

# ERIC SAINT PLANCAT

**Master Mariner | Yacht Captain | Ice Pilot | Marine Consultant**

## Personal Details & Contact

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## Qualifications & Profile

### **Commercial Class 1 Master Unlimited (RII/2)**

*Endorsed by Canada, Bahamas, Bermuda, Cayman Islands & UK*

*Advanced Training for Ships Operating in Polar Waters – Passenger Ships Qualifications  
Dynamic Positioning Operator (DPO) – Helicopter Landing Officer (HLO)*

### **Commercial Chief Engineer Unlimited (RIII/2) – full course completed**

*An exceptional maritime career shared between commercial shipping & luxury yachting, with over 25 years of experience as Captain/Master on vessels as diverse as polar expedition cruise ships, luxury yachts, classic schooners & square riggers, research & assistance vessels and cargo carriers.*

*Outstanding seamanship and leadership, complemented by engineering expertise and project management experience. Ability to command vessels of any types and sizes and to manage efficiently any maritime project.*

## Professional Experience

### **2017 – 2025 : CAPTAIN / MASTER ON PASSENGER SHIPS**



#### **ISABELLE X – Length: 171m / 561ft – GRT: 35.154**

Canadian flagged Accommodation Vessel

Crew: 80 | Guests: 650



#### **EXPLORIS ONE – Length: 108m / 354ft – GRT: 6.158**

Expedition Cruise Ship / Worldwide & Polar Regions (Arctic & Antarctic)

Crew: 110 | Guests: 144



#### **RENAISSANCE – Length: 220m / 720ft – GRT: 55.575**

Cruise Ship / Cruises in Europe

Crew: 560 | Guests: 1.100



#### **SILVER CLOUD – Length: 157m / 515ft – GRT: 17.014**

Expedition Cruise Ship / Worldwide & Polar Regions (Arctic & Antarctic)

Crew: 230 | Guests: 240



#### **SILVER EXPLORER – Length: 108m / 354ft – GRT: 6.158**

Expedition Cruise Ship / Worldwide & Polar Regions (Arctic & Antarctic)

Crew: 125 | Guests: 144





**LE SOLEAL – Length: 142m / 466ft - GRT: 10.992**  
Expedition Cruise Ship / Worldwide & Polar Regions (Arctic & Antarctic)  
Crew: 155 | Guests: 264

## 1999 – 2016 : CAPTAIN / MASTER ON LUXURY YACHTS



**PANTHALASSA – Length: 56m / 184ft**  
Private & Charter – Mediterranean & Caribbean (2013 – 2016)  
Crew: 10 | Guests: 12



**TIARA – Length: 54m / 178ft**  
Private & Charter – Worldwide (2005 – 2012)  
Crew: 10 | Guests: 12



**MONDANGO – Length: 51m / 170ft**  
Private cruises in the Caribbean (2009)  
Crew: 9 | Guests: 10



**BELEM – Length: 58m / 190ft**  
Tall Ship / Three-masted Bark (1896) – Classified as a Historical Monument of France.  
Master (2003 – 2005) | Chief Officer (1998 – 2002)  
Crew: 18 | Guests: 48



**DOUCE FRANCE – Length: 42m / 138ft**  
The largest sailing catamaran of her time.  
Charter in the Mediterranean & Caribbean (1999 – 2002)  
Crew: 8 | Guests: 12



**RECOUVRANCE – Length: 42m / 138ft**  
Classic gaff-rigged topsail schooner  
Navigation around Brittany (1999)  
Crew: 5 | Guests: 12

## 2003 – 2005 | 2012 – 2013 : CAPTAIN / MASTER ON COMMERCIAL VESSELS



**MN TOUCAN & MN COLIBRI – Length: 115m / 377ft – GRT: 9.125**  
Transport of the Ariane satellite launcher between Northern Europe & French Guyana.  
Crew: 17



**MN ECLIPSE – Length: 146m / 479ft – GRT: 10.142**  
Transport of general cargo & military equipment between Europe & Africa  
Crew: 21





**DUPUY DE LOME – Length: 102m / 335ft**

Hi-tech specialized research vessel (New build – Sea trials & Commissioning)  
Crew: 36

**1991 – 2002 : OTHER MARITIME EXPERIENCE**



**AQUITAINE EXPLORER – Length: 63m / 207ft – GRT: 1.189**

Research & Assistance vessel ; Dynamic Positioning System (DP II) | ROV Operations  
**Chief Officer | DP Operator | Second Engineer (2002)**  
Crew: 17

- ❖ **Chief Officer** on General Cargo Ships for **Company Maritime Nantaise** (1996 – 2002)
- ❖ **Second Officer & Third Engineer** on Liquid Sulfur Tanker **BEARN** (1995 – 1996)
- ❖ **Chief Officer & Engineer** on 42m/138ft Three-masted Schooner **FRIDAY STAR** (1994 – 1995)
- ❖ **Skipper/Yachtmaster** on various classic & modern sailing yachts (1991 – 1995)
- ❖ **Yachtmaster** certificate & first skipper role obtained at the age of **19** (1992)

**PROJECT MANAGER / MARINE CONSULTANT**



**SAIDIA – Length: 70m / 230ft (Private Sailing Catamaran Project)**

Position: Marine Consultant (2000 – 2005)  
Consultant during the design phase of a 70m private luxury sailing catamaran – Drawings review, technical specifications, provisional manning management (25 crew)

**RELIEF CAPTAIN**



**JEMASA – Length: 50m / 164ft**

Private Motor-Yacht (ex-Australian navy hydrographic vessel)  
2024 – Private Operations in New Zealand ; Delivery from New Zealand to Australia  
Crew: 11 | Guests: 12



**WALLY B – Length: 33m / 107ft**

Private Sailing Yacht  
2012 – Private cruises in the Mediterranean  
Crew: 5 | Guests: 6

**PERSONAL SAILING ODYSSEY (2005–2015, while working on rotation):**



**MARITEA – 17m / 56ft ketch**

10 years of travelling with my family (2005 – 2015)  
From Europe to New Zealand – Over 25.000 nautical miles

Family live-aboard in New Zealand (2015 – 2019)  
Extensive refit management (2019 – 2022)

Since 2023: Cruising New Zealand & the South Pacific