



Now that you have decided to take the plunge into an exciting new career in the yachting industry, it can be overwhelming to figure out where to begin. We are here to help. With locations in the U.S., Spain, France and New Zealand, we are dedicated to assisting all our crew in achieving their careers goals – wherever in the world that may take them. Below is helpful information to help you prepare for your new career and arrival to Antibes.

Before arriving

◆ Research, research, research

One of the best things you can do to prepare for your new career is to immerse yourself in information about the yachting industry. Use the internet to your advantage and research everything you can to make yourself well-informed and prepared for what to expect on board. Be sure to seek out realistic and reliable sites, sources, and accounts:

- Helpful links from our site:
 - [FAQ](#)
 - [Job description and corresponding salaries](#)
- Suggested industry reading
 - [Dockwalk](#)
 - [Triton](#)
 - [Yachting Magazine](#)



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◆ Obtain appropriate visas

- **Passport:** Make sure you have at least one year of validity and empty pages.
- **B1/B2 Visa:** Allows non-U.S. and non-Canadian crewmembers to work on a foreign flagged vessel in US waters. You must apply for this at a U.S. Embassy/Consulate before arriving in the U.S.
 - [Worldwide embassy information](#)
 - [US government travel site](#)
- **Schengen:** Allows you to freely travel the Schengen territories in the Caribbean and Europe. While this visa is not required for travel to Fort Lauderdale, it is desirable as many yachts will eventually enter these territories. Visit this [link](#) to see if your country of citizenship requires the Schengen visa.



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◆ Book crew house accommodations

Crew houses are temporary accommodations, specifically for yacht crew, as there are no leases to sign and rent is paid by the week. Some companies will give you a discounted weekly rate if you pay for a full month at a time, but make sure to ask about reimbursement should you get a job mid-month. Accommodations are typically shared with a total of 2 to 6 people per bedroom. Private rooms/apartments are also available but come at a much higher cost than shared accommodations. Crew houses offer great networking opportunities to meet other yacht crew looking for work and even secure daywork. Here are some places we recommend looking into:

- **Crew Grapevine** | +33 (0) 6 16 66 28 43
Email: info@crewgrapevine.com | www.crewgrapevine.com
- **The Glamorgan** | + 33 (0)6 25 16 54 57
Email: glamorgan@orange.fr | www.theglamorgan.com
- **Debbies' Crew House** | + 33 (0)6 32 38 75 28
Email: Debbie.banks@wanadoo.ft | www.debbiescrewhouse.com
- **The Crew House** | +33 (0)6 28 58 66 26
Email: the.crewhouse@yahoo.com | www.thecrewhouse.fr
- **Apartments Le Residual** | +33 (0)4 92 90 76 00
Email: residual.antibes@resideal.com | www.resideal.com
- **Ammas Crew House** | +33 (0)6 19 63 8250
www.facebook.com/yachtcrewaccomodation
- **Airbnb** | www.airbnb.com



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Getting into town- Now what?

Now that you've arrived in Antibes and have settled into your crew house, it's time to get to work. Candidates who remain proactive and positive better their chances of finding work, so don't be afraid to get out there and stay busy!

◆ Sign up for maritime courses:

- Just like any other industry, it is necessary to have the proper training in place to be eligible for employment on board. Maritime courses should be viewed as an investment rather than a cost. These courses book up fast, especially during peak hiring seasons (fall in Fort Lauderdale), so be sure to book in advance.

▪ Essential Certificates

- Basic STCW 10: Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers
 - Personal Survival Techniques
 - Basic Firefighting
 - Personal Safety and Social Responsibilities
 - Elementary First Aid
 - Security Awareness or VPDS (we recommend VPDS)
- ENG1: Seafarer's Medical
- **Dr. Catherine LeFevbre** | 69 Boulevard de President Wilson
+ 33 (0)4 92 92 07 70 (20 minute walk from Antibes old town)
- **Dr. Patrick Ireland** | Le Forum Route de Cannes
+33 (0)4 93 12 95 66
- **English Osteoath** | 4 ru Vauban
+33 (0)4 93 34 6717

▪ Additional Certificates

- Deck
 - Powerboat Level II
 - Superyacht Deck Crew Course
- Engineering:
 - AEC 1&2
- Interior
 - Food & Hygiene Level II
- Galley
 - Ship's Cook Certificate



◆ Where can you take these courses?

We recommend the following schools in or near Palma:

- **Antibes Zephyr Yachting**
+ 33 (0)4 93 33 34 04 | www.zephyr-yachting.com
- **England Warsash Superyacht Academy**
+44 (0)1 489 55 62 17 | www.maritime.solent.ac.uk
- **Isle of Wight: UKSA**
+44 (0)1 983 29 49 41 | <https://uksa.org>
- **Seacope training Centre**
+33 (0)4 89 02 54 83 | www.seascopemaritimetraining.com

◆ Create a yachting CV/resume

- This is an extremely important aspect of your search since it is your first contact with potential employers and your first opportunity to stand out. Please consistently ensure all the information on your CV is accurate and up to date.
- If you need some guidance creating your yachting CV, we have attached a template at the end of this document.
- Please use spell check and double check the entire document. Regardless of department, the best yacht crew are detail oriented!

◆ Register on our site

- Click [here](#) to get your crew profile started
- Be sure to fully complete all the sections of your profile so that we can best assist in finding you your next opportunity.
- We utilize the **Experience** section to verify employment dates and check references, so entering this information is essential to complete your registration.
- We will be in touch with you once we've seen your file completed to personalize it more.

◆ Cell phone / wifi service

Potential employers and crew agents need a way to get a hold of you for job opportunities. There are several phone options you can chose from:

- The easiest way to travel and communicate for free would be to register your current number with WhatsApp www.whatsapp.com
- Pick up a local cell phone/SIM card if you have an unlocked phone
- Get a roaming Sim card if you could be traveling between countries in and around the Med.

Register with Luxury Yacht Group!

Visit www.luxyachts.com to register a profile with our crew agency. As our website is database driven, it is essential that you include as much information as possible to give you the best chances of finding work.

Most importantly:

A simple, professional CV/Resume in word or PDF format

A clear statement of objective which is professional, concise and honest

A digital photograph, passport style in a professional attire, which is a positive reflection of you. Remember no hats or sunglasses!

Current personal information, especially your email address and phone number

Maritime certificates with digital uploads of your qualifications

At least three work experiences (if you are new to the yachting industry, please include your non-yachting work history).

At least three references with current contact information, including an email address.

- Contact your current cell phone provider in your home country to see if they offer competitive rates for an international calling package.

◆ **Network, network, network!**

As you will soon learn, the yachting industry is a small, connected world and word travels quickly through the network. It is important to get out there and make a good name for yourself! There's a saying, "Always act as if your future captain is standing behind you... in this town, he just might be!" Keep this in mind when you are conducting yourself around town, whether it be at a networking event, yachtie bar, supermarket... you just never know!

◆ **Read local yachting publications**

Local yachting publications help keep you informed as to the current happenings in the industry, including new articles, opinion pieces and information for any upcoming events. Feel free to check out the following publications:

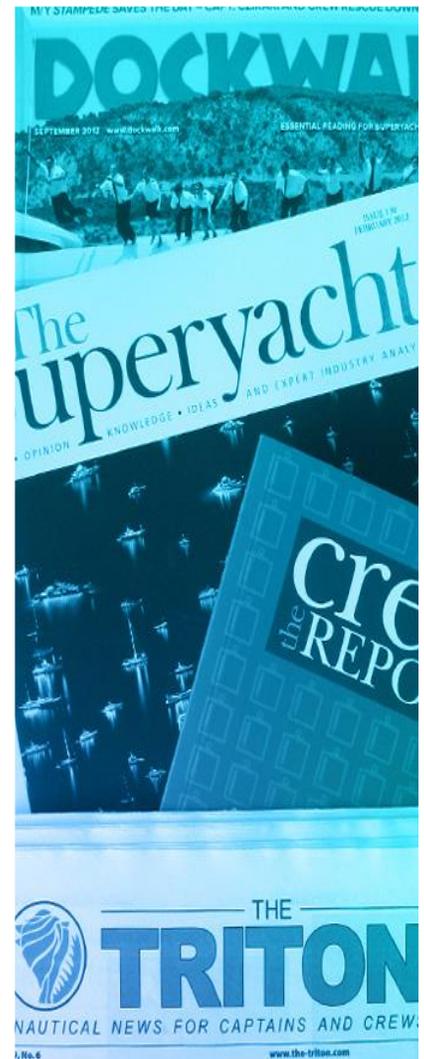
- Dockwalk | www.dockwalk.com
- Triton | www.thetriton.com
- Yachting Magazine | www.yachtingmagazine.com
- Crew Report | www.superyachtnews.com/reports/thecrewreport

While not necessarily yachting-related, the following publications are very helpful for expats in France:

- Riviera Reporter | www.rivierareporter.com
- Riviera Radio | www.rivieraradio.mc

◆ **Temporary Work**

It may be possible to find temporary work on a yacht to assist permanent crew members in the areas required. It can last anywhere from one day to many weeks and offers the opportunity to see how boats operate and get a feel for the positions and duties onboard. It is a great way to build up experience on your CV, secure industry references that can vouch for your work ethic, and network with permanent crew who may be able to assist you with your job search. This type of work can sometimes lead to a permanent position if there is a vacancy onboard and the captain likes your work (or he might recommend you to another captain!), so be sure to do a great job, work hard and maintain a positive attitude.





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Getting around the French Riviera

Since you are most likely planning to be in Antibes for a short time, it is unlikely that you will arrive in town with your own transportation.

■ Train-

The best method of transportation between the ports up and down the coast is by train. Go to the train station and pick up a copy of the Number 04 timetable with trains running from Mandelieu-LaNapoule to Ventimiglia (border of Italy). There are machines at the stations where you can buy your tickets either on your credit card or with cash. However if you are unsure at the main stations, of Cannes, Antibes, Nice and Monaco, you will normally find an English speaking assistant who can help you. www.sncf.com/en/booking-itinerary/timetables

■ Bus

Another method is bus, and the bus network in and around Antibes is excellent. The "Envibus" line has 31 bus routes in Antibes and with other lines connecting with the surrounding towns and villages. The main Gare Routiere (bus station), Antibes is near Place General de Gaulle in the centre of town. For 1€ a "Ticket Azur" travel card allows you to travel on two successive forms of public transport across a network of regional buses as well as the Nice tram providing the second leg of the journey is undertaken within 3 hours of the first. Bus route map: www.envibus.fr/en/bus-routes.html

■ Electrical Scooter Rentals- be safe and wear a helmet!

- **Scoote'e** | 93 Boulevard Wilson
<http://motorbike-rentals.com/en/>

■ Car hire

Midi: +33 (0)4 93 34 48 00 | www.midi-location.fr

Located just outside of La Galerie due port.

They rent small vehicles and have seasonal rates

Avis: +33 (0)4 93 34 65 15 | www.avis.fr

Car rentals can be collected from 32 Boulevard Albert 1er or the Antibes Train Station

- **Uber:** Location based APP. Convenient inexpensive and safe taxi service.

Places to know

Here are some general places around town, both yachting and non-yachting related, which you will most likely get to know well. Have fun exploring!

▪ Shops/Grocery Stores

- **Antibes Books** | 13 Rue Georges Clemenceau
A selection of new and used books, cards, stationery and BBC videos.
- **Carrefour Market** | 5 Avenue Pasteur
General supermarket with a separate greengrocer.
- **Intermarche Antibes** | 2 Boulevard Albert 1er
General supermarket with a separate greengrocer.
- **Monoprix Antibes** | 11 place du General de Gaulle
An upscale grocery store, with a cosmetics and clothing section.

▪ Clothing Stores

- **Dolphin Wear** | 12 Boulevard d'Aguillon
- **Liquid Yacht Wear** | Galerie du Port, 30 Rue Lacan
- **High street clothing stores** are found in the nearby cities of Cannes and Nice, or at the Shopping Mall called Cap 3000. <https://www.cap3000.com/boutiques>
You can get to the Mall by taking the train to St Laurent Du Var and from the station it is about a five-minute walk. You can see the Mall from the train station, so it is quite easy to navigate.
- **Polygone Riviera** is a large shopping center in Cagnes Sur Mer.
www.polygone-riviera.fr/

▪ WI-FI

There are plenty of cafes and bars in Antibes that offer wifi, here are just a few options listed below:

- **Blue Lady Pub** | La Galerie du port, Rue Lacan
The Blue Lady is situated in the heart of Old Antibes and is a real institution for Captains and crew members. Open year round from 7:30AM to midnight. Serving food from 7:30am to 3pm, offers free wifi to its customers.
- **Felix Café** | 50 boulevard d'Aguillon
Bistro and coffee shop offering free wifi to its customers.
- **Choopy's Cupcakes & Coffee Shop** | 16 Rue Vial
Highly recommend their cupcakes and lunch menu, also offers free wifi to customers.

We hope this guide helps you get on task and get onboard!

Get started with our sample CV template on the next page and see how fast you land that new crew position.

YOUR NAME

Your Email | Your Phone #

Your photo should be a passport style photo.

You should be dressed in professional attire. No sunglasses, no hats.

And please remember to smile!

 vaccination status

 your nationality

 date of birth

VISAS

Visa Type

LANGUAGES

Spoken Language 1

Spoken Language 2

SKILLS

Skill related to yachting

Skill related to yachting

Skill related to yachting

HOBBIES

Hobby 1

Hobby 2

Hobby 2

CAREER OBJECTIVE

Write a brief description of your expectations in the yachting industry including the position you are seeking and mentioning your transferable skills. Keep it concise and to the point!

Example: I am looking to obtain a permanent position as an entry-level deckhand on a yacht between 80–300' where I may utilize my carpentry background and extensive watersport/boating background, and am happy to travel anywhere.

EXPERIENCE

Work experiences should be listed with most recent job first. Your work experience does not have to be purely boat experiences but any position that shows transferrable skills. Long gaps in between work experiences should ideally be explained.

Boat/Company (Size/Build) Position Held Start Date - End Date

- *Private or charter (How many? How long?), responsibilities held, areas cruised, etc.*
- *Tender driving (Size), Guest Interaction level (Parties, watersports, etc.)*
- *What can you offer? What skills have you learned? What have you experienced?*

LICENSES & CERTIFICATES

Please list any yachting certificates or licenses relevant to the position that you seek. Remember to include the dates that these were obtained.

License/Certificate Title Date Obtained Expiration (if avail.)

EDUCATION

List any secondary or higher degrees obtained. This should be in order with the most recently obtained first. Date that the degree was obtained should also be listed.

Name of Institution Area of Study Date Obtained

REFERENCES

Please include at least 3 references with current contact information: telephone and email addresses.