

JAMES SMYLY

DOB: 15th April 1987

Nationality: South African

Location: South Africa

Visas: B1B2 visa valid till 23rd July 2028

South African Discharge Book

Driving Licence: Full & clean, held for over 10+ years

Health: Excellent, Non-smoker, **ENG 1** valid till January 2022

No tattoos, no piercings



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PERSONAL PROFILE

- My water sports and ocean experience entails, *jet skiing, skiing* and *sailing* the family Hobie Cat in the local dam to *skipping* boats from the beach through the waves off the coast of South Africa to *snorkelling* the [aquarium in Kosi Bay](#) and becoming a PADI *Divemaster* in [Sodwana Bay](#).
- Logged **9 742 nautical Miles** working on a research yacht and completing a yacht delivery.
- I have also been *fishing* my whole life, mostly from the coast off rocky outcrops, but also on charter boats and fishing skis and have been lucky enough to catch pelagic species such as Tuna, Wahoo and Dorado as well as many reef fish.
- I am my families, go-to handyman, whenever something breaks I am the one called to fix it. I enjoy working with my hands and tools. Over the years I have *painted, varnished, done electrical and plumbing* work laid tiles as well as [carpentry](#) work including fixing and building cabinets and sundecks.

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

STCW, valid till Feb 2025

PDSO, valid till March 2025

AEC

PWC

VHF SRC

PADI Divemaster

Scubapro Service Technician

IYT Small Powerboat & Rib Master

PYT Elementary Seamanship

SAMSA Under 9 m Surf Launch Skipper

MCA Yacht Rating Course Completion Certificate

Nitrox Diver

Moonstone Business School of Excellence

Higher Certificate in Wealth Management

2011 - 2013

Maritzburg College

English, Afrikaans, Mathematics, Physical Science, Economics & Geography

2000 -2004

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

July 2021 – September 2021

SY Sol Liv 18m Catamaran

Deckhand

Assisted with the delivery of a new build Voyage Catamaran, Sol Liv, from Cape Town South Africa to Tortola, BVI. One of three watch keepers. Duties also included running the water maker, pumping the black tanks, bunkering fuel, servicing Yanmar engines and Fischer Panda generators, wash downs, cleaning stainless and assistance with mooring.

Oct 2020 – June 2021

MY Angra Pequena 22m Research Vessel

Third Engineer

Commercial motor-yacht with berths for 10 crew and accommodation for up to 6 scientists. The vessel is used for research and conservation expeditions off the coast of Southern Africa. I was part of an engineering team of three. During my time on board we conducted research expeditions where we deployed baited remote underwater video cameras (BRUV's), a remotely operated vehicle (ROV), and boomer geographical surveys.

On board we had two Detroit engines with 374kW of power and a Fischer Panda generator. Duties included operating the Davit crane, checking and filling the water levels with the water maker, bunkering fuel and anchor and security watches in port. I was involved with all aspects of machinery maintenance, routine engine and equipment checks as well as engine room watchkeeping duty. Moreover, I assisted the deck team with mooring, anchoring and general maintenance.

Jan 2020 – Sep 2020

South Africa

Lockdown

I took January off to prepare myself for yachting, I moved back to the city and got myself ready for the upcoming courses. February was spent in Durban doing courses at Professional Yachtmaster Training. In March I completed my PDS and PWC in Cape Town and flew to Pretoria to get my discharge book, then lockdown struck. I kept myself busy by spring cleaning and taking care of various maintenance jobs at my Dad's flat where I was temporarily based, I also managed to:

- Complete a TEFL course in July
- Complete My AEC course in August
- Build a cupboard and deck for my neighbour, Kerri Holder
- Help my Dad with his surveying business when lockdown restrictions were eased

Feb 2019 – Dec 2019

Pisces Diving

Divemaster Trainee

I went from a complete beginner to obtaining my PADI Divemaster certificate, I also acquired my skippers' ticket with a diving and surf launch endorsement, allowing me to skipper boats up to 9m and practice my tender driving skills. My duties included:

- Morning Boat and Gear Prep
- Beach Setups
- Snorkel and Scuba Guiding
- Wash Downs of Boat and Gear
- Gear Care and Maintenance
- Assisting on Scuba Diving Courses

June 2011 - Jan 2019

ShawBiz

Financial Planner

Working as a financial planner greatly improved my verbal and written communication and social skills. I had to dress well and be well-groomed to impress potential clients, looking good made me feel good and contributed to my self-confidence and positive attitude. I was always a few minutes early and well prepared for every meeting.

Jan 2005 – May 2011

Various Companies

Sales Representative

Straight after school, I worked as a barman in the busiest pub in the city, after a year I transitioned to an internal sales job for a labelling company which I used to further improve my soft skills. Following this I made the step up to sales representative at an audio-visual company, learning about various systems one of which was Crestron.

HOBBIES & INTERESTS

- Currently learning to free-dive, spearfish & surf
- Completed the [Dusi Canoe Marathon](#), a three day, 120km race that includes paddling and running
- I also completed the [Amashova Durban Classic](#), a 106km cycle race between Pietermaritzburg and Durban
- I enjoy a game of squash
- love playing golf, in my first year playing golf I was voted the most improved golfer and had got my handicap down to 6
- I enjoy reading autobiographies and crime novels or listening to audiobooks and podcasts when travelling

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