Bertrand JACQUES

Professional Skipper
RYA Yachtmaster Offshore



PROFILE

Bertrand is a seasoned sailor and a skilled technician whose passion for the sea began early at the French Sailing School of Rosbras-Brigneaud in Brittany. A boat owner originally based in Nieuwpoort, Belgium, he spent many years perfecting his technique and building experience across the North Seas, sailing from France to the Netherlands, from Belgium to the British Isles, and from Germany to Scandinavia.
In 2019, Bertrand undertook a major voyage from Belgium to Greece aboard his own yacht, crossing the North Sea, the Atlantic coast, France, Spain, Portugal, Gibraltar, the Balearic Islands, Sardinia, Sicily, and Crete. Since settling, he has worked as a professional skipper in Greece for six years. He holds the highly regarded RYA Yachtmaster Offshore with Commercial Endorsement, along with Belgian and French licenses.
As a great connoisseur of the marine elements, which he respects in order to better master them, Bertrand is known for prioritizing safety and composure onboard, without ever hesitating to face the wind's vagaries with determination when circumstances demand it.

SAILING EXPERIENCE & KEY SKILLS

- **Extensive Sailing Areas:** North Seas (France, Belgium, Netherlands, British Isles, Germany, Scandinavia), Atlantic Ocean (France, Spain, Portugal, Gibraltar), Mediterranean (Balearic Islands, Sardinia, Sicily, Crete, Greek Mainland and Islands).
- **Command Experience:** 6 years as a professional skipper in Greece, commanding leisure and charter yachts.
- **Technical Skill:** Strong expertise in preventative maintenance and basic troubleshooting (engine, rigging, electrical/plumbing systems).
- **Safety Focus:** Absolute priority given to crew and passenger safety, with rigorous management of emergency procedures and constant weather watch.
- **Customer Service:** Ability to create a memorable and personalized charter experience, sharing a passion for the local culture and beauty.
- **Manoeuvering:** Expertise in complex harbour manoeuvres (including «Med mooring»/stern-to berthing) and anchoring in various conditions.

MY PHILOSOPHY AT SEA

«I am passionate about authentic Greece, its traditions, and its culture. I have always favored the perfect balance between great sailing and the discovery of places that truly breathe the soul of a country.»
«My main focus is comfort and safety onboard. I am extremely attentive to weather and navigation conditions. I love to sail safely, but I do not fear facing the wind and sea with tenacity and determination.»

NAUTICAL QUALIFICATIONS & CERTIFICATES

- **RYA Yachtmaster Offshore**
(with Commercial Endorsement)
- **ICC MS**
(International Certificate of Competence Motor & Sail)
- **SRC Certificate**
(Short Range Certificate / VHF)
- **RYA First Aid**
- **Brevet de Chef de Bord Côtier – Belgium**
(Coastal Skipper Certificate)
- **Brevet de Conduite Général – Belgium**
(General Pleasure Craft License)

INFOS & CONTACT

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Visible tattoos: No
Non-smoker/smoker: No
French (Native), English (Fluent), Greek (Basic)

REFERENCES

Professional references and copies of licenses are available upon request.