

# TALISMAN MAITON

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to serve as a reference for Captain Robert M Hickman of British passport number, 124784832

Captain Robert served as relief Captain for me on the commercially registered vessel Talisman Maiton, (54m, 692GT) Proteksan Turquoise from the dates of 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023

I have known Robert since 2008 and we have worked together on two other vessels. I regard Robert as a highly skilled, reliable, and professional Captain. I was immediately placed at ease when he agreed to cover for me whilst I took my leave.

During his time onboard the vessel he and the crew completed two charters. The first was a joint charter the MY DAR (90m) and involved nearly 50 guests over a 10-day period with multiple activities and excursions planned. The cruising ground included the Amalfi coast, Aeolian Islands, and Sicily. Logistically this was a very challenging charter, but Robert and the crew executed it flawlessly, and the guests were delighted. The principal was a first-time charterer and has admitted that he has now caught the charter bug.

The second charter was a family charter who were repeat clients, once again the pressure was on as they had experienced such a wonderful time onboard in Croatia in 2022. Again, Robert and the crew delivered, showing them a truly unforgettable time, and going the extra mile to make it special, from theme evenings, birthdays onboard to being serenaded in Ischia.

Outside of the charters Captain Robert dealt with the day to day running of the vessel and crew and the challenges that these can present. Hurdles were overcome and problems were addressed without fuss.

There aren't many Captains of the calibre of Captain Robert, who can step in and execute the tasks required of him without fuss and with total professionalism. His experience, personable nature and calm respectful leadership is very apparent. I would whole heartedly recommend Captain Robert Hickman to any potential employer, and I would unhesitatingly welcome him back onboard Talisman Maiton.

Yours Sincerely



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