

CV Tips for Yacht Crew

Your Picture.

Use a recent and high-quality photo.

A professional image creates a great impression right from the start. Don't forget, a smile goes a long way too!

Avoid AI-generated images.

Recruiters can spot them and they may seem impersonal or dishonest.

Don't use scanned or poor-quality photos.

These can come across as lazy or outdated. Use a properly lit, high-resolution image, preferably against a plain background.

Personal Information.

Include key identifiers.

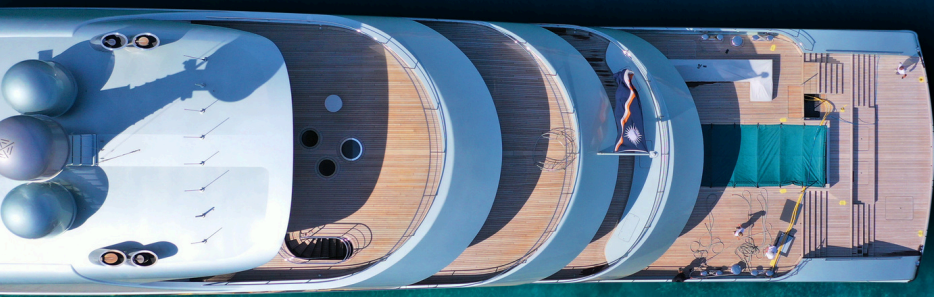
This means; your nationality, what passport(s) you hold, and current visa status. This is vital for employers needing to know your ability to travel or work in different regions.

Omit your current location.

It can actually work against you if you are not keeping on top of it and updating it accordingly.

List your WhatsApp number clearly.

If you use multiple numbers, highlight the one best for direct contact. The majority of communication is done over WhatsApp these days.



Profile / Objective Statement.

Keep it concise (1 paragraph max).

This is your “elevator pitch.”

Clearly state your career goal.

E.g., “Seeking a Chief Stew position aboard a busy private or charter yacht.”

Mention standout experiences or unique achievements.

E.g., “Completed over 35 weeks of charter as Captain during the last 2 years on board.”

Avoid clichés or vague statements.

Make every word count.

Qualifications.

List qualifications before experience.

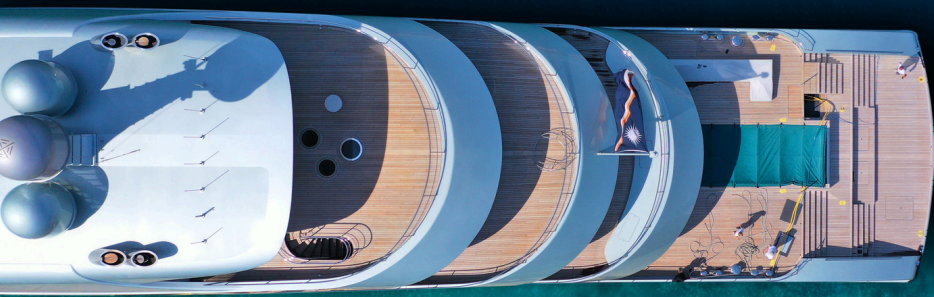
Especially STCW, ENG1, PDSD, or any role-specific tickets (e.g., Food Hygiene Level 2, Master 3000GT).

Group and condense where possible.

There’s no need to list every individual module completed for your OOW 3000GT license for example —summarising the qualification is sufficient.

Think beyond maritime.

Any land-based courses or degrees (e.g., hospitality, languages, IT skills) can add value.



Experience (yacht & land-based).

For yacht experience.

List yacht name, size (metres), and type (private, charter, or both).

For land based experience.

List as much information as appropriate.

Include start and end months + year to your experience.

E.g. "May 2022 – Oct 2023"

Specify if positions were temporary or permanent.

This helps us to give context to short stays.

Highlight core duties and any extra responsibilities.

Especially tasks beyond the job description—this shows initiative.

Include key achievements.

E.g. "Implemented new inventory system", "Trained junior crew."

Mention reason for leaving if appropriate and positive.

E.g. "Owner sold yacht," or "Seasonal role."

Expand on long-term roles.

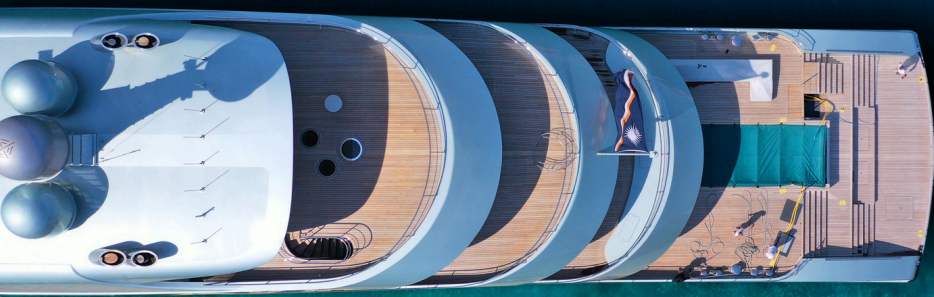
Detail progression, special events, or notable contributions.

Summarise temp work.

Briefly highlight experience, but don't over-elaborate. Temp work descriptions shorter than for permanent positions.

Explain CV gaps. Be transparent.

Be transparent—e.g. "Completed further training,".



References.

Always ask permission from your references first.

Keep current yacht referees off (if job hunting confidentially).

Provide full reference details & double check it's correct .

Name, yacht name, position, email, and a working phone number.

Choose senior referees or those on your level.

A reference from a Captain or HOD carries more weight than a junior colleague.

Use personal referee numbers if appropriate.

List the actual referee, not their rotational counterpart.

General Tips.

Always submit your CV as a PDF.

This preserves formatting and looks more professional.

Save the file with an appropriate name.

E.g. FirstName_LastName_CV_2025.pdf

Use clean, readable fonts (Arial, Calibri etc). Avoid over-styling.

Run spellcheck and proofread. Typos can suggest carelessness.

Use AI as a support tool, not a crutch.

It's great for formatting or grammar help, but make sure the final product still sounds like you.