



Captain Scott Kynoch talks about his life and his job on board Zoom Zoom Zoom

What made you join the superyacht industry?

I was brought up as a boat brat cruising on board a 39 ft double ended ketch. I was 10 years old when we set off from South Africa sailing across the Atlantic to Brazil. Over the years we moved ever northwards, up through the Caribbean Islands eventually making our way to the Azores, Gibraltar and onto the UK. Schooling was always a challenge, as there were far too many other exciting distractions that needed to be attended to first. I believe in the end it all worked out well.

What was your first superyacht and when did you join her?

I travelled to Europe and began day working in Palma back in 2001, I believe it was in November of 2001 that I landed my first deck hand position on board Phryne a 50m Perini Navi launched in 1999.

Which is your favourite Mediterranean port and why do you like it?

I'm not sure port would be the right word; however my favourite cruising ground would be Croatia. It's so easy to find a sweet spot, to drop the hook in one of the many great anchorages. The island of Miljet is a favourite of mine, there is plenty of water when securing to the rocks, a possible downfall might be the wasps. They love to share the guests' breakfast.

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

Buddha bar in Monaco. Quality food, good service, close to the docks and a great place to take my wife to dinner.

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

I like many of the anchorages in Turkey, you can always find a secluded spot to get away from the crowd. The Gulf of Goecek is a mass of neat islands and many of them have bays and creeks offering spectacular scenery in which to anchor or moor stern to the rocks. After Turkey I would say Greece would be my next best.

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

LP Yacht Support based in Split Croatia. The agency is run by Luka Peruzovic and Petra Tadinac, a husband and wife team who themselves spent a number of years travelling the world as crew working on a variety of large yachts. It is this intimate knowledge of the industry that gives them the ability to understand the specific needs of owners, captains and crew.

How does being a Captain affect your private life?

I met my wife and partner 9 years ago working on yachts, since then we have been lucky enough to work together. The word private life is not something that enters the equation when gainfully employed, it's a full time commitment.

What could be done to improve the life at sea on board superyachts?

I would definitely like to see more of a rotational, system coming into play. I do believe with the implementation of MLC requirements that this will eventually become a more common practice across the board. Well, at least I hope so.

What makes your yacht special?

Not to sound too much like a cliché, but it is definitely my Crew who make it special; we currently have a great team on board.

What do your crew do really well?

They have a great attitude when it comes to getting the job done; all departments work together in order to get the boat turned around and ready for the next charter or boss trip. The thing that stands out for me is that we all pull together for each other when needed.

What is your attitude to employing couples on board?

I have no problem with employing couples. As a married man whose wife is on board, I encourage it. Couples tend to work hard for each other and having teams like that on board helps avoid interdepartmental pettiness.

What is your recipe for the perfect crew?

Communication is key!

Do you have a pet hate and if so what is it?

Hahaha I'm sure if you ask anyone they would say there are many, but one of my pet hates would definitely have to be a dirty waterline.

If you had a magic wand what would you change in your job?

Cruising areas, I would definitely like to get out and see more of these, there is so much more than just the Med and Caribbean.

Where else in the world do you like to cruise?

I love the BVIs and I think New Zealand has a stunning coast line that is just waiting to be explored.

Quick Fire

Favourite motorcycle Honda CR 250

Favourite movie Lord of the Rings

Favourite book Leviathan by John Gordan Davis

Favourite restaurant in the world Bajatzu, St Maarten

Favourite restaurant in Europe Il Soggiorno, Pedona, Italy

Favourite pastime Rugby and the Haka

Favourite superyacht Luna

Favourite cruising destination Croatia/BVIs

Favourite city Venice

CAPTAIN'S CV

Name Scott Kynoch

Age 39

Nationality South African

Previous yachts as crew Phryne, Enterprise, Is A Rose, Perseus, Ultima III to name a few

Previous yachts in command 7 Sins, Antara

Current yacht Zoom, Zoom Zoom

Number of crew including Captain 9

Charter Central Agent Hill Robinson

Charter fee per week High season €120,000