

HAMILTON T. CLEMENS

CAPTAIN / MATE
Private Motor Yachts

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Available immediately

PERSONAL

U.S. Citizen
Based Palm Beach Inlet
Non-smoker
Eagle Scout
USCG Medical Certificate (STCW compliant), valid through April 2028

LICENSES

IYT Master of Yachts 200 Ton Limited
USCG Master 100 GT Near Coastal
STCW Basic Safety Training
STCW Advanced Firefighting
Radar Observer Unlimited
FCC MROP · TWIC
SDI Open Water Scuba Instructor
Deep, Wreck, Drysuit, Drift, Boat
CPR / First Aid / AED / O2 Instructor

SEA TIME

1,050+ documented days as captain (CG-719S)
Plus years aboard in other roles before taking command
South Florida and Gulf Stream
Bahamas: Nassau, Abacos, Exumas
Caribbean: TCI, DR, USVI
Pacific Northwest: Seattle to Vancouver, BC

EDUCATION

Accounting, Eastern Washington University
A.A., Spokane Community College

PROFILE

Captain or mate on a private family motor yacht. About three years in command (1,050+ documented days), plus years aboard in other roles before taking command. Delivery command, scuba and dive operations from the vessel, and the day-to-day of running a boat: systems, vendors, crew, guests, and the program budget. Comfortable as working captain on an owner boat or as mate under a more senior skipper. Brings 15 years owning a federal contracting business: budgets to $50 million, crews up to 200, and the yard, vendor, and paperwork side of yacht management.

MARITIME EXPERIENCE

Captain / Systems

M/V Dump Diver, 76 ft / approx. 50 GT. July 2025 – Present

- Florida to the Dominican Republic delivery, 869 nm, five ports, two Turks & Caicos customs clearances. Route, weather, fuel, and keeping the boat running.
- Ongoing command after the delivery: systems, repairs, vendors, and keeping the boat ready. Mechanical and electrical work underway and at the dock.

Independent / Relief Captain, Passenger Dive Boats

13-15 m, 20-30 GT. 2023 to present

Republic Four, Republic Seven, Freedom, Sunny Sunday, Little Deeper, Miss Jackie

- Independent and relief captain on single- and twin-screw flybridge and express dive boats out of Palm Beach Inlet. Ran each trip start to finish: go/no-go, crew, paying guests, dive operations, engines, hotel systems, dock. Zero incidents.
- Owner-family days and passenger trips. Briefings, provisioning, and in-water supervision as SDI instructor.
- Guest fishing trips on center consoles and sport-fish boats in South Florida and the Bahamas.

Other command, Seattle to Vancouver, BC

60 ft Sea Ray Express cruiser. 2001–2004. Puget Sound trips through the Ballard Locks and the San Juan Islands, with U.S. to Canada border crossings into Vancouver, BC.

SEAMANSHIP & SYSTEMS

- Docking, mooring, anchoring. Palm Beach Inlet and the Gulf Stream. PWC, SUP, slides.
- Garmin and Simrad plotter, radar, AIS, autopilot. Watchstanding. Customs clearances.
- Crew, owner and guest service, provisioning, yard and vendor control.
- SDI instructor. Dive operations from the vessel, briefing and in-water supervision.
- Mechanical and electrical troubleshooting underway and at the dock. Generators, watermakers, AC, refrigeration, MSD/VacuFlush, batteries and inverters, Racors.
- Diesel inboard (Cummins, Caterpillar; ZF, Twin Disc). Gas inboard. Teak and exterior.

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND: YACHT MANAGEMENT SKILLS

Owner, federal DoD contractor

MRO and facilities construction. 15 years.

- **Budgets and accounting.** Budgets and cost-loaded critical path schedules to $50 million; company accounting. On board: the operating budget, monthly owner accounts, receipts that reconcile.
- **Personnel.** Hired and managed subcontractors and employees, up to 200, with 20 direct employees on staff. On board: crew hiring, rotation, training.
- **Projects.** Managed 45+ complex projects a year, start to finish. On board: refits and yard periods scoped, scheduled, held to budget.
- **Vendors and contracts.** Negotiated contracts with USACE, GSA, and Bureau of Indian Affairs; coordinated 100+ subcontractors and suppliers a year. On board: yards, techs, provisioning, dockage, fair pricing for the owner.
- **Reporting and records.** Kept the contract, safety, and cost records federal work requires. On board: owner reporting, maintenance logs, vessel paperwork in order.

REFERENCES

Wim Defour, Owner, M/V Dump Diver
Tony Brazelle, Owner, D/V Sunny Sunday
Jennifer Coburn, Stew/Deck, longtime crew colleague
Contact details available on request