

# Christopher Benson Smith

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## Professional Summary

I have been working as a Marine Surveyor for yacht and small craft throughout the Caribbean including Mexico for the past eight years.

I am accredited with the Society of Accredited Marine Surveyor as a SAMS AMS # 1461.

I am very familiar with monohulls, multihulls, both sail and power.

I am familiar with MGN 280 and will be attending the Zoom session for IIMS introduction to the new MCA Sport or Pleasure Vessel Code on January 16, 2026.

I am committed to completing accurate, efficient work surveying vessels as a knowledgeable Marine Surveyor.

I produce detailed, accurate reports and legal descriptions.

I am a dedicated professional with demonstrated strengths in customer service, time management and trend tracking.

I'm good at troubleshooting problems and finding successful solutions.

I am able to adapt to changes in modern technology.

## SKILLS

- Captain with Boat Master license grade 2 Virgin Islands Shipping Registry
- Tonnage measurer Transport Canada
- Temporary Marine diesel engineer Transport Canada
- FSI fire suppression technician
- STCW 95

## EXPERIENCE

### Marine Surveyor

Caribbean Marine Surveyors 2017 - current.

- Including but not inclusive to insurance surveys, phase out surveys, purchase surveys, damage surveys, stability surveys, moisture analysis surveys and Tonnage surveys.
- Average 100 surveys per year.
- Assist with care and maintenance of company workboat.
- Caribbean Marine Surveyor carry liability insurance through Lloyd's of London.

### Delivery Captain

Southern Trades Yacht Sales 2013 – 2017

- Delivered numerous vessels both power and sail throughout the Caribbean and East Coast of USA.
- Performed manual labor tasks to detailed instructions from supervisors.
- Offer to assist with additional tasks to keep projects on task and meet tight deadlines.
- Delivered exceptional customer service to bolster strong relationships and build positive experiences.

### Captain

#### White Squall II Charters, 1999 - 2013

- Capt. 1936 wooden 80' schooner "White Squall II" Day sails and special events, maximum passengers 34.
- Responsible for accounting, advertising, promoting and day to day running of a day sail business.
- Oversee training instructions to crew of four.
- Oversee maintenance of wooden vessel including drydock, mast and rigging and wet dock.

### Relief Captain

#### Caravan Stage Barge 1998 – 1998

- Captain of stage barge "Amara Zee" from Kingston Ontario to St. Petersburg Florida
- Training and instruction to crew of approximately fourteen.
- Navigation of East Coast USA intercostal waterway.
- Maintenance and troubleshooting on new build vessel.

### Captain

#### Goddess Athena charters 1997 – 1998

- Captain for day sail "Goddess Athena" and special occasion charters on 84' wooden Ketch.
- Training and instructions to a crew of three.
- Maintenance and care of 84' wooden vessel.

### First Officer/Chief Engineer

#### Bytown Brigantine, 1995 - 1997

- First Officer aboard sail training Brigantine "Fair Jean".
- Traditional sail training instructor for youths in Lake Ontario and the Eastern Canadian Maritime during the summer months.
- Traditional sail training offshore passage instructor for adults from Kingston Ontario Canada to and together and throughout the Caribbean during the winter months.

### EDUCATION

Grade 12 diploma from St. Pius X high school Ontario Canada.

Currently ongoing continuing education since 2017.

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