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To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Captain Simon Johnson

Captain Simon Johnson came to my 77m diesel-electric propelled vessel in December 2005, during the last six months of her completion. During this time Captain Johnson, completed the build, hired all crew, commissioned the vessel and prepared her for an immediate six month cruise with myself and guests aboard, covering almost 11,000 sea miles. Captain Johnson worked tirelessly to have all procedures and certificates issued for this commercially registered vessel.

During the following 8 months, he undertook an extensive warranty schedule of works and then immediately began another 10,000 mile cruise with myself and guests into the Med and Black Sea.

During his tenure, I found Simon to be extremely thorough, efficient, caring, knowledgeable, and an excellent navigator and ship handler. Simon accomplished all this without the aid of an outside management firm, establishing all budgets and setting into place the accounting and managements systems.

Simon has an outgoing personality, yet remains professional at all times. He was well liked by all my guests and crew. Simon departed the vessel due to health issues that required him to take a prolonged period of rest, thankfully now rectified, and I was sorry for him to leave. It is without hesitation that I offer this reference and would be happy to offer further comments. Please feel free to contact me via the email address below.

Sincerely;

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