

MELISSA BALKHAM

DECKHAND



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Tattoos: None

Availability: Immediately

EDUCATION

BARTENDING LEVEL 1

Private course held by Pietro Rizzo
Aug 2022

BA HONS MEDIA MAKE-UP

University Centre Somerset
2014 - 2017

ART FOUNDATION DIPLOMA

Weston College
2018 - 2020

A LEVELS: ENGLISH (B) ART (B) MEDIA STUDIES (C)

The Kings of Wessex Academy
2010 - 2012

GCSEs: A*A* AAAA CCC

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2007 - 2010

RELATED SKILLS

Fibreglassing

2-Part Moulding

Airbrushing

Painting

Caulking

Mixing silicone

Woodwork (A*)

OBJECTIVE

I am actively seeking a position as a Deckhand or Deck/Stew on board a 30M+ private or charter vessel where I can use my land-based skills to provide the ultimate experience on board and learn from an incredible captain and crew. A creative individual with an analytical mind, colleagues would describe me as vision-driven, enthusiastic and goal focused; my attention to detail ensures any task big or small is completed to the highest standard. For the duration of my studies I have developed excellent interpersonal and communication skills throughout my ten years' experience in retail and hospitality; ensuring tasks are managed and prioritised effectively whilst upholding a respectable work ethic. I am committed to a long-term career in yachting and have both the desire and determination to make a positive impact whilst also establishing myself as a valued member of the crew.

In a professional environment I thrive working under pressure, collaborating with a team and am comfortable working autonomously. Well-rounded and adaptable to any situation given to me I can use my initiative when required but I am not afraid to ask for help in order to fulfil the job role. I am reliable and honest, like to take on responsibility, work irregular hours and work flexibly.

YACHTING QUALIFICATIONS

RYA VHF MARINE RADIO (SRC)

BRISTOL MARITIME ACADEMY | JAN 2023

STCW BASIC TRAINING

BLUEWATER | OCT 2022

RYA POWERBOAT 2

SALCOMBE POWERBOAT SCHOOL | AUG 2022

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

M/Y YOLO OF 23M

DAYWORK | NOV 2022 | ANTIBES

Sunseeker 76. Privately owned, London flagged. Duties included washdowns, line handling, stainless detailing, deck product knowledge and assisting the captain with engine work.

MTX INTREPID 323 CUDDY 32FT

Recreational experience on a twin outboard 32ft centre consol, 2x 300 HP Yamaha, around The Solent, UK. I completed a PADI course age just 12 and started swimming competitively from the age of 6. I enjoy watersports, sea swimming and paddleboarding with friends at local beaches on the Isle of Wight.

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INTERESTS

Boating

Scuba diving

Swimming

Biking

Running

Photography

Content creation

Gym and fitness

Isle of Wight Netball GS

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LAND-BASED EXPERIENCE

EVENT HOST

CAMP KERALA LLP | GLASTONBURY FESTIVAL | JUN 2022

I worked both within the restaurant and tent team where I maintained and provided the ultimate, luxury glamping experience for festivals and lifestyle events worldwide. Further to my initial experience, where I displayed excellent service and commitment, I was amongst a select few invited back to run the restaurant team at Peter Crone event in July 2022.

WEDDING & EVENTS HOST

THE FRENCH KITCHEN | APR 2022 - OCT 2022

- Organising logistics for the staff including service schedules.
- Coordinating the set up and derig for the wedding reception, kitchen and drinks reception on site.
- Adapting to weather conditions, guest needs and organisational problems.
- Communicating with hosts, managers and kitchen staff to ensure smooth running of service.

QUALITY CONTROLLER

PERFORMANCE IN PEOPLE | NOV 2021 - JAN 2022

- Communicating with employees and managers to ensure accurate data input.
- Working with clients such as Nissan, Audi and Volkswagen by assessing footage conducted by mystery shoppers.
- Observing daily visits to various retailers across the UK and giving feedback on the level of customer service experience.

STYLE ASSISTANT

STYLE OF WIGHT MAGAZINE | AUG 2021 - OCT 2021

- Working closely with the creative director and photographer to produce creative content for Style of Wight's July/Aug 2021 issue.
- Independently sourcing and returning goods whilst building and maintaining strong relationships with various home and interior retailers on the Isle of Wight.

WAITRESS

BAYWATCH ON THE BEACH | 2019 - 2021

- Maintaining a clean, organised inventory and curating displays of various beachwear and accessories.
- Conducting appropriate cleaning down regulations of equipment and machinery.
- Negotiating with local and national suppliers.
- Communicating with managers and kitchen staff to ensure smooth running of service.
- Serving up to 1200 customers per shift during peak periods in the summer.