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STRIKING THE PERFECT BALANCE TO SECURE AN INTERVIEW FOR A DECKHAND/STEWARDESS ROLE ISN'T EASY. MAKE SURE TO CREATE A CV THAT IS ATTENTION GRABBING FOR ALL THE RIGHT REASONS.

THIS ISSUE WE are looking at shared roles and how to present your CV if you are a deckhand/steward(ess). These jobs are very demanding as they require a varied set of skills and captains often find it challenging to source adequate candidates able to perform well both in the interior and on deck. While there is a shortage of such talented crew, which makes them in high demand, there is no excuse to not have a well-presented CV. Overall, this month's CV is a good example of what a deckhand/stewardess CV can look like; our candidate has done a good job. As usual, however, there are a few details that could make it perfect. Let's dig in further.

THE TITLE

Deck/Stew: Don't use abbreviation; it is too colloquial. Deckhand/Stewardess is what we want to see and read.

PERSONAL DETAILS

This is clear, informative, and everything is there; all good.

CAREER OBJECTIVE & QUALITIES

These two sections could be regrouped under one heading and shortened. Remember, short and to the point always does it for a CV, you are not writing a novel. The new heading could be called Personal Profile.

It is always best to get to the point quickly, so start by stating what you are looking for. In this case: "I am looking for a position as deckhand and or stewardess..." Then list three qualities, the sailing and hospitality experience and the cooking skills. Job done. The reader needs to get an idea in this section that our candidate is indeed skilled both on deck and in the interior. Our candidate has separated her CV into two concise sections: the yachting section and the "prior employment history". This is a very good idea, it works as one can quickly have a good idea of what the candidate has been doing and the reader of the CV can easily focus on what is of interest. It makes for easy and dynamic reading. Always put yourself in the shoes of the interviewer; you don't want anybody getting lost in your CV trying to understand the chronology or looking for facts.

YACHTING EXPERIENCE

We work in the yachting industry, so use the word

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yacht instead of boat. The reason for seeking new employment: I am a bit uncomfortable with the explanation and it does not add any value. This is usually omitted from a CV because it is often best left to be discussed face to face in an interview. This, by the way, is especially true if



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there were problems and issues onboard. Our candidate has listed her jobs, yachts, duties, the dates are precise, she uses a bold typeface to highlight some information. This is a very well presented section which ticks all the boxes. Overall, the candidate has a well presented CV which, with a few amendments, will generate interest and I expect some interviews.

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