

CAPTAIN'S PROFILE



Captain Graham Tindall talks about his job on board Oceanco built Anedigmi

What made you join the superyacht industry?

I was a Police Officer in Bedfordshire for 10 years and I knew there was more to life. What I had to do was find it. In 2000 I decided I would travel the world and go fly-fishing. While in Turkey I was approached by the mate on Lionwind asking if I wanted a job, I accepted and quickly discovered that even my best day as a cop in Luton was nowhere as rewarding as even my worst day working on a superyacht.

What was your first superyacht and when did you join her?
The 47 metre Feadship Lionwind. I joined her on 13th July 2000 in Marmaris, Turkey.

What is your favourite bar in a Mediterranean port and why is it special?

The Escape Bar in Marmaris. As they say above the bar 'There is no escape from The Escape'. It was and I believe still is, run by a very kind and generous man called Selim. A home from home and when one of my friends died during my days as a day worker, he paid for my flights home so I could attend the funeral.

Where is your favourite Mediterranean anchorage and why do you like it?

Any one where I can have some time fishing and where there are still fish!

If you could recommend a Mediterranean yacht service to another Captain who would it be?

Yacht Fuel Services work selflessly on your side when you need them to and never get upset if circumstances force you to use another supplier, I like that. Catalano Shipping in Monaco are great agents if you need one. Nothing ever seems to faze them and nothing is too much trouble.

What makes your yacht special?

I expect you have other Captains say this, but for me it is the attitude of the current owners, my crew and the agents that support me.

What do your crew do really well?

They make me look very good in front of everybody even journalists like you. Can I get them to bring you anything?

What is your attitude to employing couples on board?

We have two couples among this present crew, but every yacht is different. I did not like the idea in the past but I have changed my mind over the last five years or so.

What is the funniest superyacht experience you can recall?
I was not a Captain at the time but when we were at anchor near Panama I was getting a little fed up with a very junior stew who was getting rather lippy. So, I picked her up and dumped her over the side. The Captain heard the splash and came running, my crew mates covered for me while she was fished out of the water, damp but fully repentant. She had learned not to be so lippy.

What advice would you give to someone new entering the industry?
Learn by watching others behave well.

What's the best idea you've ever copied from another captain?
To listen and share with others. As a captain, we are not infallible and to open up and share information makes me a better captain and person.

What have you learned from your crew?
Youth is a wonderful thing and I put a lot of my positivity down to the fact that I also learn from watching the young in this industry as they develop.

How would you like to be remembered as a Captain?
As a good guy, one who worked for his crew. I would be happy with that.

How do you think your crew talk about you behind your back?
Hopefully they would say what they wanted to my face rather than talk behind my back.

Quick Fire

- Favourite motorcar Mercedes Benz
- Favourite motorbike Yamaha XJR 1300
- Favourite movie Top Gun
- Favourite book Flags of Our Father by Powers & Bradley
- Favourite movie star Nicholas Cage
- Favourite music type Classical
- Favourite music artist Luciano Pavarotti
- Favourite music track Seasons in the Sun by Terry Jacks
- Favourite restaurant Le Brulot, Antibes
- Favourite food type British Soul Food
- Favourite form of relaxation Fly fishing
- Favourite superyacht Bacarella
- Favourite city Barcelona
- Favourite superyacht destination The Galapagos

CAPTAIN'S CV

Name Graham Tindall
Age 47
Nationality British
Previous yachts as crew Lionwind
Previous yachts in command Monaco, Secret Love, Kanaloa and as a temporary Captain aboard Nero
Current yacht Anedigmi, expressly for charter and for sale
Number of crew including Captain 11
Charter Central Agent Worth Avenue Yachts
Charter fee per week €120,000
Asking price €11 million