

# NEIL DRAYCOTT

## DECKHAND

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**Passport:** British

**D.O.B:** 15.05.1980

**Languages:** ENG – Basic SPA

**Visas:** Schengen

**Status:** Single

**Availability:** Immediately

**VACCINATED | Non-smoker | 3 small tattoos – 2 visible**

## YACHTING CERTIFICATES

- STCW Basic Training
- PDSD
- ENG1
- RYA Yachtmaster (Sail)
- RYA Power Boat Level 2
- RYA Diesel Engine Maintenance
- RYA Small Craft Radar Course
- RYA SRC (VHF)
- SSI Advanced Open Water Instructor
- PADI Master SCUBA Diving Trainer

## SKILLS

Boat Handling  
Sailing  
Diving  
Basic engineering knowledge  
Watch-keeping  
Lines and fenders handling  
Painting  
General deck duties  
Tender driving  
Inventories  
Training  
Ability to take direction  
Good communication  
Team work  
Organised  
Safety knowledge and drills  
Good people skills  
Physical fitness and strength



## OBJECTIVE

I have been a SCUBA diving instructor for the last 11 years. In 2017 I certified more SSI students than any other instructor worldwide! I also have over 4000 sailing NM under my belt, together with a Yachtmaster sailing certificate. After the pandemic kept me off diving, I decided to take on sailing and worked night shifts at Amazon to pay for my YM. I discovered the superyacht industry and decided it is a perfect fit for my love for a nomadic lifestyle and hard work. I am currently looking for a position as a Deckhand on a Sail or Motor yacht. Happy to bring my diving instructor skills and looking to perfect my sailing and Deck skills. I have travelled and shared with people from many different cultures and I am used to living in a communal way. I am dedicated, methodical and focused and always ready to help out my crew. I also follow directions well, understand hierarchy and learn fast!

## YACHTING EXPERIENCE

**04- 05.2022 TEMP DECKHAND | SY TAMER 2**  
36M | Private | Jeddah

Temporary Deckhand role on a private 35M sailing yacht. Served as a watch leader while moving the yacht from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia to Palma de Mallorca, Spain. I was then involved in preparing the boat for the summer season.

This experience gave me a thorough understanding of the role of a deckhand on a superyacht, whilst cementing my seamanship skills on board a larger vessel.

*Some of my duties were:*

- Docking and anchoring
- Watchkeeping leader
- Crane operations
- Polishing teak
- Washdowns
- General deck duties

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## INTERESTS

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Music  
Dancing  
Playing and attending live music  
Writing songs  
SCUBA diving  
Martial arts  
Football

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## EDUCATION

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1998 BTEC NATIONAL DIPLOMA IN POPULAR MUSIC  
2000 South East Derbyshire College | Ilkeston, UK  
1991 GCSE's - ENGLISH, MATH, SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY,  
1996 HISTORY MUSIC & PHYSICAL EDUCATION  
West Park Community School | Derby, UK

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## OTHER DIVING CERTIFICATES

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TDI Sidemount Diver  
TDI Advanced Nitrox  
TDI Decompression Procedures  
TDI Gas Blender  
SDI Solo Diver

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## REFERENCES

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### THOMAS LE COZ

Captain | **MY AGE OF UNION**  
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### JIM DONALDSON

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### PAUL TANNER

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## 12.2021 – 02.2022 TEMP DECKHAND | MY AGE OF UNION 56M | Sea Shepherd Conservation boat | POR

This was a temporary role, assisting during the shipyard period of the MY Age of Union, previously known as MY Sam Simon, one of the Sea Shepherd Conservation vessels. We started up in Portugal, then a trip to La Rochelle, France to finish the refit period, with a stop at Gibraltar to re-fuel. This was a very interesting opportunity in many ways, even though my time there was during their shipyard period and my tasks mainly shipyard duties, it was quite an experience to be onboard a ship that is used for such great endeavors.

### *Some of my duties were:*

- Painting
- Rust repair
- Deck maintenance and detailing
- Assisting in galley
- Line handling
- Assist on deck as required.

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## RELATED EXPERIENCE

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### 06.2011 – 11.2019 | SR SCUBA DIVING INSTRUCTOR BIG BLUE DIVING | Thailand

This is a diving center located in Koh Tao, Thailand and I taught courses through PADI and SSI.  
At Big Blue Diving I was employed as a Senior SCUBA Diving Instructor.

### *Some of my duties were:*

- Open Water and Advanced Open Water instructor
- Rescue and Divemaster instructor
- Enriched Air Nitrox instructor
- Deep and Wreck diving instructor
- Fish Identification and Marine Conservation
- First Aid courses and Tender driver
- Official mentor for newly qualified instructors

### 12.2008 – 06.2011 | DIVEMASTER/INSTRUCTOR DJL DIVING | Thailand

At DJL Diving was located at Koh Tao, Thailand. Here, I was originally employed as a Divemaster but then got promoted to Instructor.

### *Some of my duties were:*

- Guiding certified divers on fun dives
- Open Water and Advanced Open Water instructor
- PADI Rescue Diving instructor
- Assisted in Divemaster courses
- Conducted Discovery dives for non-certified divers
- Maintenance of SCUBA equipment
- Driving 6m long RHIB tender
- Drove the taxi for our clients
- Worked at reception selling courses and equipment