



## FIRST MATE APPLICATION SAILING VESSEL

The Florida Keys is considered an advanced sailing destination, offering great natural beauty in sometimes rare peaceful isolation. There are almost exclusively anchorages in our cruising grounds subject to tidal changes and currents, including open anchorages in the Westerly Island groups. We require there be another qualified person aboard with sufficient experience and physical capability to act as First Mate aboard our vessels during a Bareboat Charter. You must be experienced enough to take full control of the vessel in the event your Captain goes overboard, is injured, rendered unconscious or there is an emergency requiring action. This questionnaire will help us evaluate your sailing experience to establish your skill level to act as First Mate. This application should be filled out in full, providing as much information as possible to validate your skills and experience. Please submit the requested documents together in order to complete the application process. You may be contacted directly to answer any questions we may have.

### **General Qualification & Requirements**

- 30 days or 300 miles in the last three years as First Mate on an equivalent size & type of yacht(s)
- ASA, US Sail, RYA or ICC certification to an equivalent Coastal Cruiser level or higher
- Experienced in, and physically capable of, managing the anchor, picking up mooring balls, raising and lowering the sails, handling dock lines, operating the dinghy outboard, taking the helm if needed and basic handling of the vessel in all situations & conditions if required, including man overboard retrieval.
- Must present a valid US driver's license, or International Passport to verify identity and DOB
- You must be present for the full Charter Check out and vessel orientation process
- For persons under the age of 30 or over 70 additional crew requirements may apply

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of vessel being Chartered: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of charter: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Age Group: 20-30      31-40      41-50      51-60      61-70      over 70

### **Experience:**

How many years have you been boating **as an adult**: \_\_\_\_\_ Power \_\_\_\_ Sail \_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_

How many years have you been sailing with this Captain \_\_\_\_\_ How many times \_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently own or co-own a boat?      Yes      No      Power or Sail \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_ Years owned \_\_\_\_\_

Have you owned or co-owned other boats in the last 10 years, which would be helpful in supporting your experience. provide if sail or power, and include the make, model, year, lengths and years owned for each.

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If seeking to act as first mate aboard a **Monohull**: in the last five years what is the largest Monohull you've acted as first mate aboard.

Length \_\_\_\_\_ Beam \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

If seeking to act as first mate aboard a **Catamaran**: in the last five years what is the largest Catamaran you've acted as first mate aboard.

Length \_\_\_\_\_ Beam \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you been cruising as crew? \_\_\_\_\_

Approximately how many days per year do you sail as crew? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the average distance in miles you sail per day during a trip? \_\_\_\_\_

Where have you gained most of your boating experience? (check all that apply)

- Lakes
  - Rivers
  - Great Lakes
  - Tidal bays
- Intercoastal
  - Inshore
  - Offshore (more than 25 nautical miles)

**As first mate in the last 5 years have you :**

Cruised the Florida Keys?      Yes      No      The Bahamas?      Yes      No      The BVI's?      Yes      No

Assisted in docking a vessel? Up to 30 feet \_\_\_\_\_ times. Up to 40 feet \_\_\_\_\_ times. Up to 50 feet \_\_\_\_\_ times.

Picked up a mooring ball? \_\_\_\_\_ times

Assisted in docking a boat in strong winds?      Yes      No

Assisted in anchored in a current?      Yes      No      How many times? \_\_\_\_\_

Been aboard a vessel at anchor overnight?      Yes      No      How many times? \_\_\_\_\_

Managed an anchor drag at night?      Yes      No      How many times? \_\_\_\_\_

Experienced inclement weather on anchor at night?      Yes      No      How many times? \_\_\_\_\_

Sailed out of sight of land?      Yes      No      Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever experienced an emergency situation where you were required to take control of the vessel and seek assistance at sea due to an issue involving your Captain? Please describe

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Are you able to lower sails without the captain's assistance?      Yes      No

Are you able to manage setting or retrieving an anchor without the captain's assistance?      Yes      No

Have you ever operated an in mast furling main?      Yes      No

Have you ever operated a vessel with dual engines?      Yes      No

Have you ever performed a man-overboard maneuver?      Yes      No

On a scale of 1 to 10 (10 being the highest), please rate your skills in the following:

\_\_\_\_ Deploying and Retrieving an Anchor      \_\_\_\_ Using a VHF Radio      \_\_\_\_ Picking up Mooring Balls

\_\_\_\_ Sail handling/reefing      \_\_\_\_ Familiarity with Chart plotters      \_\_\_\_ General trouble shooting aboard ship

\_\_\_\_ Piloting & Navigation      \_\_\_\_ USCG rules of the road      \_\_\_\_ Man-overboard drills

**Certification:**

Do you have any ASA, US Sail, RYA or equivalent sailing certifications?    Yes    No

If Yes please list them and **attach copies:**

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Please list any other boating, navigation, other marine licenses you have achieved, and **attach copies.**

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**Charter Experience:**

Have you acted as crew aboard any Bareboat Charters with this Captain in the last five years?    Yes    No

If **yes**, please provide all information on your most recent completed charters together.

**Name of Charter Company:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Location:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year of Charter** \_\_\_\_\_  
Monohull \_\_\_\_ Catamaran \_\_\_\_\_ **Make of vessel** \_\_\_\_\_ **Model** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Length** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number of Days** \_\_\_\_\_ **Number of Passengers** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Background:**

Have you been involved in a marine insurance claim in the last five years? Is so, please describe:

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Have you ever been convicted of any crime, or had any license, including your driver's license suspended due to driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol? \_\_\_\_\_

**References:**

Please list any professional references that can help to validate your boating experience. Boating Clubs, Bareboat Charter Companies. Sailing Schools, etc.

Organization Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please provide a copy of:**

- 1.) Valid US Driver's License and/or International Passport
- 2.) Sailing or Boating Certifications, Captain's license or other relevant documentation
- 3.) Sailing resume or log book (if available)

I hereby certify that the above information provided is correct and true. I acknowledge my understanding that the Florida Keys is an advanced sailing destination that require I am experienced enough, competent enough and physically capable enough to manage the vessel in the event of an emergency that renders the Captain unable to fulfill his duties.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please feel free to add any further comments in support of your experience:

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