



## The Mercy Boys

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### Reference: Robert Hickman

To whom it may concern,

Robert Hickman, UK passport holder no: 124784832 served as relief Captain aboard M/Y The Mercy Boys from 12<sup>th</sup> September 2023 until 8<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The vessel is 530GT with an LOA of 49mtr, registered privately in Malta.

M/Y The Mercy Boys is a relatively unique vessel by modern yachting standards in that she is single screw with a controllable pitch propeller system which makes her quite challenging to manoeuvre to an unfamiliar captain. Rob, however, very quickly adapted to her idiosyncrasies and became adept at controlling her in restricted spaces and berthing her safely.

During Rob's time on-board the yacht was in constant use by the owner and his family cruising the Greek islands of the Aegean and the Turkish coastline. I received only positive feedback from both the owner and the crew with regards to Rob's command period and it was reassuring to hear such comments during my time away from the vessel and know that I would not be returning to any problematic situations.

I can thoroughly recommend Rob as a super-yacht Captain, he is eminently professional, capable and conscientious. As a person he is calm, mature and easily likeable which endeared him to my crew who are a fairly tight knit group and he was the stranger entering their environment.

If you require any further clarification regarding this endorsement then please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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