



Now that you have decided to take the plunge into an exciting new career in the yachting industry, it can be overwhelming to figure out where to begin. We are here to help. With locations in U.S., Spain, France and New Zealand, we are dedicated to assisting all our crew in achieving their careers goals – wherever in the world that may take them. Below is helpful information to help you prepare for your new career and arrival to Fort Lauderdale.

Before arriving

✦ Research, research, research

One of the best things you can do to prepare for your new career is to immerse yourself in information about the yachting industry. Use the internet to your advantage and research everything you can to make yourself well-informed and prepared for what to expect on board. Be sure to seek out realistic and reliable sites, sources, and accounts:

- Helpful links from our site:
 - [FAQ](#)
 - [Job description and corresponding salaries](#)
- Suggested industry reading:
 - [Dockwalk](#)
 - [Triton](#)
 - [Yachting Magazine](#)

✦ Obtain appropriate visas

- **Passport:** Make sure you have at least one year of validity and empty pages.
- **B1/B2 Visa:** Allows non-U.S. and non-Canadian crewmembers to work on a foreign flagged vessel in US waters. You must apply for this at a U.S. Embassy/Consulate before arriving in the U.S.
 - [Worldwide embassy information](#)
 - [US government travel site](#)
- **Schengen:** Allows you to freely travel the Schengen territories in the Caribbean and Europe. While this visa is not required for travel to Fort Lauderdale, it is desirable as many yachts will eventually enter these territories. Visit this [link](#) to see if your country of citizenship requires the Schengen visa.



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✦ Book crew house accommodations

- Crew houses are temporary accommodations, specifically for yacht crew, that do not require leases or long-term commitments. Be sure to check with your crew house about refund options if you get a job mid-week or mid-month. There are both private and shared room options for different rates. Crew houses provide networking and learning opportunities above and beyond staying in a hotel or other short-term rental.
 - [Crew Haven +1 954 247 4437](#)
 - [Peter Pan Crew House +1 954 800 222](#)
 - [Camille Accommodation +1 954 504 2822](#)
 - [Smart Move +1 954 525 9559](#)
 - [Mary's Crew Houses +1 954 242 1109](#)



Getting into town- Now what?

Now that you've arrived in Fort Lauderdale and have settled into your crew house, it's time to get to work. Candidates who remain proactive and positive better their chances of finding work, so don't be afraid to get out there and stay busy!

- Just like any other industry, it is necessary to have the proper training in place to be eligible for employment on board. Maritime courses should be viewed as an investment rather than a cost. These courses book up fast, especially during peak hiring seasons (fall in Fort Lauderdale), so be sure to book in advance.
- Essential Certificates
 - Basic STCW 10: Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers
 - Personal Survival Techniques
 - Basic Firefighting
 - Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities
 - Elementary First Aid
 - Security Awareness or VPDS (we recommend VPDS)
 - ENG1: Seafarer's Medical
 - [Health Med Center](#) is conveniently located on 17th street: For a full list of qualified doctors: [link](#)
- Additional Certificates
 - Deck
 - Powerboat Level II
 - Superyacht Deck Crew Course
 - Engineering:
 - AEC 1&2
 - Interior
 - Food & Hygiene Level II
 - Galley
 - Ship's Cook Certificate

Immerse
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Register with Luxury Yacht Group!

Visit www.luxyachts.com to register a profile with our crew agency. As our website is database driven, it is essential that you include as much information as possible to give you the best chances of finding work.

Most importantly:

A simple, professional CV/Resume in word or PDF format

A clear statement of objective which is professional, concise and honest

A digital photograph, passport style in a professional attire, which is a positive reflection of you. Remember no hats or sunglasses!

Current personal information, especially your email address and phone number

Maritime certificates with digital uploads of your qualifications

At least three work experiences (if you are new to the yachting industry, please include your non-yachting work history).

At least three references with current contact information, including an email address.

◆ Where can you take these courses?

- [Maritime Professional Training](#)
- [Professional Yachtmaster Training](#)
- [Resolve Academy](#)
- [Seven Seas Preparatory Academy](#)
- [Savvy Maritime Academy](#) (offers additional department-based training)

◆ Get a local phone

- If you are traveling from outside the country, be sure to get a local number when you arrive and update your CV accordingly.
- WhatsApp is also a great way to communicate with potential employers.

◆ Create a yachting CV/resume

- This is an extremely important aspect of your search since it is your first contact with potential employers and your first opportunity to stand out. Please consistently ensure all the information on your CV is accurate and up to date.
- If you need some guidance creating your yachting CV, we have attached a template at the end of this document.
- Please use spell check and double check the entire document. Regardless of department, the best yacht crew are detail oriented!

◆ Register on our site

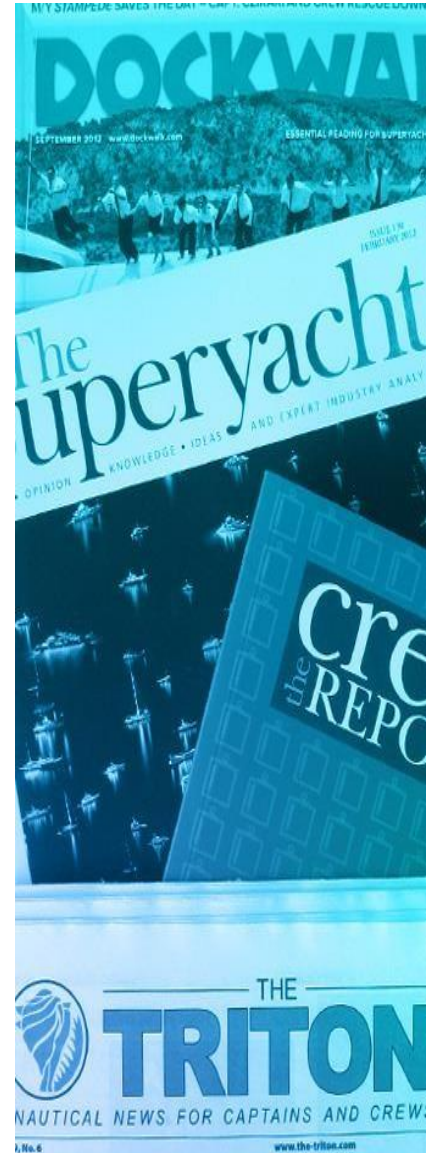
- Click [here](#) to get your crew profile started
- Be sure to fully complete all the sections of your profile so that we can best assist in finding you your next opportunity.
- We utilize the **Experience** section to verify employment dates and check references, so entering this information is essential to complete your registration.
- We will be in touch with you once we've seen your file completed to personalize it more.

✦ Secure daywork (US crew only and greencard holders only!)

- NOTE: It should be noted that crew traveling on a B1/B2 or visa waiver program are not legally allowed to look for temporary work on yachts while in the U.S.
- What is it? Temporary work on a yacht to assist the permanent crew with shipyard projects or getting the boat ready for a guest trip. It is a great way to learn new skills, build experience and network with captains and crew. Most importantly, you can gather industry references that will be invaluable as you search for your first fulltime job. If you impress the captain and there is a vacancy on board, you may even earn yourself a fulltime position on board!
- How to obtain it?
 - Networking
 - Facebook and WhatsApp groups
 - [Daywork123](#)

Here are some tips to help point you in the right direction when dayworking:

- Dress to impress- You want to look like a crew member and fit in, so a white t-shirt with khaki shorts/skort is the ideal uniform. Make sure to invest in a comfortable pair of boat shoes as they look more professional than flip flops.
- Be prepared- with your CV in case they ask. Maybe they like your work and are seeking a new crew member. Even if they do not need your help, they may know of someone who may!
- Do not take rejection personally - Sometimes yachts are fully crewed, and they just don't need extra help. Try not to get discouraged and remind yourself that tomorrow is a new day.



*Perseverance
and remaining
positive go a
long way during
your job hunt!*

Getting around

- ✦ If you are staying near 17th street, you can get nearly everything you need on foot
 - Fort Lauderdale
 - LauderGo! Community Shuttle
 - Public Bus, Broward County Transit
 - Water Taxi
 - Scooter Rentals ([YachtyRentals](#)) – wear a helmet and be safe!
 - Uber, Lyft & taxis
 - Car Rentals: Luxury Yacht Group has a limited number of crew cars available. While it may not be ideal for lone travelers, once you are working and need a crew car they offer a great value.
 - South Florida
 - Tri Rail: affordable commuter rail running from West Palm Beach to Miami with many stops
 - Brightline: high speed rail with stations in West Palm Beach, Fort Lauderdale, and Miami



Places to know

Here are some general places around town, both yachting and non-yachting related, which you will most likely get to know well. Have fun exploring!

- ✦ Places to Know
 - Marinas
 - Bahia Mar: a popular marina on the beach known for hosting FLIBS
 - Hall of Fame: recently upgraded marina also located on the beach
 - Pier 66: popular spot for boats getting ready for a trip or crossing as it is situated right next to the inlet, just over 17th St. Bridge
 - Sails Marina: located directly across the street from Pier 66
 - Sunrise Harbor Marina: secure marina located further north at Sunrise Boulevard near the Galleria Mall
 - Seahaven Marina: new marina located just south of Fort Lauderdale in Dania Beach
 - Shipyards
 - Lauderdale Marine Center (LMC)
 - Direktor Shipyard (Dania Beach, FL)
 - Bradford Marine
 - Rolly Marine
 - Roscioli Marine
 - Universal Marine Center
 - Marina Mile

- West Palm Beach Marinas/Shipyards: West Palm Beach is located 50 miles north of Fort Lauderdale and home to a few large marinas and shipyards.
 - Rybovich
 - Palm Harbor Marina
 - Palm Beach Town Docks/Australian Docks
- Grocery
 - Publix
 - Whole Foods
 - Winn Dixie
- General Clothing
 - TJ Maxx
 - Ross
 - Galleria Mall (Fort Lauderdale, FL)
 - Aventura Mall (Aventura, FL)

We hope this guide helps you get on task and get onboard!

Get started with our sample CV template on the next page and see how fast you land that new crew position.

- Sawgrass Mills (Sunrise, FL)
- Yachtwear
 - Smallwood's Yachtwear
 - Liquid Yacht Wear
 - Saltee Rags
- Free Wi-Fi Cafes
 - Starbucks
 - Panera Bread
 - Press & Grind

YOUR NAME

Your Email | Your Phone #

Your photo should be a passport style photo.

You should be dressed in professional attire. No sunglasses, no hats.

And please remember to smile!

 vaccination status

 your nationality

 date of birth

VISAS

Visa Type

LANGUAGES

Spoken Language 1

Spoken Language 2

SKILLS

Skill related to yachting

Skill related to yachting

Skill related to yachting

HOBBIES

Hobby 1

Hobby 2

Hobby 2

CAREER OBJECTIVE

Write a brief description of your expectations in the yachting industry including the position you are seeking and mentioning your transferable skills. Keep it concise and to the point!

Example: I am looking to obtain a permanent position as an entry-level deckhand on a yacht between 80–300' where I may utilize my carpentry background and extensive watersport/boating background, and am happy to travel anywhere.

EXPERIENCE

Work experiences should be listed with most recent job first. Your work experience does not have to be purely boat experiences but any position that shows transferrable skills. Long gaps in between work experiences should ideally be explained.

Boat/Company (Size/Build) Position Held Start Date - End Date

- *Private or charter (How many? How long?), responsibilities held, areas cruised, etc.*
- *Tender driving (Size), Guest Interaction level (Parties, watersports, etc.)*
- *What can you offer? What skills have you learned? What have you experienced?*

LICENSES & CERTIFICATES

Please list any yachting certificates or licenses relevant to the position that you seek. Remember to include the dates that these were obtained.

License/Certificate Title Date Obtained Expiration (if avail.)

EDUCATION

List any secondary or higher degrees obtained. This should be in order with the most recently obtained first. Date that the degree was obtained should also be listed.

Name of Institution Area of Study Date Obtained

REFERENCES

Please include at least 3 references with current contact information: telephone and email addresses.