

# JOHN PARSONS

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## Education

1977 Higher School Certificate  
Caulfield Grammar School Melbourne  
1981 Bachelor of Science (Chemistry)  
Monash University Melbourne

## Languages

English (Native Language)  
German  
French  
Spanish

## Qualifications and Certificates

RYA First Aid (2012)  
RYA Yachtmaster Offshore  
RYA SRC Radio Operators licence  
RYA Professional Practices and Responsibilities (2012)  
GMDSS General Operators Certificate  
Yachting Australia Offshore Yachtmaster Instructor  
IYT Bareboat Skipper Instructor  
USL Open Coxswain\*  
USL Master Class V Restricted. Smooth & Partially Smooth waters Whitsunday\*  
USL Marine Engine Driver Grade III\*  
Restricted Radio Operators Licence.  
STCW A-VI/1-1 Personal Survival Techniques  
STCW A-VI/1-2 Fire Prevention and Fire fighting  
STCW A-VI/1-3 Elementary First Aid  
STCW A-VI/1-4 Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities  
Occupational Health and Safety at Sea.  
St John Ambulance Australia. Emergency First Aid level 2 & Senior First Aid.  
PADI Divemaster  
Swiss Snowsports Instructor with Federal Certificate of VET (highest qualification)  
Australian College of Journalism Diploma.  
Current Australian and Swiss drivers license Light Rigid and Motorcycle.

\*USL-Universal Shipping Laws is an Australian commercial qualification.

## MARITIME EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Sailing experience recreational, commercial and as an Instructor. From day cruises to blue water passages, further experience in maintenance and managerial roles.

### Europe

**since-2014 May-October.**

Owner/operator/instructor at Ocean Wind. Providing IYT sail training and holiday charters aboard our own vessel.

**2013 May-October.**

Skipper aboard the sailing vessel Blue Leopard. A 34 metre Ketch sailing from Imperia in Italy to Largs, Scotland. West and south coasts of Ireland. Cote d'Azur and to Malta for wintering.

**2009-12 May-October.**

Sailing Instructor for the Segelschule Thunersee in Switzerland. Sailing courses on the lake, preparation courses for the Swiss Sailing Licence. Skipper for outings on the lake for Team building events and Company outings.

**2011-12 May and October**

Sailing instructor for Yacht Training 2000 running courses in the Croatian Adriatic.

**2010 October**

Started Yacht Training 2000 in partnership with the Austrian Charter Company Yachting

**2010 May**

Vessel delivery skipper, 15mt motor vessel from Bodrum, Turkey to Zadar Croatia 2000, ran IYT Bareboat Skipper course.

**2008 May-September.**

Skipper and base operations. Yachting 2000. Marina Mandalina, Šibenik, Croatia.

Maintenance and preparation of sailing vessels for bareboat charter. Customer check in and briefing. Skipper for charter, as well as boat deliveries between marinas.

**2007 May-September.**

Skipper and base operations. Yachting 2000. Marina Kaštela, Split, Croatia. Maintenance and preparation of vessels (both power and sail) for bareboat charter. Customer check in and briefing. Skipper (both power and sail) for charter, as well as boat deliveries between marinas.

### Australia

**2005-6 July-October.**

Master of SV. Whitehaven, a 17.5 metre ketch. Conducting 2 day, 2night cruises of the Whitsunday islands. Duties: master, maintenance, snorkelling lookout and information, Interpretive national park bush walks on the islands.

**2005-6 July-October.**

Master and Sailing Instructor on Double-0-Seven, a 38ft sloop out of Airlie Beach. Teaching Yachting Australia courses for the Whitsunday Marine Academy.

**2004 October-November.**

Master of "Powerplay", a 12 metre powercat engaged in two day tours of the Whitsunday islands. Snorkelling and diving.

**2004 June-September.**

Deckhand on the 19 metre traditional gaff rigged ketch "Alexander Stewart" sailing the Whitsunday Island out of Airlie Beach. Three day tours of the islands. Duties include all

deck duty work, watch keeping, maintenance, snorkelling lookout and information, Interpretive national park bush walks on the islands.

**2003 June-November.**

Deckhand on the 19 metre traditional gaff rigged ketch "Alexander Stewart" sailing the Whitsunday Island out of Airlie Beach. Three day tours of the islands. Duties include all deck duty work, watch keeping, maintenance, snorkelling lookout and information, Interpretive national park bush walks on the islands.

**2001 August.**

Recreational(unpaid) sailing trip from Airlie Beach in Queensland to Darwin in the Northern Territory. 32 ft yacht, "Scalpay of Rhu". Crew member (of two), full watch keeping and navigation duties.

**1996 June-November.**

First mate on the sailing vessel "Interlude". 74 ft Deerfoot sloop. Duties included: Maintenance, deck and watch duties; Passage from Hamilton Island, QLD Australia-Darwin-Indonesia-Cocos Islands-Mauritius-Cape Town South Africa.

**1994 June-October.**

General deck hand on Sailaway III. Sailing from Port Douglas to the Low Isles daily with tourists. As well as on board duties, conducted guided snorkelling tour and glass bottom boat viewing trips on the surrounding reef.

## **OTHER EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

### **Snow skiing**

Years of passionate skiing both as a recreational skier and ski professional. Ski lift operation, sales and service and instruction. Teaching all levels, from "never seen snow" to expert wanting to brush up his powder technique or get through the bumps easier. Teaching in four languages on three continents. Ten years active competition in Demonstration skiing.

- 1978** Ski lift Operator Mt Hutt, New Zealand
- 1981** Member of Monash University Ski Racing Team.
- 1983-84** Ski Lift Operator for a small Ski Field. Fideris, Switzerland
- 1985-86** Ski rental, sales and service. Hartmann Sports Klosters, Switzerland
- 1988-89** Ski Instructor Ski School Mt Hotham, Australia.
- 1989** Ski Instructor Ecole de Ski Francaise Belle Plagne, France
- 1990** Ski Instructor Schweizer Skischule Beatenberg, Switzerland
- 1990** Ski Instructor Escuela de Esqui Valle Nevado, Chile
- 1991** Ski Instructor Escuela de Esqui Villarrica Pucon, Chile
- 1992** Ski Instructor Ski School Falls Creek, Australia.
- 1993** Ski Instructor Escuela de Esqui La Parva, Chile
- 1995** Ski Instructor Escuela de Esqui Villarrica Pucon, Chile
- since 1991** Ski Instructor Schweizer Ski-und Snowboardschule Wengen, Switzerland.

### **Scuba diving**

Experience in all facets of dive instruction. One day trips with a full introductory dive program. Pool discover SCUBA. All types of courses, theory pool and ocean from Open Water to Divemaster. Extended trip vessels.

**2000 May-November.**

Instructor for Oceania Dive, Airlie Beach, Australia. Teaching Open Water Courses on a five day basis, Advanced Open Water and Divemaster courses.

**1999 July-November.**

Instructor for Deep Sea Divers Den, Cairns, Australia. Teaching Open Water Courses on a five day basis, Advanced Open Water and Divemaster courses.

**1998 July-November.**

Instructor for Quicksilver Diving Services, Port Douglas, Australia. Conducting Open Water Courses and Discover SCUBA Diving (Introductory) programs; Divemaster/guide for certified divers; promotional swimming pool programs.

**1997 September-November.**

Divemaster-Instructor for Pro Dive in Cairns, Australia. General Deck duties on the boat. Function as the Divemaster, organising dives, site briefings, logging, and equipment maintenance. Dive Instructor for Advanced courses and additional Instructor on Open Water courses.

**1997 July-August.**

Divemaster aboard the vessel "Passions Of Paradise" out of Cairns, Australia. Duties included: setting up of dive gear; briefing and guiding certified divers; briefing for introductory dives; assistant to instructor on introductory scuba dives; general deck and watch duties; maintenance.

**Science**

As Bachelor of Science in Chemistry

**1986-1988**

Bunge Australia. Melbourne. Downstream processing of a recombinant DNA protein product. Recovery of product from bacterial inclusion bodies, purification biological reactivating and testing.

**1982**

Analabs Kalgoorlie. Mineral analysis for mining and prospecting using Fire Assay(gold), wet chemical and chromatography methods.

**And**

- Widely travelled in Australia, Europe, South America and South East Asia
- Published articles in Australian Skiing magazines.
- Enthusiastic photographer with photoshop skills.
- Computer skills including basic web design.

## REFERENCES

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