

JAYDON VAN GEND

ADVANCED YACHTMASTER COASTAL | WILDLIFE | TOURISM



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PERSONAL DETAILS

Nationality: South African

Gender: Male

Date of Birth: 9 February 2006

LANGUAGES

- Afrikaans ●●●●●
- English ●●●●●

QUALIFICATIONS/ EDUCATION

- Grade 12
- NQF 4
- NQF 5
- Advanced Yachtmaster Coastal



PERSONAL PROFILE

Advanced Yachtmaster with strong maritime competence, sound navigational judgement, and proven ability to operate safely and confidently in dynamic coastal environments. Passionate about wildlife, tourism and nature-based experiences, with a natural adaptability that enables success in fast-paced and diverse operational settings.

Highly motivated and multi-skilled, offering strengths in communication, teamwork and problem-solving. RYA/MCA Yachtmaster Coastal Skipper, fully certified to skipper vessels up to 24m and 200GT within 20 miles of a safe haven, supported by comprehensive RYA and STCW qualifications. Brings strong practical seamanship, professional work ethic, and globally recognised training within the superyacht industry, with the capability to add immediate value across deck operations and progress toward senior officer roles, including MCA Chief Mate (Yachts <3000GT).



KEY CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAINING

- RYA/MCA Yachtmaster Coastal (Theory & Practical) – Commercially Endorsed.
- STCW 2010 Basic Training & Proficiency in Designated Security Duties (PDSD).
- RYA Powerboat Level 2 & Personal Watercraft (PWC).
- RYA Day Skipper (Theory & Practical) & Competent Crew.
- Superyacht Deckhand Course & Superyacht Tender Operator.
- RYA VHF Radio, Diesel Engine & Radar.
- RYA Professional Practices & Responsibilities (PPR).
- Offshore Mileage Builder – Practical Sea Experience.



KEY SKILLS

- Certified tender operator (PB2, PWC) with strong vessel and navigation knowledge.
- High safety awareness (STCW, PDSD).
- Project, event, team and conflict management.
- Budgeting and cost analysis.
- Hospitality skills (barman).
- Media and creative skills (social media advertising, TV production exposure, photography).
- Motivated, safety-focused deck crew, fully job-ready and committed to long-term industry growth.

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HOBBIES

- Fishing
- Water sport
- Hunting
- Golf
- Off-road bike riding
- Interest in History

COMPUTER LITERACY

- MS Windows
- MS Word
- MS Excel
- MS PowerPoint
- Internet Explorer
- Gmail
- Outlook
- Zoom
- Microsoft Teams

REFERENCES

References available on request.



NQ4 TOURISM (TOURIST GUIDING)

- Conduct and manage guided tourism experiences across cultural, natural, biome and wildlife environments.
- Deliver professional customer care and manage group dynamics.
- Apply interpretation techniques to enhance visitor experiences.
- Ensure compliance with national and international tourism legislation, ethics and professional standards.
- Implement safety, risk management and emergency response procedures.
- Plan and apply minimum environmental impact practices.
- Research, design and present guided experiences at prominent tourism sites.
- Maintain accurate administrative and operational records.
- Communicate effectively across diverse audiences using oral, written and presentation skills.
- Apply basic financial, statistical and problem-solving skills within tourism operations.



NQ5 ANIMAL NUTRITION AND HEALTH

TRAINING: NQF 5 ANIMAL NUTRITION AND HEALTH

Optimize Water Quality

SAQA US ID: 116369

Evaluate Animal Health Systems

SAQA US ID: 116393

Analyze Animals

SAQA US ID: 116399

Investigate Life-Threatening Hazards When Handling Animals

SAQA US ID: 116381

The practical training at **Toerbroers Rhino Campus** in partnership with the Rhino Connect Veterinarian Program:

- Orientation, rehabilitation and feeding of rhinos.
- K9 handling and care.
- Blue Monkey Safety Centre care.
- Maintenance of bomas and camps.
- Practical knowledge - client and patient relationship at the Elephant Centre.
- Anti-Poaching Introduction Day.
- Wildlife management, fieldwork with veterinarian.