

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**Certificates:** Marine Sailing Boat Master/Skipper  
Marine Motor Boat Master/Skipper  
Radio operator with Short Range Certificat (SRC)  
Basic Safety Training Certificate STCW  
Driving license, cat. „B”

**Knowledge of water bodies:** Baltic Sea  
Eastern parts of the Atlantic Ocean  
Mediterranean Sea  
North Sea  
Norwegian Sea

**Practice:** - 16 years of inland sailing experience in Poland and abroad  
  
- since 2004 full marine practice – trainings over the whole Baltic Sea  
  
Since 2005 I have been running my own cruises on different marine water bodies.

**Internship :**

- participation in the towing of S/Y „Lady S”
  - after the yacht left the shallows
    - rank: SKIPER S/Y „Wiking”
      - Bay of Gdańsk, Baltic Sea
  
- participation in the towing of S/Y” Favorita”
  - after the steering gear failure
    - together with two yachts in rank: Skipper S/Y „Lady S”
      - Bay of Gdańsk, Baltic Sea
  
- participation in leading the yacht „S/Y Rafaela” to its home port
  - after the rescue and disembarkment of the crew in Władysławowo, with a permanent motor failure and leakage of the hull
    - sailing without engine
    - rank: crew member
  
- participation in leading the yacht „S/Y Orzeł”
  - after the failure of the engine, steering gear, electric and electronic equipment
    - sailing without engine
    - rank: First Officer
      - along the shores of Spain, – Atlantic Ocean
  
- participation in leading the yacht „S/Y Sharki ”
  - cruise in the rank of Second Officer
    - Szczecin ( Poland ) – Bodo ( Northern Norway) near the Arctic Circle.
  
- participation in leading the damaged yacht S/Y Legend III
  - cruise in the rank of Captain
    - Bergen (Northern Norway) – Szczecin(Poland)
  
- leading the yacht S/Y Mojito
  - cruise in the rank of Captain
    - Szczecin –Gdynia (Poland)
  
- active participation and cooperation with „MKM Szkwał” Sailing Club – providing sailing courses both practical and theoretical for juniors and adults, leading club-cruises, cooperation during the „Shanties” festival in Kraków.

**Language skills :**

- English: moderate written and spoken
- German: basic written and spoken
- Russian: basic written and spoken

**A few words about me:**

- Life of the party, I love to keep and establish new contacts with people, I am an open, cheerful man. Spontaneous, responsible, enjoying and taking new challenges. I love to live and feel the adrenaline pulsing in my veins.

As a little boy I read the book "Adventure, your name is Pogoria" from Zdzislaw Szczepaniak - since that night, I knew that I will be sailing and the Sea will steal my heart - thousands of pages written about sailing and seas, later inland sailing, and as a natural consequence marine sailing, all developed my personality and persistence in pursuit of my target. I am sailing since 1988, and the Sea became the Element I fell in love with and respect for Its strength, power and immense beauty. The beauty of every dawn and twilight, when the seagull cries over the mast and the boat tilted to the side wades along a course leading far beyond the horizon.



„... The Sea, probably as a result of the salt contained in it, gives a rough outer shell for his servants, but retains the sweetness of their spirit.”

— Joseph Conrad