

B E N J A M I N E R I K S E N C A R E Y

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Qualifications

National: Master 200 NC; 500 NC Mate, Mate of Towing; AB-Special, Lifeboatman

STCW: BST, PSC, VPDS, Adv. Firefighting, RFPNW, Leadership & Managerial

Other: Radar Observer-Unlimited; Wilderness First Responder; Marine Radio Operator

Education: Bachelor of Arts, Human Ecology, Connecticut College, 1994

Commercial Maritime Experience 30+ years

Captain/Owner, MORSE ALPHA, LLC

2014 – Present / Rockland, ME

Owner/Operator of sailing-training program aboard 45' sailing vessel. Hands-on, coastal and offshore passages with curriculum focusing on safety, traditional navigation, seamanship, systems, leadership and communication. Maintain all systems, rigging, painting, etc.

Assist Boat Operator, T. PARKER HOST, Inc.

June 2018 – May 2020 / Baltimore, MD

Operator of 26', 750hp assist tug, Ms Debbie. Work with captain of primary tug to ensure safe and reliable docking for fleet of 5 dry bulk barges. Report and assist with any mechanical deficiencies aboard assist tug and barges. Handle lines on barge/tug/assist boat/dock as required. Responsible for cleaning and preservation of assist tug.

AB Deckhand/Asst. Engineer, T. PARKER HOST, Inc.

November 2017 – June 2018 / Baltimore, MD

88' Ms. Janet (198GT / 3,000hp). Operate, monitor and assist with maintenance and repair in main engines, generators, and other machinery aboard primary tug, 5 dry bulk barges and 2 assist tugs. Line handling and tow winch operation.

AB Deckhand, BOUCHARD TRANSPORTATION CO. Inc.

August 2017 – November 2017 / Melville, NY

ATB Linda Lee Bouchard paired with the 120k BBL asphalt barge between Maryland and Louisiana. Stand navigation watch, assist docking and anchoring.

Deckhand/Engineer, WESTAR MARINE SERVICES

Cross Link, Inc
December 2016 – June 2017 / San Francisco, CA

Worked aboard a variety of tugboats and supply boats between 60-100' engaged in stores, construction, aggregate, bunkering, and assist work. Line handling, cargo rigging, splicing and forklift work. Responsible for daily engine room duties. Operator in training.

Deckhand, ISLAND TRANSPORTER, LLC

Rockland Marine

2014 & 2016 / Rockland, ME

Assist in maneuvering, docking 65' & 95' landing crafts. Secure and direct trucks and heavy equipment on and off vessel. Daily engineering, maintenance and cleaning. Operator in training.

Captain, HURRICANE ISLAND OUTWARD BOUND

2016 / Camden, ME

Expedition Leader of rigorous, character developing wilderness sailing expeditions for adolescents aboard 30' open rowing \ vessels along the coast of Maine.

Captain, SCHOONER SURPRISE

2014 – 2016 / Camden, ME

50' gaff-rigged schooner. 2 hour day sail charters in busy summer tourist town.

Captain, LIVELY LADY

Camden Harbor Cruises

June – July 2014 / Camden, ME

40' lobster boat style ferry, running 1 hour lighthouse and lobster trap hauling tours out of busy summer tourist town.

Mate, LEWIS R. FRENCH

2012 – 2015 Summer / Camden, ME

65' gaff-rigged schooner operating windjammer cruises in Maine. Responsible for setting/striking/trimming sails, anchor windlass, running small boats. Traditional seamanship, splicing rigging, sanding, painting. Maintain professional demeanor, lead passengers in safety instruction & sailing maneuvers.

Mate, RV AMERICAN PROMISE

Summer 2013, 2014 / Portland, ME

60' Research sailboat operated between Mass. and Maine. Led navigational watch, ran sampling equipment, maneuver vessel onto dock and anchor.

Mate, MARY DAY

Summer 2012 / Camden, ME

105' gaff schooner operating windjammer cruises in Maine. Traditional seamanship skills, constant customer interaction.

Operator, MV PATROL

Summer 2007 / Vineyard Haven, MA

34' launch/lobster boat, operated by Gannon & Benjamin.

Mate, MV REDHEAD

2002 – 2004 / Sag Harbor, NY

Full time mate aboard Billy Joel's 65' motor yacht. Maintained vessel to high standards of cleanliness and readiness. Line handling, operating cargo crane, standing navigational watch, steering, docking, maintenance. Provided hospitality when guests were aboard.

Captain/Expedition Leader Chewonki Foundation

Summer 1999 / Wiscasset ME

Led wilderness enrichment programs for teens along the rugged coast of Maine in 30' open, engine less, sailing vessels. Demonstrated ability to lead and motivate students to not only endure, but enjoy the challenges of wilderness living.

2nd Mate, BOWDOIN

Maine Maritime Academy 1998 / Castine, ME

Weekly sail training expeditions aboard MMA 's 88' training schooner. Followed standing orders, taught navigation, seamanship, traditional sailing techniques. Rigging and maintenance.

2nd Mate & Engineer, SPIRIT OF MASSACHUSETTS

1997 / Caribbean – Maine

Officer aboard 125' schooner during college level sail training program. Taught sailing, seamanship. and engineering.

Mate, J&E RIGGIN

Summer 1996 / Rockland, ME

98' gaff schooner operating windjammer cruises in Maine. Traditional seamanship skills, constant customer interaction.

Deckhand, OCEAN STAR

Winter 1996 / Key West, FL

Offshore and celestial navigation training curriculum. Owned & operated by Ocean Navigator Magazine.

AB Deckhand, Tall Ship H.M.S. ROSE

1995 – 1996 / Newfoundland – Virginia

Sail training program aboard 180' 3 masted tall ship. Steering, leading deckhands during sail evolutions. Studied under engineer to learn and perform systems and engine maintenance. Taught seamanship. Marlinspike seamanship, rigging, engine rebuild.

Deckhand, ROSEWAY

Autumn 1994 / Maine – Bermuda

Ownership & Education

Captain/Owner, SV Elizabeth 2009-2012

Sailed 28' cutter between Bahamas and Newfoundland. Liveaboard in Long Island and Martha's Vineyard.

Captain/Owner SV Chamois 2006-2009

27' sloop, sailed and liveaboard between Chesapeake Bay and Maine. Winter liveaboard in Long Island NY and Martha's Vineyard, MA.

Student, NOLS Sailing Educator Course

Spring 1998 / Baja Mexico

3 wk. course in open boat sailing, wilderness expedition leadership.

Student, SSV WESTWARD (Sea Education Association)

1994 / Caribbean Sea-Florida

College study abroad program aboard 125' schooner. Seamanship and navigation training.

Yacht Deliveries

Skipper, SV SCUPPERS SONG (36' Morgan) NY–ME

Skipper, SV AINHARA (48' Custom Aluminum) ME–VA

Skipper, SV ADAGIO (49' Jeanneau) VA–FL

Skipper, SV ADAMANTINE (36' Rustler) RI–MD

Skipper, SV AVIVA (42' Beneteau) FL–RI

Skipper, SV LAST MANGO (35' Caliber) NC–MD

Skipper, SV CHAMOIS (27' Nor'sea) MD–ME

Crew, SV KINSHIP (43' Saga) BVI–BDA

Crew, SV BIGBIRD (42' Moody) MA–SXM

Crew, SV MIDNIGHT STROLLER (53') GIB–PUERTO RICO

Skipper, SV ELIZABETH (28') BAHAMAS–CANADA

Skipper, SV ROCINANTE (45') PANAMA–ME

Publications & Speaking Engagements

2024–2025 American Sailing: Online Classes - VHF, Radar, Rules of the Road, Coastal Seamanship, etc.

2018–2025 Cruisers University: Variety of sailing and cruising related in person classes, Annapolis MD

2020–2025 Toronto Boat Show: In person and online Seminar Series

2020 Seattle Boat Show: Navigation & Seamanship Seminar Presentations

2019 Fawcetts Marine Winter Seminar Series: One Simple Question

2016 Chicago Boatshow Seminars: Docking 101, Rules of the Road, Couples Cruising

2013 Annapolis Boat Show Seminars: Couples Cruising, An Egalitarian Approach

2013 Rigging Simplicity, SAIL Magazine

2013 Lessons of a Nighttime Landfall, Blue Water Sailing Magazine

2012 Featured Speaker: Maritime Gloucester, Mystic Seaport Adventure Series, Sail Havasu Pocket Cruisers

2011 The Payoff, Windcheck Magazine