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"The sea, once it casts its spell, holds one in its net of wonder forever".

Jacques Cousteau

Fellow Maritime Professionals,

I hope this message finds you well. I'm reaching out to let you know I'm actively seeking a full-time Captain position and would greatly appreciate any leads, introductions, or opportunities you may be aware of.

I have 25 years of experience in the maritime industry, most recently as Captain of a 54' Viking, the "Miss Ella Maye". I take pride in prioritizing owner satisfaction and maintaining vessels to the highest standards, and have always worked well with my crew and surrounding partners.

I'm particularly interested in full-time opportunities with a primary base in the Treasure Coast area where I can contribute long-term stability and expertise to an owner or program. If you come across any suitable positions (current or upcoming) or have owners in your network looking for a dedicated Captain, I'd be grateful for the opportunity to discuss further details. It's a pleasure staying connected in this tight-knit industry and I'm always available for a call or coffee anytime, please don't hesitate to reach out.

To adventures ahead,

Capt. Shayne



VERSATILE CAPTAIN THAT PROVIDES A POSITIVE WORK ENVIRONMENT WITH A KEEN EYE FOR DETAIL



Crew Management / Team Building
Trip & Itinerary Planning / Provisioning
Intermediate Mechanical / Engineering
General Yard Period / Maintenance
Offshore Fishing / Spearfishing
Scuba Diving / Free-diving

PREVIOUS LEADERSHIP

TPWD Boater & Angler Instructor
President / Houston Safe Boating Council
Program Director / Camp W.A.D.E.

HOBBIES

Fishing, Diving, Spearfishing
Published Photographer
Cooking- Championship BBQ Pitmaster
Woodworking

REFERENCES

Royalties- Dr. Terry Driggers | 979-236-9044
Bali Hai- John Nau | 210-842-7147
Simplicity- Capt. Kevin Kates | 772-214-9448
Capt. Kerry Fritz | 979-922-4571
Capt. Jordan McIntyre | 979-308-6121

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USCG 200 MASTER NC | PADI INSTRUCTOR

US PASSPORT | NON-SMOKER | NO DRAMA | READY TO TRAVEL

EMERGENCY LIFESAVER MARINE COURSE

NSBC CLOSE QUARTER MANEUVERING

54' Viking - MISS ELLA MAYE

Captain | 2025 | Gulf of America

- Offshore fishing, prepped boat to sell, delivered to Florida

97' Maiora - SIMPLICITY

Captain | 2023- 2024 | Florida / Bahamas charters & cruising

- Nassau based charter vessel, primarily day charters with occasional term charter

64' Hatteras - BALI HAI

Captain | 2021-2023 | Florida / Bahamas / Dominican Republic

- Oversaw all aspects of the operation including fishing, scuba diving, and spearfishing

82' Hatteras - LADY ZELDA

Captain/Mate | 2019- 2021 | Gulf of Mexico / Bahamas / Cuba / Mexico

- 1 year as Master of a 4-boat international travel program
- Fishing and diving throughout the Bahamas, Mexico, Cuba
- Small vessels include 39' Invincible, 31' Bertram, 17' Maverick

45' Cabo - ROYALTIES

Captain | 2012-2020 | Gulf of Mexico

- Oversaw all aspects of the operation including fishing, scuba diving, and spearfishing

52' Viking - BOOBY TRAP

Mate | 2009-2012 | Gulf of Mexico

- Boat maintenance & Fishing
- 15,000-acre ranch foreman during offseason

FREELANCE

132' Trident - PACKAGE DEAL

Mate | 2023 | Florida / Bahamas

Assist with daily duties and maintenance

111' Broward - MARGATE

Mate | 2023 | Bahamas

Assist with day charters and maintenance

72' Viking - WHIRLWIND

Mate | 2023 | Dominican Republic

32' Twin Vee - SPEARCAT

Captain / Guide | 2017-2019 | Gulf of Mexico

Fishing charters, dolphin & bird watching excursions

36' Yellowtail - PRIMA DONNA

Captain | 2018 | Gulf of Mexico

Offshore fishing charters.

72' Tribute - DONAKEN

Mate / Angler / Cook | 2016-2018 | Gulf of Mexico

Fishing tournaments / recreational trips / maintenance

42' Custom Eagle Express - SPOOLED UP

Captain | 2014-2016 | Gulf of Mexico

Offshore fishing charters

65' ACY - FREEDOM

Mate | 2014 | Bahamas / Gulf of Mexico

8-week yard period & summer fishing

60' REEFMAN - TOM HILTON

Mate | 2009-2010 | Gulf of Mexico

Daily boat duties & deploy offshore artificial reefs

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Bio

Capt. Shayne Ellis is a dedicated, USCG-licensed Captain with over 25 years of professional experience operating private yachts and sportfishing boats. Known for his unwavering loyalty to vessel owners, meticulous vessel maintenance, and ability to deliver safe, memorable adventures on the water, he brings a unique blend of maritime expertise, leadership, and a lifelong passion for the sea.

Raised on the Gulf Coast of Texas, Capt. Shayne's early love for the outdoors included hunting, fishing, and motorcycles, leading him to open a motorcycle sales/repair business that evolved into a successful professional racing career, resulting in a national championship. He later transitioned to the maritime world, earning multiple PADI scuba instructor specialties and a Resort Operations Specialist certification through Pro Dive International.

Returning to Texas in 1999, he purchased his first vessel and continued his formal maritime training, obtaining a USCG Captain's license. While supporting family in the transportation business, he became deeply involved in boating safety and education. As a volunteer instructor for Texas Parks and Wildlife, he contributed significantly to the award-winning Camp WADE program—a nationally recognized, hands-on youth water safety initiative—eventually serving as Program Director, as well as President of the Houston Safe Boating Council.

For the past 15 years, Capt. Shayne has served as a trusted private/charter captain and dive master, across premier destinations, including the Gulf of Mexico, Florida's coasts and Keys, Mexico, Cuba, Belize, Honduras, Bahamas, and the Dominican Republic. His hands-on proficiency spans the helm, cockpit, and even the galley—ensuring vessels are impeccably maintained and ready for any itinerary.

From routine maintenance and crew management to creating exceptional owner and guest experiences, Capt. Shayne is prepared to protect your investment and elevate every voyage. He looks forward to bringing his expertise and enthusiasm to your vessel.

"Life is a poetic journey, balancing between obstacle and adventure"

-Capt. Shayne Ellis

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References

It is my pleasure to provide this letter of recommendation for Captain Shayne Ellis. I met Captain Shayne when our boat, Bali Ha'I, was docked a few slips down from his slip at Lakewood Yacht Club in Clear Lake, Texas in 2020. He initially helped us out as an additional captain when we moved the boat to West Palm Beach. Captain Shayne took over all of the boat and fishing operations when our other captain departed in early 2022.

He truly met and exceeded all of my expectations as our captain. The boat was always ready and waiting in top condition whenever we wanted to go. His knowledge of fishing in the Gulf and cruising in the Bahamas made for an enjoyable time for everyone. In fact, my wife told Captain Shayne every place we went in the Bahamas was her "new favorite place." In addition, he's really a great chef and fun to be around!

John S. Nau- Owner of the Bali Ha'i

It is with Great pleasure I'm writing this letter of recommendation for Captain Shayne Ellis.

Shayne was hired in 2012 through 2020 as the Captain of my Cabo Express Sportfish. Very quickly he proved to be the most competent hard-working Captain in the marina.

My boat was kept immaculate, including engine, tackle and overall appearance. He was always ready to go on time and is able to visit intelligently with anyone who came on board, from CEOs to Pro athletes to ranch hands.

Shayne is an Instructor rated Diver and spear fisherman and easily one of the best Billfish and bottom fishing Captains I have known. As a bonus he has a true passion for cooking and is an accomplished gourmet cook.

He is a Christian and has become a very close friend over the years. I consider him part of my family.

I have no doubt that he would be a great addition to any organization and he has my highest recommendation.

Sincerely,
DR. Terry Driggers

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I am wholeheartedly delighted to provide this employee recommendation letter for my good friend Captain Shayne Ellis, who has consistently demonstrated professionalism, dedication, and outstanding problem-solving skills.

I have known Shayne for over 10 years and our friendship has spanned both personal friendship and professional collaboration. As the owner/founder of Oilfield Outkasts Charters, I've had the pleasure of employing Shayne as a fishing charter captain. We've spent countless hours together on the water: handling long hauls, navigating challenging conditions, and insuring safe, efficient deliveries. Through it all, Shayne has proven himself to be exceptionally skilled, efficiently organized, immaculately clean, dependable, and level-headed under pressure. I would personally sail with Capt. Shayne anywhere and on any body of water.

Beyond his technical abilities, Shayne brings an outstanding work ethic, positive attitude, and genuine integrity that make him a standout colleague and friend. He takes initiative without being asked, looks out for the safety and well-being of everyone on board, and has always followed through, with excellence, on all commitments.

I do not hesitate to give him my highest endorsement; he would be an asset to any team or endeavor.

Please feel free to reach out to me to discuss Captain Shayne in further detail.

Sincerely,
Rodney Harper
CEO/Founder-Oilfield Outkasts Charters

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References

I am pleased to provide this referral for Shayne Ellis and to strongly recommend him for work within the maritime and boating industry.

I began as a deck hand for Shayne in 2015 with Spooled-Up Sportfishing, where I gained firsthand experience working under his leadership. That opportunity became the foundation of my maritime career and ultimately led me to obtain my 100-ton Captain's license as well as my Divemaster certification. Shayne has been a pillar of inspiration throughout my career in the industry, and his mentorship played a significant role in motivating me to pursue this path, which has now brought me to the Texas A&M Maritime Academy as I work toward earning my Third Mate's license.

Shayne has an exceptional eye for detail and a well-rounded skill set that spans from the engine room to interior operations. He approaches his work with professionalism, precision, and a strong commitment to safety. Equally important, he works exceptionally well with customers, maintaining a calm, knowledgeable, and service-oriented presence at all times.

Based on my experience working with him, I have full confidence in Shayne's abilities and character. He would be a valuable asset to any maritime operation, and I recommend him without hesitation.

Respectfully,
Midshipman Jordan McIntyre

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Photos



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Boat photos

