

Captain Justin Garraux

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Professional Summary

USCG 50-Ton Master Captain (OUPV & Sailing Endorsement) and ASA Certified Instructor (101, 103, 104, 114) with over 5 years of professional charter and instructional experience. Expertise in multi-day bareboat-style operations across the Caribbean (BVI, Bahamas) and primarily the Florida Keys, skippering over 50 different catamaran models. Proven success in advanced coastal navigation, safety management, complex vessel systems troubleshooting, and delivering premium client experiences on long-duration expeditions. Currently upgrading to 100-Ton Master License.

Credentials

- 50 Ton Master Captain's License (upgrading to 100 Ton)
- ASA Certified Instructor (101, 103, 104, 114)
- Sailing Endorsement
- CPR and First Aid certified
- Emergency Oxygen Provider (DAN) certified

Charter Experience

- Hundreds of bareboat sailing charters from the Florida Keys, to the BVI and Bahamas
- Skipper of USCG coast guard inspected vessels holding up to 100 people
- Sailboat and power yacht deliveries to various points around the U.S. and Bahamas
- Skippered at least 50 different catamaran models
- Operated on multiple party boats and parasail boats earlier in my career

Work

Sail Away Key West Charters / ASA School

Captain

August 2021 - Present

- Operated a fleet of various sailing catamarans
- Conducted day and multi-day charters (often Dry Tortugas)
- Instructed week long ASA sailing courses (101, 103, 104, 114)

Palmetto Breeze, Charleston

Captain

March 2025 - Present

- a USCG-inspected 55-foot, 100-passenger sailing catamaran
- 2 hour sails around the Charleston Harbor
- Top named captain across 5 star reviews on Google

Blue Ocean Yacht Charters, Key West

Captain

November 2022 - Present

- Operated a fleet of various sailing catamarans
- Conducted overnight and sunset charters
- Led multiple day-long trips around the Florida Keys

Om Sailing Charters, Charleston

Relief Captain

May 2024 - Present

- Relief Captain for the Leopard 4300 when the owner or residential Captain are too busy
- 2.5 - 5 hour charters around the Charleston harbor, often anchoring at Ft Sumpter or Drum island
- Bareboat style based out of Patriots Point

Lagerhead Party Boats, Key West

Operations Manager / Mate / Captain

March 2021 - August 2022

- Managed a 35 ft cycle pontoon boat for 2-hour charters
- Oversaw private bachelor and bachelorette trips and public sunset trips
- Supervised 8 employees and managed customer relations, bookings, social media, and vessel maintenance

Sunset Watersports Parasailing

Mate / Photographer

January 2020 - March 2021

- Mated on a 35 ft parasailing vessel
- Provided high-quality photo packages to guests

Aqua Safaris, Charleston

Mate / Bartender

October 2018 - 2019

- Mated on a 50 ft party catamaran (Palmetto Breeze) for 2-hour trips and sunset cruises
- Mated a 60 ft monohull (Serena) for private sails around Charleston

Cru Catering, Charleston

Server / Bartender

October 2015 - December 2019

Education

College of Charleston, Charleston

Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Systems

August 2012 - May 2017

- GPA: 3.5, Major GPA: 3.7
- Developed managerial and programming skills

About me

I have lived on a 31 ft sailboat, the Condor, since 2017. After purchasing the boat in Charleston, SC, I regularly sailed the harbor and surrounding islands, which inspired me to enter the maritime industry. I have sailed up and down the East Coast multiple times and have been based in Key West since early 2020 to late 2024. Currently, My wife and I are between boats (upgrading to a bigger one) and located in Charleston SC. When I'm not captaining bareboat charters in the Keys, Bahamas, or BVIs, or Charleston I captain the Palmetto Breeze, a 50 ft sailing cat around the Charleston Harbor.