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Personal Info

DOB	21 January 1999
Nationality	Dual Citizen
Passports	German, South African
Visas	USA B1/B2
Health	Excellent, Non-Smoker
Languages	English, German (basic)
Driver's License	International (8+ years)

Qualifications

- STCW
- ENG1
- RYA Powerboat Level 2
- Proficiency in Designated Security Duties
- B.Eng (Hons) Industrial Engineering

References

Oleg Kovalchuk, Captain, <i>M/Y Privilege</i>	+1 310 967 9287
Luke Burrow, Bosun, <i>M/Y Lady Joy</i>	+1 214 681 8014
Shane Whitt, Temp Bosun, <i>M/Y Privilege</i>	+1 530 712 0559

Ryan Neil Parker

Deckhand & Engineer

Growing up, I spent my days surfing, sailing, and rebuilding motorcycles before earning an engineering degree and working in software. But alas, the call of the sea was louder. Trading my desk for the deck, I've combined my hands-on skills with my technical mindset, whether maintaining engines, handling lines, or keeping a yacht in top shape. I take pride in doing things right the first time, know how to follow instructions, and thrive in fast-paced, high-performance environments—on deck, in the engine room, or wherever I'm needed.

Key Skills

Deck Maintenance, Tender Driving, Line Handling, Fender Management, Splicing, Whipping, Teak Treatments, Teak Maintenance, Sanding, Fairing, Painting, Caulking, Polishing, Engine Room Maintenance, Knot Tying, Lifesaving, Watersports

Maritime Experience

Temp Deckhand, *M/Y "Privilege"* (102ft)

102ft Custom Build, North Miami | 19 Feb - 22 Mar 2025 (5 wks)

- Assisted in the restoration of a 102ft motoryacht for sale and with turnarounds for weekly day charters.
- Performed grinding, fairing, sanding, painting, polishing, and caulking.
- Assisted with washdowns, line handling, fender management, and teak maintenance.
- Helped with engine oil & filter changes, bilge cleaning, and bilge coating.

Dayworker, *M/Y "Lady Joy"* (157ft)

157ft Christensen, Sunrise Harbour | 10 - 12 Mar 2025 (3 days)

- Assisted in the turnaround of a 157ft motor yacht between Bahamas charters.
- Performed oxalic acid teak scrub, full washdown, and stainless steel polishing across all 3 decks.

Dayworker, *M/Y "Annastar"* (164ft)

164ft Westport, Bahia Mar | 8 Mar 2025 - 8 Mar 2025 (1 day)

- Assisted in the turnaround of a 164ft motor yacht before transportation from West Palm to Fort Lauderdale..
- Performed a full and intensive washdown of the yacht's exterior.

Dayworker, *M/Y "Childs Play 3"* (43ft)

43ft Prestige, North Miami | 2 Mar 2025 - 2 Mar 2025 (1 day)

- Assisted with fuel system maintenance and rudder sensor diagnostics of a 43ft motor yacht.
- Replaced fuel check valve in a confined bilge space, and diagnosed rudder position sensor issues.

Achievements

- Published and presented my thesis at the [18th Global Conference on Sustainable Manufacturing](#) in Berlin, Germany.
- Received an Engineering Scholarship to [Stellenbosch University](#) for earning a final grade average above 85%.
- Ranked first in the country for final-year [Cambridge AS/A Level](#) English.
- Self-studied the entire Cambridge High School curriculum in two years using online resources.

Education

- Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Industrial Engineering from Stellenbosch University
- Certificate in Software Engineering from LaunchSchool
- Cambridge International AS & A Levels

Personal Interests

- ★ Surfing
 - I grew up in the ocean and have had a lifelong passion for chasing waves and the adventures that come from the search.
- ★ Music
 - Guitar, piano, drums, a triangle? I don't really mind. Nothing soothes my soul more than a good jam session. I'm no virtuoso but there is something healing about making music together, and I love that.
- ★ Software
 - Some people might call me a nerd but I like maths and computers and that's just that. I think they're cool.
- ★ Free Diving
 - If you've ever felt the need to combine open water swimming, breathwork, anaerobic exercise, mindfulness meditation, cold water immersion, and recreational diving into one activity. Then I'd highly recommend free diving.
- ★ Wellness
 - I take a holistic approach to my health and wellbeing. I don't count calories or reps but I try to eat good food prepared from whole ingredients, I don't smoke, I sleep 8 hours, drink water, smile, try to be grateful, greet people, work hard, and generally strive to be conscious of myself and others and so far it's worked out great.

Land-Based Experience

Software Engineer

[BBD Software](#) | Jan 2023 - Nov 2024 (1 yr 11 mos)

- Optimized team productivity by creating workflows that streamlined collaboration for an 11-person team.
- Reduced deployment time by 90% through automation and implementing testing frameworks.
- Enhanced system efficiency and reliability by migrating 15 servers to the cloud and modernizing security protocols.
- Delivered critical projects for [Sanlam](#) and [Allan Gray Investments](#), earning a promotion to team lead within 6 months.

Management Consultant

[OIM Consulting](#) | Jul 2021 - Dec 2022 (1 yr 5 mos)

- Led a team of 6 analysts to map 27 business processes for [Sanlam](#), enhancing workflow efficiency across 3 business units.
- Streamlined data capture for 20 mentors and 91 mentees at [Anglo American's](#) Mogalakwena mine by developing a custom PowerApps solution.
- Improved data organization and accessibility for [Glacier Financial Solutions](#) by implementing a cloud-based system to manage over 3,500 data points across eight databases

Motorcycle Mechanic

TQ Motorcycles | Jun 2017 - Dec 2018 (1 yr 6 mos)

- Diagnosed and repaired mechanical and electrical systems under the guidance of a Harley Master Mechanic.
- Built a fully functional motorcycle from scratch using spare parts and salvaged components.
- Maintained workshop tools and equipment to ensure operational readiness and a safe, efficient working environment.
- Gained hands-on experience with painting, polishing, and welding.

Bartender

[The Viper Lounge](#) | Mar 2016 - Dec 2016 (9 mos)

- Delivered customer service by creating a welcoming atmosphere and ensuring guest satisfaction in a fast-paced environment.
- Improved efficiency by multitasking effectively, handling orders, preparing drinks, and managing payments simultaneously.
- Maintained cleanliness and organization of the bar area, fostering a tidy and efficient workspace.
- Enhanced hospitality and communication skills by engaging with a diverse clientele and promoting repeat business.