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Year of birth - 1956

Summary

Over 45 years experience on vessels up to 120 tons in varying capacities including master, restorer, consultant, surveyor and supervisor. Extensive experience with the Maine Windjammer industry. Worked often with Coast Guard Inspectors/Regulators regarding vessel requirements and rule interpretations. Consultant in vessel repair and operations for certified and uncertified vessels.

Credentials

Licensed captain of 100 tons sail/power since 1976. Published author on maritime and other subjects. Professional ship modeler for museums, galleries and private clients. Extensive experience in large wooden vessel repair and restoration.

Work History

Current – Purchased and performing major refit to the classic 26' fiberglass sloop *Rambler*. She is to be launched Summer 2019, plans include chartering and eventually cruising.

2016 – Purchased and restored 22 foot museum sloop *Annabel*. Purchased and refitted 30' fiberglass cutter and sailed her for charter. Acquired 20' classic fiberglass sloop *Mineola* which had sunk during hurricane Sandy. Refitted the boat and currently use her for pleasure.

2014 – 20016 – Purchased and performed major renovations and repairs to 30' wooden sloop *Heritage*. Sailed in the passenger trade for two summers from Rockland harbor.

2007 - 2013 - Purchased and performed renovations to the 34' wooden ketch *Prudence*. Repairs include but no limited to replacement of deck structures, mast and spar repair, plumbing and sanitation system, electrical, engine work, rigging and extensive mold removal. Vessel charters part time in the summer months from Rockland.

2005-2007 - Repair and renovation to numerous fiberglass yachts and boats. Work included but no limited to hull repair, deck re-coring, plumbing, through-hull replacement and rigging.

2005 - Restored the 38' Chesapeake Bay Skipjack *Little Mamie*. Project involved designing and building all new deck structures and interior, designing and building masts spars hardware, steering system, rigging and engine installation along with all new vessel systems.

1986-2004 - Purchased and restored the 67' schooner yacht *Wendameen* and placed her in the passenger service. The vessel, originally launched in 1912 and not sailed since 1933, was flooded on a mud bank when discovered. The four-year restoration involved replacing 90% of the vessel's original timber before installing new interior, electrical/plumbing engine and other systems. A new rig was also designed and built. The restoration was so thorough and accurate that the vessel was listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the Coast Guard certified her as new construction.

1987 Summer - Captain of the 42' Friendship Sloop *Irene*, (built 1902) chartering on Penobscot Bay.

1987 Autumn - Captain of the 78' schooner *Sylvina W. Beal*, (built 1911) chartering from Portland, Maine.

1985 – 1986 - Owner/Captain of the 84' Thames River Sailing Barge *Ethel*, built in Harwich England in 1894.

1983 – 1986 - Owner/Captain of the 42' sloop *Francy* engaged in charters and sail training in New York Harbor.

1984 Winter - Captain/business manager of the 84' charter schooner *Charlotte Anne* of Fort Myers, Florida.

1981 – 1983 - Captain/business manager of the historic 56' skipjack *Mamie A. Mister* (built 1910) engaged in charters and sail training in New York Harbor.

1981-1983 Winters – yard hand at Muller Boat Works, Brooklyn, New York. Engaged in maintenance and repair of commercial and government contract vessels ranging from 100-300 tons. Vessel construction included steel, wood and fiberglass.

1980 - Captain of the historic 67' schooner *Stephen Taber*, (built 1871) on charters from Camden, Maine.

1979 - Captain of the 45' schooner *Mistress* on charters from Camden Maine.

1978 - Captain/manager of the historic 60' schooner *Richard Robbins Sr.* (built 1902) from Rockland, Maine to Lake Champlain, New York.

1977 Spring/Summer - First Mate on schooner *Lewis R. French* (built 1871).

1976 - 1977 Winter - Directed vessel restoration for the Down Jersey Historical Society of Atlantic City, New Jersey.

1976 Winter - Apprenticed at the North End Shipyard in Rockland, Maine during the restoration of the schooner *Lewis R. French*.

1976 Summer - First mate on the schooner *Stephen Taber*.

1973 and earlier - First Mate and deckhand aboard various historic craft, including the schooner *Pioneer*, sloop *Clearwater*, sloop *Aka*, skipjack *Mamie A. Mister* and brigantine *Pathfinder*.