailor a charter experience to different ages. Whether it was organizing a *Jaws* movie night in Martha's Vineyard or ensuring my daughters' safety when they were out on the boat with friends, Russell consistently went above and beyond.

Russell also played a meaningful role in helping create many of the experiences my daughters enjoyed growing up on the water. He helped coordinate scuba diving lessons by finding and arranging for a qualified instructor, organized fishing trips for us, and showed tremendous patience while teaching the girls to wakeboard. His calm demeanor and encouraging attitude made learning new skills both safe and enjoyable, and he always ensured that every activity prioritized both fun and safety.

During my time working with Russell, I have been consistently impressed by his attention to detail, the timeliness and care with which he plans both day outings and week-long trips, the respect he shows to my family and friends, and the professionalism he brings to maintaining and operating the vessel. For 22 of those years, he largely worked independently, taking full responsibility for managing the boat. This included not only navigation and trip planning but also overseeing the maintenance and upkeep of both the exterior and interior spaces. Russell consistently kept the vessel in excellent condition and maintained the highest standards of cleanliness, organization, and mechanical readiness. His commitment to preparation and safety has always given me complete confidence when we are on the water and ensured that everyone on board feels secure and well cared for.

I recommend Russell without hesitation to anyone seeking a highly skilled, responsible, and professional captain. His experience, integrity, and dedication would make him an exceptional asset to any vessel or crew.

Please feel free to contact me if I can provide any additional information about Russell or his work.

Thank you,

Alfredo Sesana

June 6, 2026

To whom it may concern;

I have had the privilege over the last month working with Captain Russell Westerlind on board the M/V ONE SPIN 3; a 95' Princess Motor Yacht.

Captain Westerlind is not only a detailed and safety-first minded Captain, but he also works with great efficiency while promoting crew growth.

His responsibilities included but not limited to final outfitting of the vessel, and reflagging to the British VI.

Captain Westerlind was a pleasure to deal with both professionally and personally and provided top tier service to the owner and crew. His experience and work ethic would be an exceptional asset to an owner or corporate organization.

I highly recommend him without reservation for any position on board a vessel.

I can be reached by cell at 949-903-0942 or by email: jgreyshock@gmail.com.

Respectfully,

Jason Greyshock, Fleet Manager

CAPT. HOWARD STEIN
U.S. MERCHANT MARINE CAPTAIN (RETIRED)

JULY 24, 2026

To whom It May Concern,

I have known Russ Westerlind for more than 30 years. I first met him when he was Captain of a 70' Hatteras named "Perfect Prescription". The owner decided to build a new Perfect Prescription. The new vessel was to be 150' and built at the Oceanfast shipyard in Henderson, West Australia. Russ and I were to oversee the construction.

This was to be a new experience for him. As a new build and a vessel of this size was something he had not experienced before. Russ was like a sponge on gathering experience and information. We had a very good and close working relationship. Russ learned valuable experience on dealing with a shipyard, hiring a large crew.

Towards the end of the build we had been away from the states an extended period and upon completion we would be going to Europe for the summer. At this point Russ, a devoted family man, made a decision that I admire him for. Russ decided that being Captain of Perfect Prescription and away from his wife and family for extended periods of time was not worth it.

Russ went on to become Captain of a 93' Princess named "Medusa". He was very successful and was with that vessel and owner for about 3 decades. I fully recommend him as Captain of any vessel that he would apply for. Feel Free to call me if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

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Michael Ashkin
Chairman of the Board

February 5, 1997

To Whom It May Concern:

Russ Westerlind has worked for me for the past five years. He was the captain of my 70' Hatteras, which I have sold. This letter is being written because the new owner has his own captain and I feel compelled to recommend this very fine Captain to any future or present owner of a boat.

To be more specific about his qualifications as a Captain you need to look first at him as a dedicated family man with responsibilities at home. He has a wife and three children, which we know well. The responsibility at home is important because it speaks to the quality of respect he has as Captain.

We can say without reservation that he has always represented himself and us with the highest integrity and his personal presentation and working relationship with other crew was never a problem. He has the ability to relate well to my wife, children, grandchildren and friends that have come aboard. In short he gets along with everyone who is important to me.

His ability in the engine room and just in general repairing anything is only surpassed by his navigation skills. Russ is skilled in all the necessary areas of electronic equipment and stays current on new technology that might be available.

As you can see from the above Russ is fully equipped to be a fine Captain and work for a family that would appreciate loyalty, a good work ethic and knowledge of the job.

I highly recommend Russ Westerlind to anyone who could use these talents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael Ashkin", written in a cursive style.

Michael Ashkin