

PERSONAL DETAILS

NATIONALITY
South African

DATE OF BIRTH
17 Sep 1970

HOME PORT
Cape Town, South Africa

BASED
Fort Lauderdale, FL

VISAS
US B1/B2 (10 yr), Schengen eligible

ENG1 MEDICAL
Valid to 03/2027

DRIVING LICENCE
Yes, clean

SMOKER
Non-smoker

TATTOOS
None visible

AVAILABILITY
Principal, Captains Grid - available for advisory

LANGUAGES

English (native), Afrikaans (fluent)

TICKETS & CERTIFICATES

- Master 3000GT (MCA)
- ECDIS
- GMDSS GOC
- Advanced Sea Survival
- ISM/ISPS DPA trained

CAPT. CHRISTOFF SPIES

Captain - Master 3000GT

Fort Lauderdale, FL | 31 years in yachting

PROFILE

Founder of Captains Grid. Master 3000GT with three decades commanding private and charter yachts to 70m+ for principals whose names never appear in print, including royal households and Fortune-list families. Eleven Atlantic crossings, three major refits managed owner-side, and a standing rule: quiet boats, clean logs, no drama at the dock. He built this platform because the yacht world deserved one run from the bridge, not the showroom.

CAREER HISTORY

Captain - M/Y EVENING WATCH 2024 - Present

70m+ Motor Yachts

- Full command: safety management, ISM/ISPS compliance, budgets, flag and class liaison, owner reporting.
- Ran US East Coast, Bahamas seasons with zero lost-time incidents and clean charter compliance.

Captain - M/Y ANDIAMO III 2022 - 2024

55m Motor Yacht

- Ran US East Coast, Bahamas seasons with zero lost-time incidents and clean charter compliance.
- Managed crew of 6, yard periods, and refit delivery on schedule and on budget.

Chief Officer - M/Y GOLDEN HOUR 2020 - 2022

47m Motor Yacht

- Managed crew of 11, yard periods, and refit delivery on schedule and on budget.
- Full command: safety management, ISM/ISPS compliance, budgets, flag and class liaison, owner reporting.

Second Officer - M/Y ROYAL TERN 2017 - 2020

38m Sportfish Support

- Full command: safety management, ISM/ISPS compliance, budgets, flag and class liaison, owner reporting.
- Ran US East Coast, Bahamas seasons with zero lost-time incidents and clean charter compliance.

TRAINING & EDUCATION

Master 3000GT (MCA) - Warsash Maritime Academy, Southampton, 2017

ECDIS - Warsash Maritime Academy, Southampton, 2020

GMDSS GOC - Warsash Maritime Academy, Southampton, 2024

Advanced Sea Survival - MPT, Fort Lauderdale, 2023

ISM/ISPS DPA trained - MPT, Fort Lauderdale, 2023

REFERENCES

Owner, 55m M/Y (name on request)
Private owner, seven seasons - contact via Captains Grid relay

Fleet Director (name on request)
Family office, dual-boat program - contact via Captains Grid relay