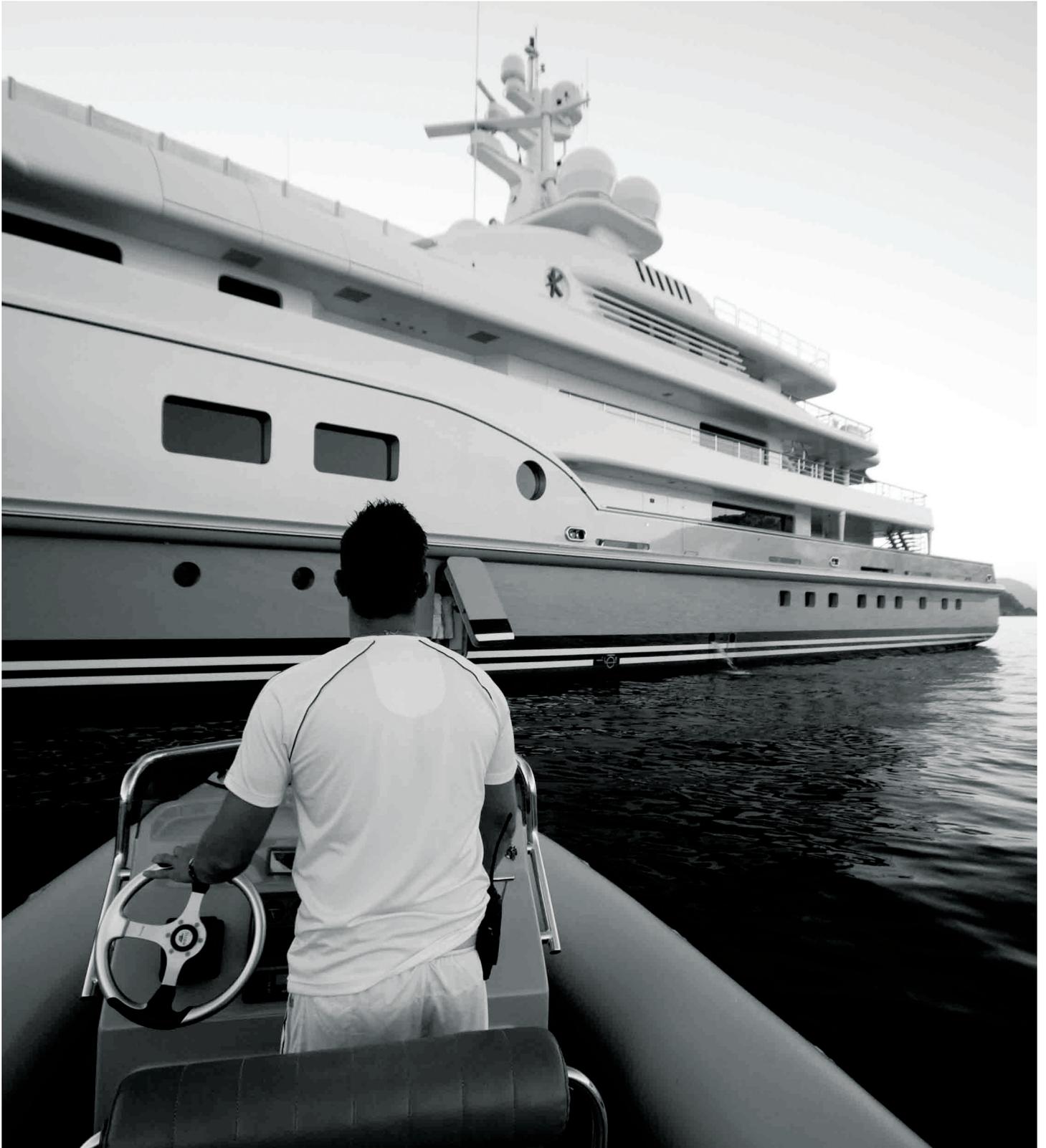


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## REPORT



# CV SURGERY



Our regular feature explains how to better present a CV and shows where jobseeking crew can go wrong in all aspects of the CV writing process. This month Laurence Reymann is reviewing the CV of a young engineer looking to break into superyacht crewing.

This month's candidate is a junior engineer looking to start his career in the yachting industry. He is an avid sailor who owns a boat in Scotland, he obtained a university degree in mechanical engineering and seems rearing to go to sea in a professional capacity. Let's look at his CV.

Our candidate is young and therefore has little experience; he could do with a one-page CV that is to the point, lean and efficient. Remember, a CV has to work for you, its purpose is to "market" you as efficiently and swiftly as possible.

## Picture

Fine, I see a clean-cut individual with a smile (1). Whilst he looks smart with a shirt, in this instance (entry level engineering job) I would prefer a polo shirt, which would make him look less corporate.

## Personal profile and general skills

The profile is too long and too vague. You should cut to the chase and always get to the point quickly. The candidate is not a student any more, however on his CV he states: "As an engineering student I am..." (2). This statement needs updating. What is he looking for? I presume an entry-level engineering job but he should say so and then list a few of his qualities (no more than three) and transferable skills he can bring to yachting. This section should be dealt with in two or three sentences, no more.

## Maritime qualifications

This section is fine.

## Yacht experience

This is fine as well – I have the dates, names of yachts and sizes in bold, with brief descriptions of the duties.

Within one of the periods of yacht experience it would be better to erase "using previous skills in bar to meet customer needs" (3).

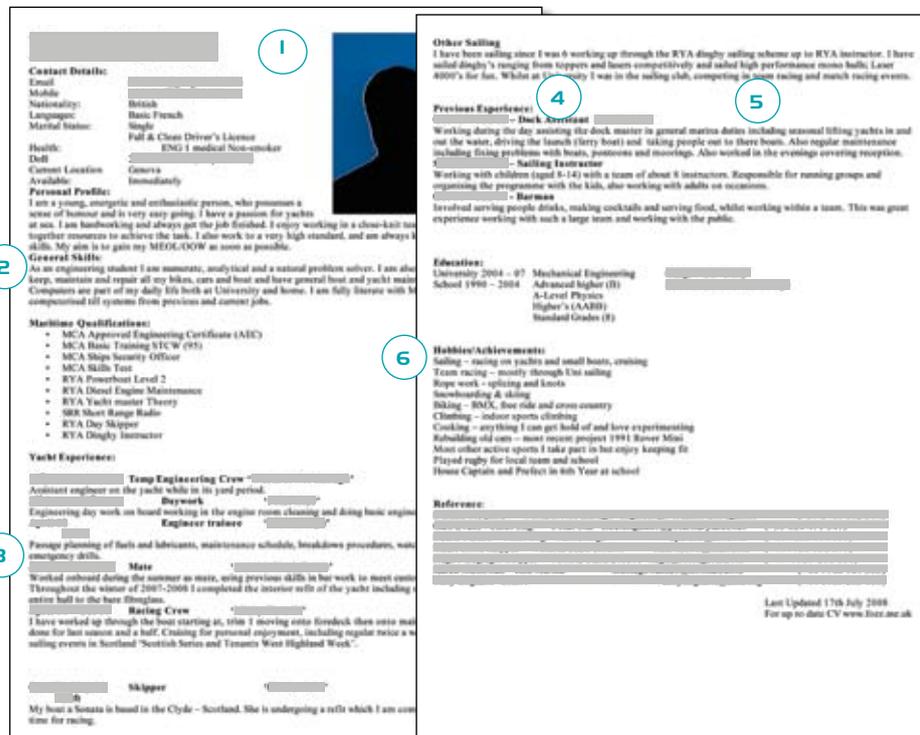
## Previous experience

The phrase "working during the day" (4) needs clarifying as the candidate was at university during this time, so which days are we talking about? Do not forget to use the spellchecker and to reread the CV, there is a mistake in this CV: "there" instead of "their" (5).

## Hobbies

This is an informative section (6), our candidate has interesting hobbies, eg splicing and knots and rebuilding old cars, which easily relate to the industry.

By tightening the CV, maybe changing the layout a bit, the CV will be great. If our candidate manages to put all the information on one page without reducing the font size it would be fantastic, if not two pages will suffice. Good effort!



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