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Overview

Professionally Accredited Marine Surveyor with background in multiple disciplines of the maritime field with over 25 years of hands-on experience in; Yacht, Small craft, Cargo, Commercial Towing, and Fishing Vessel inspections and surveys including a comprehensive knowledge of gas & diesel propulsion systems, Marine electrical systems, Hull construction & design, accident investigation, office administration, and human resources. Proficient in computer productivity software, departmental budgeting procedures, and general management skills. Possesses a strong understanding of relationships between office personnel and the necessary tools for maximizing productivity. Excellent PR skills with focus on public communication and relationship building through positive conflict resolution.

Experience

JW Marine Surveyors

Proprietor/Lead Surveyor

Jan 2021 – Present

Pemberton, NJ

- Responsible for insurance/evaluation surveys as it relates to small individually owned pleasure craft, large yachts, sailing vessels, commercial fishing vessels, barges, towing vessels and shipping containers.
- Provide legally accurate and timely documented survey reports prepared from factual evidence acquired during hands-on inspections while utilizing the scientific method, for clients including engine, electrical, hull and corrosion analysis.
- Provide Condition and valuation (C&V) marine surveys as it relates to small individually owned pleasure craft, large yachts, sailing vessels, commercial fishing vessels, Tugs, barges, Flagged vessels, and shipping containers.
- Certified Title 46 CFR Commercial Fishing Vessel Inspector/Surveyor responsible for safety inspections aboard registered commercial fishing vessels.
- Continual education and experience focused on all aspects of marine electrical, mechanical, structural engineering standards.

Pemberton Township Municipality

Council President

Jan 2023 – Present

Pemberton, NJ

- Regularly and thoroughly prepare for each council meeting, acting as a liaison between the municipality and the public.
- Established, modified, and set goals and objectives for the township, review and approve annual budgets and monitor spending.
- Evaluate and confirm all necessary seats within the management component of the municipality at the annual re-organization meetings.
- Drafted legislation to establish or revitalize several boards and committees, serve on various council subcommittees and provide critical input on initiatives within the township designed to improve communities' quality of life both financially and socially.
- Provide feedback to township administration on capital purchases, projects and proposed ordinances prior to introduction or adoption.

Escape Marine Surveying

Associate Marine Surveyor

Jan 2001 – Jan 2021

Pemberton, NJ

- Responsible for insurance/evaluation surveys as it relates to small individually owned pleasure craft, large yachts, sailing vessels, commercial fishing vessels, barges, and shipping containers.
- Provide legally accurate and timely documented survey reports prepared from factual evidence acquired during hands-on inspections for clients including engine, electrical, hull and corrosion analysis.
- Provide business impact, change impact, and business analysis while ensuring all changes are properly planned and effectively communicated to staff.
- Continual education and experience focused on all aspects of marine electrical, mechanical, structural engineering standards.

Tuckerton Seaport

Boat Captain

May 2017 – August 2019

Tuckerton, NJ

- Responsible for operation of 23ft waste pump-out boat for the state of New Jersey under the reclaim the bay initiative.
- In charge of all mechanical engineering and upkeep of multiple vessels in the fleet.
- Qualified pump repair and maintenance.
- Responsible for accurate logbook record keeping regarding fuel consumption, scheduling of staff, and daily navigation records.

US Coast Guard Reserves

Mechanic

June 1997 – June 2005

Barneget Light, NJ

- Qualified Diesel mechanic and small boat technician in the United States Coast Guard, handling repair and maintenance regarding Cummings, and Detroit Diesel machinery and all other auxiliary equipment on board 44ft, 41ft, 21ft Lifeboats at station Barneget Light NJ.
- Qualified to service numerous outboard & inboard gasoline engines
- Responsible for all preventative maintenance checks on weekly, monthly, bi-annually, and annual service schedules.

Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery

Proprietor/Business Manager

Feb 2004 – May 2014

Pittsburgh, PA

- Directly oversaw 6 stores' operations with a total annual sales volume combined of \$20 million dollars in gross revenue with a proven track record of increasing sales by 3%-5% annually.
- Set district operating goals such as sales estimates and revenue projections while ensuring operational efficiency in each location.
- Determined root cause analysis of performance trends and developed process improvement plans which targeted assurance in safety, health, quality and satisfaction measures.
- Assessed operational performance to maintain compliance with company and industry standards.

Education

The Restaurant School at Walnut Hill College

Philadelphia, PA

January 1999

- Associate's degree in Specialized Business Administration
 - Honors: (GPA: 3.5)

Global Academy of Finance and Management

Denver, CO

May 2024

- Master's Certificate in Project Management

Additional Memberships & Qualifications

- Association of Certified Marine Surveyor Certified Marine Surveyor #0549
- Navtech/USSA Master Marine Surveyor #40115
- USSA / NAVTECH Commercial Vessel & Commercial Fishing Vessel Inspector Endorsement)
- Member Port of Philadelphia Maritime Society
- Member Maritime Exchange for the Delaware River & Bay
- Member of New Jersey Marine Trades Association
- Current Member of ABYC
- Certified ABYC Standards Advisor
- ABYC Marine Accident & Investigation Certified
- Current Member of AMSEA
- Member Partner GIECO/BOAT US
- Member American Boating Association
- Surveyor Member of Boat History Report
- Member of USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 18-8 Marlton NJ
- Member International Association of Marine Investigators (IAMI)
- Member International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI)
- Member National Association Safe Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA)
- FEMA Professional Development Series Certified
- US Department of Homeland Security Maritime Port Security Certification
- ITC Essentials of Fire Safety Inspections & Management Certified
- International Assoc. of Arson Investigators (IAAI) Certification in Fire Investigation/Safety/Principles
- Certified Inland & Ocean Marine Insurance (New Jersey Dept. Banking & Insurance)
- Diploma in Marine Diesel Engines
- Certification in Marine Surveying & Yacht Appraisals ME-185 & ME-186 (American Society of Appraisers)
- Ethical Insurance training certification (The Institutes)
- CPR/First Aid & Marine Safety Drill Instructor Certified (AMSEA)
- Title 46 CFR Certified Commercial Fishing Vessel Inspector
- Certified IMSBC Code/Tank Container Inspections/Intermodal Shipping Containers by the NCB
- Diploma in Marine Cargo & Stowage

****References Furnished Upon Request****