

THOMAS MOLENHOUSE

Captain - USCG 200T Near Coastal

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Available Immediately | American Citizen | Current Passport | Clean Driver's License | Non-Smoker

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Captain (USCG 200T) with 20+ years' experience operating and managing private motor yachts up to 30m. Proven track record delivering safe, efficient operations and a high-quality ownership experience across the U.S. East Coast, Bahamas, and Great Lakes.

Technically adept operator with strong hands-on systems knowledge (mechanical, electrical, and onboard technology), allowing for reduced downtime, proactive maintenance, and cost-effective problem solving without over-reliance on outside contractors.

Known for calm leadership, clear owner communication, and structured vessel management. Seeking a long-term Captain role with an engaged owner committed to proper upkeep and consistent vessel use.

CAREER OVERVIEW & PROGRAM STABILITY

Early career includes 10+ years managing yacht refit and maintenance operations, followed by 12 years operating a successful IT consulting business built on long-term client relationships and repeat business.

Recent captain roles (2020-2025) reflect a return to full-time command, with transitions driven by vessel sale, project completion, or owner-level decisions outside operational control. Now focused on securing a stable, long-term program.

CERTIFICATIONS

USCG Master 200 Ton Near Coastal (Exp 2028)

STCW Basic Safety Training (Exp 2028)

ENG1 / USCG Medical (Exp 2028)

TWIC (Exp 2027)

FCC Marine Radio Operator

FCC HAM Radio (KE8KJU)

Garmin Certified Installer

KVH Certified Installer

CORE COMPETENCIES

Vessel Command (Private Motor Yachts 75' - 112')

Owner & Guest Operations

Navigation, Weather Routing & Passage Planning

Marine Electronics, AV & IT Systems

Preventative Maintenance Oversight

Yard Period & Refit Management

Mechanical / Electrical Troubleshooting

Crew Leadership

CRUISING EXPERIENCE

Bahamas (Abacos, Exumas) | South Florida | U.S. East Coast | Great Lakes

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

M/Y LADY VICTORY - 88' Rayburn (Private)

Lead Captain | May 2024 - Dec 2025 | Fort Lauderdale, FL / New York, NY

- Assumed command after extended deferred maintenance period and restored safe operation
- Managed seasonal cruising program between South Florida and New York / Hamptons
- Identified and prioritized critical system upgrades to maintain seaworthiness and compliance
- Program concluded when owner elected not to proceed with safety and compliance improvements

Freelance Captain - Private Motor Yachts

Captain | July 2023 - May 2024 | Florida / Bahamas / Great Lakes

- Selected for contract and relief captain roles aboard multiple private yachts (80'-90')
- Conducted vessel deliveries, owner-operated cruising, and Bahamas programs
- Engaged for short-notice assignments requiring strong technical and operational capability

M/Y LADY B - 85' Pacific Mariner (Private)

Lead Captain | June 2022 - June 2023 | Fort Lauderdale, FL

- Commanded private yacht for Bahamas cruising with owner and guests (Abacos & Exumas)
- Oversaw a 5-month interior and systems refit, coordinating contractors and upgrades
- Managed all vessel operations, maintenance, and owner/guest experience
- Departed following owner decision to list vessel for sale

M/Y WELL PLAYED - 75' Hatteras M75 (Private)

Lead Captain | July 2020 - Oct 2021 | Chicago, IL / Florida / Bahamas

- Managed all aspects of operation including navigation, maintenance, guest services, and logistics
- Completed multiple long-range deliveries between Great Lakes and Florida
- Executed Bahamas cruising program with owner aboard

Anchorage Marine Service

Yacht Maintenance / Delivery | Sep 2019 - Aug 2020 | Holland, MI

- Performed vessel maintenance, electronics installations, and seasonal service work
- Assisted with haul-outs, storage preparation, and customer project planning

ME Yacht Restoration Inc.

Manager - Yacht Refit & Maintenance | 2010 - 2019 | Holland, MI

- Managed full-service yacht refit and maintenance operation during a period of growth
- Oversaw major refits including repowers, electronics, interiors, and fabrication
- Coordinated vessel transport and deliveries to Fort Lauderdale, Chicago, and New York

TommyIT Services LLC

Owner / IT Consultant | 1998 - 2010

- Built and operated IT consulting business serving small-to-mid-sized companies
- Managed multiple concurrent projects with strong client retention and repeat business
- Specialized in network systems, project management, and client support

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Former Scuba Diving Instructor (1991-1998)

Microsoft Certified

Strong background in marine electronics, AV, and onboard IT systems

References Available Upon Request