

## *Maritime Curriculum Vitae*

### *Stephen John Wilkins*



#### **Skills summary**

- **Master Class 3, Diploma in Vessel Operations**
- **RYA Yachtmaster Examiner**
- **255,000 nautical miles logged**
- **Ocean going and foreign port experience worldwide**
- **Strong leadership and team development**
- **Highly effective communication skills**
- **Fastidious attention to detail**
- **Passionate about sailing**

#### **Sailing Experience**

##### **August 2003 – June 2006**

Skipper of high latitude expedition charter yacht *Pelagic Australis*. Total compliment when full is 12.

Appointed to work on the build, launch and construction of this custom designed yacht for extreme sailing and exploration.

Since launch Stephen has skippered *Pelagic Australis* to Antarctica six times, South Georgia two times, including a full circumnavigation. We have completed nine expeditions throughout Tierra del Fuego, regarded as the new frontier of exploring grounds for adventure yachting.

Circumnavigated the Falkland islands and explored the animal wonderland of this southern region.

In addition to expeditions, Stephen had the firm and yacht certified as an RYA training centre where we carry out five to six week RYA yachtmaster training courses during our delivery trips from the southern hemisphere to northern.

Since launch Stephen has skippered *Pelagic Australis* over 77,100 nm

*Pelagic Australis* is an MCA survey, category O classified yacht, administered by DNV Europe.

##### **July 2003**

Appointed by the Royal Yachting Association (RYA) of the UK as the first Yachtmaster Ocean Examiner and instructor to Australia, this came about after Stephen arranged and coordinated the launch of the RYA into Australia. This was as part of my work with the Australian Maritime College for their international training development program.

##### **2002 March – July 2003**

Two years full-time lecturer in maritime studies for merchant deck officers at the Australian Maritime College. Subject specialties: Marine Meteorology, Coastal and Celestial Navigation, Seamanship and Electronics.

**2001 Dec – 2002 Jan**

Skipped Open 60 *This Time* from Salvador Brazil to Southampton, a total of 5,500nm, in the Northern Hemisphere winter, with two crew.

**1999 Oct – 2001 Oct**

Skipper of *Spirit of Hong Kong* in the BT Global Challenge yacht race. Skipped and project managed from launch to final fit-out of the custom designed 22m yachts for “the worlds toughest yacht race”.

Race trained and prepared the entirely amateur crew and circumnavigated the globe, westabout, 35,000nm, stopping in seven countries.

**1998 Jan -1999 Oct**

Senior Skipper, EastSail Sydney

Sail training and team development skipper, fleet of 38 yachts based in Sydney, working with corporate companies and the Australian Navy in structured team building and offshore sail training.

Kookaburra Challenge, corporate team building and racing

**1997 April - 1998 Jan**

Skipper / Mate, European season

Worked as mate on *Sea Falcon*, a 43 metre private power yacht touring throughout the Mediterranean.

Prepared and sailed as Mate / Skipper onboard *Thiama* a Swan 651 custom from Palma, Spain to Antigua Caribbean

**1995 June - 1997 March**

Senior Skipper, Pacific sailing college Sydney

Sail training adults to yachtmaster level.

Yacht broker with Maurice Drent, Sydney’s largest brokerage.

**1985 Jan – 1995 May**

Marketing and sales executive with Australian television and radio.

**1980 – 1985 Dec**

Hotel and restaurant management, trained and managed hotel and restaurant complexes in Adelaide, South Australia.

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<b>Nationality</b>	Australian
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<b>Languages</b>	English and Spanish
<b>Sailing background</b>	Commenced sailing at the age of seven Sailed professionally since 1993 Over 255,000nm logged internationally
<b>Marine Qualifications</b>	Master Class 3, Diploma in vessel operations, Master Class 4, Unrestricted, STCW 95 Other Than Near Coastal RYA Yachtmaster Ocean examiner / instructor Yachtmaster Ocean RYA commercially endorsed Yachtmaster Instructor AYF Ship captains medical trained GMDSS certified for ocean going Marine engine driver grade 3 Marine meteorology
<b>Business Qualifications</b>	Certificate in Business Management Certificate in Marketing and Advertising Presentations and Public Speaking Certificate in Hotel and Restaurant Management Work Place Trainer, Category 1 Computer proficient in Windows & MS Office products

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**Personal Profile**

*Stephen Wilkins is a highly self-motivated and energetic individual with two main passions - people and sailing. He is an effective communicator, with the ability to operate as both a leader and team member. In terms of both career and sailing, Stephen has never been shy of challenges or adventure.*

*After leaving school, Stephen trained in restaurant management and by the age of 21 was managing a hotel and restaurant complexes for five years. Interest and opportunity led Stephen to a career in marketing in television and radio for 10 years whilst always sailing and gaining qualifications in his recreational time.*

*After ten years in media he decided to further his passion for sailing in the maritime industry. Becoming a Master Mariner he worked within the Super Yacht industry, delivering yachts throughout the world and racing in many Blue Water Classic yacht races before settling in Sydney. Here he worked conducting team building and sail training for corporate development, which included a two year contract with the Australian Navy.*

*Stephen was inspired to skipper in the BT Global Challenge and in October 1999, after 18 months of intensive selection, competing against over 180 short listed applicants, he was announced as Skippers in the 2000/2001 "world's toughest yacht race".*

*His time in the UK was the start of a long working relationship with veteran racer and explorer Skip Novak: for over three years Stephen skippered the latest polar expedition yacht Pelagic Australis to the depths of the Southern Ocean and Antarctica.*

*Stephen has traveled over 255,000nm in some of the most inhospitable and demanding waters around the globe.*