

Yachting Time Line

Pre-Requisites

- Passport
- STCW
- ENG1
- Food Handling Cert – Interior Crew
- Yacht Rating Certificate – Deck Crew / Interior Crew
 - This is not a requirement (but a great asset for any yacht that charters).
- Set your Facebook profile to Private.
 - Go over your photo's and make sure they are all private. Everyone will search you out on social media when you are looking for work. You don't want any of your 'BEST ;) ' photo's being the reason you don't get a job.
- GOOD CV
 - .docx or .pdf only
 - Keep it under 500kb (use low res images).
 - Professional looking profile picture
 - Address & contact info
 - Qualifications: This can be things like divers & drivers licenses, any yachting certs you might have.
 - Other quals can be any training that you might have done that pertains to the role you are looking to undertake
 - Objective: This has to be clear and concise, as you want to focus on one position only. Especially in the beginning, as it shows you know what you want and are looking for.
 - Next will be all your yachting experience or if you don't have that, your relevant experience that helps with the role you want to undertake.
 - References: This aspect is important
- No Criminal Convictions (not to say you can't get a job but will hamper you entering some countries). A DUI in the US will stop you from travelling to Canada for example.
- No medical issues.
 - Color Blindness will severely impact your working life
 - Diseases that require consistent medication or have a threat of hospitalization
 - Diabetes etc.
- **Certificates that are great but not a requirement**
 - AEC – If you are looking at getting into Engineering
 - Seaman's Discharge Book – This you will need to get after joining a vessel. You might be able to get one prior though.
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VISA's

- USA – B1/B2
- Sint Maarten – Schengen (Philipino & South Africans)
- EU – Schengen (Philipino & South Africans)
- UK – UK travel visa (Philipino & South Africans)

JOB HUNTING

- Crew Agent Websites
- Facebook Groups
- What time of the year are you looking, determines where most yachts are located.
- Dockwalking
 - Immigration Officers in the US have been targeting certain websites posing as Yachts offering work/ daywork. If the person/s turning up are non-American or not legal residents of the USA, they are locked up and deported. Whenever you join a yacht in the US, you need to be stamped in on your B1 visa, as well you should have joining papers. Essentially, this is really starting to rule out foreign crew looking to start their career in the US, as most people won't hire crew that are green that they haven't met first.
- www.MarineTraffic.com
- Communication
 - Email Address (that's not a rude or funny one)
 - Phone
 - Whatsapp or Skype for chatting / video interviews

TRAVEL

- 1 Bag & 1 Carry On
- Laptop & Portable Hard Drive
- Good Headphones
- 1 Year Return Ticket or One Way (if you have a seaman's fare)

JOINING DOCUMENTS

- MLC Crew Contract
- Medical & Dental Policy (this is part of MLC, but not all yachts adhere to MLC).
- Passport
- ENG1
- STCW
- Visa's
- CV
- Seamans Discharge Book
- Bank Account