

# Kathleen Saunders

CAPTAIN MMC MASTER 50 GRT

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## PROFILE AND OBJECTIVE

Energetic, hard-working captain (Master 50 GRT). Seeking more professional experience on larger vessels to upgrade her captain license. Over 25 years of sailing experience. ~1,500 days at sea and over 6 years of professional and commercial sailing experience (charter and private experiences, as well as teaching keelboat sailing and managing a sailing non-profit as Program Director). Raised as a waterman on the Chesapeake Bay by a nationally competitive sailor. Strong communication skills. Committed and self-motivated learner. Detail-oriented. Diligent problem-solver. Passion for teaching and sharing knowledge.

## LICENSE AND QUALIFICATIONS

- MMC Master 50 GRT exp. 12.20.2027
- USCG Medical certificate exp. 11.22.2027
- Aux Sail Endorsement - 09.2023
- STCW Basic Training - 09.2023

## EDUCATION

- BA College of Charleston | Communications & Studio Art | 2013
- MFA Florida State University | Interdisciplinary Arts | 2017

## MARITIME EXPERIENCE

**SV Libertat | 37ft | Captain | Beneteau | Private Charters | Jan 2024 - Present**

Full-time captain for private day and bareboat charters. Responsible for training mates.

**SV Xocolata | 32ft | Captain | Catalina | Private Charters | Jan 2024 - Present**

Full-time captain for private day and bareboat charters. Responsible for crew and boat maintenance.

**SV Mental Heeling | 30ft | Lead Captain | Catalina | Private Charters | Dec 2022 - Dec 2023**

Full-time captain for public and private charters. Responsible for crew and boat maintenance.

**SV Fate | 50ft | First Mate | Beneteau | Private Charters | May 2022 - Dec 2022**

First Mate for Private Charters. Crew for Charleston Ocean Racing Association Summer Series I & II. Trained to be a captain including boat maintenance and extensive docking experience.

**SV Mystique | 47ft | First Mate | Beneteau | Private Charters | May 2022 - Dec 2022**

First Mate for Private Charters. Crew for Charleston Ocean Racing Association Summer Series I & II. Trained to be a captain including boat maintenance and extensive docking experience.

**MY Kismet | 36ft | First Mate | Williams | Private Charters | May 2022 - Dec 2022**

First Mate for Private Charters. Trained to be a captain including extensive docking experience.

**College of Charleston | J22 Keelboats | Sailing Instructor | May 2011 - Dec 2013**

Taught basic keelboat sailing to college students and community members. Also a dockhand for College of Charleston Sailing Association. Experience in aiding distressed association members in foul weather.

**SSV Robert C Seamans | 135ft | Deckhand | JM Martinac | Research Vessel | Aug 2007**

Brigantine schooner and oceanographic research vessel. Off-shore sailing with watch keeping. Deckhand and student in a 3-week program including marine biology, ecology, and oceanography college courses.

## NOTABLE BOAT DELIVERIES

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April/May 2024 Relief Captain | Antigua to Newport, RI (1,500 nm) | SY Eros | 115-foot staysail schooner  
May 2023 - Present | Ongoing Delivery Captain for Chase Lemacks, current cast member of Below Deck | Beneteau Oceanis 510 | Hired regularly to deliver vessel up and down the eastern seaboard  
Mar 2023 | Crew | George Town, Great Exuma to Puerto Plata, DR (500 nm) | SwissCat 45' Catamaran  
Dec 2022 | Crew | Charleston, SC to Bimini, Bahamas (450 nm) | SwissCat 45' Catamaran

## PROFESSIONAL COURSES

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2023 | STCW | Sea School - Charleston, SC  
2023 | Auxiliary Sail | Sea School - Charleston, SC  
2022 | Master Upgrade 25-100 GRT | Sea School - Charleston, SC  
2022 | OUPV - Captain's License | Sea School - Charleston, SC  
2020 | Wilderness Survival Course | Two-day workshop  
2019 | Visual Design of Data & Information | Edward Tufte Course  
2012 | Learning as Leadership | Time Mastery  
2011 | Learning as Leadership | Personal Mastery

## HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

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- Recreational competitive sailing: racing in regattas with my dad (6-time national champion sailor)
- Water sports: surfing, paddleboarding, kayaking, wake surfing
- Scuba certified in 2009 (PADI Open Water - due for a refresher)
- Photography and videography, including film and drone
- Passionate about learning history and studying science, particularly marine biology and ecology

## REFERENCES

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Available upon request