

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 under the **Polar Code** & the **IGF Code***

Passenger Ships Certifications – 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 – 2026 : 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: 52m / 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, previsual 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