



EXCELLENCE

27 March , 2023

Ref. : Mr. Michael Lauts

To Whom it may concern ,

Please allow this short note to serve as my reference letter for Mr. Michael Lauts. I have had the good fortune of working with Michael on board four motor yachts from the same builder. These yachts were : Excellence III , Excellence IV, Excellence V, and our present 80 meter yacht Excellence.

It is not often that you meet a person such as Michael. He is extremely knowledgeable in a wide range of mechanical systems and operations. He has helped us in extremely challenging situations with complicated machinery and little technical assistance. He has worked on everything from gearbox couplings to engine and shaft alignments, to heavy hydraulic door replacement and complicated stabilizer system repairs and replacement. The attached letter from our Chief Engineer will detail some of these jobs.

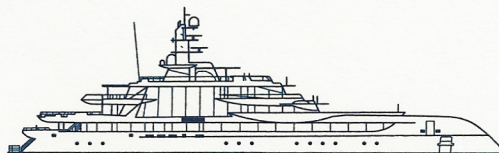
Michael is a very honest and hard working man. He always makes sure to give at least 100 % effort and is very skilled in many areas. If Michael was there I knew the job would be done safely, correctly, and in good time.

I would be happy to offer my highest reference for Michael by telephone at +1 954 249 8137 or by email at yexcll@aol.com. I will welcome Michael on any job that we have coming up in the future.

Highest Regards ,

Capt. Ray Shore

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Listed below are some of the jobs that Michael has carried out over the years on board the Excellence fleet of vessels, all with a high degree professionalism and knowledge:

1. Excellence – 80m Abeking & Rasmussen

- Part of the build team, running gear install and shaft alignment

2. Excellence V – 60m Abeking & Rasmussen

Stern Door Repairs

- Large hydraulic cylinder rebuilds
- Cylinder brake failure / rebuilds
- Door alignment

Main Engine Gearbox Front End Seal Repayment

- This involved separation of the vulcan coupling from the engine and gearbox
- Re installation and alignment of the engine/coupling/gearbox

Retractable Stabilizer System Overhaul

- Replacing of hull unit lower end bearings and seals
- Replacement of hull unit cylinders
- Removal and re installation of retractable fins

3. Excellence IV – 78m Abeking & Rasmussen

- Part of the build team, running gear install and shaft alignment

4. Excellence III – 57m Abeking & Rasmussen

Main Engine Shaft Coupling Replacement

- Separating a damaged vulcan coupling from the engine and gearbox and installing a new coupling.
- Replacement of all engine and gearbox mounts
- Re alignment of the engine, coupling and gearbox

Engine Vibration Investigation and Repairs

- Investigation into engine vibration was found to be caused by incorrect alignment of Engine mounts. Re alignment of mounts which resulted in the illumination of the noted vibration.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Michael since 2016. He is a highly talented individual with a polite and friendly demeanor. He specializes in all equipment and machinery associated with the ships running gear, along with large hydraulic systems.

I would not hesitate to recommend him and I look forward to hopefully with him again at some point in the future.

If you would like to discuss any of the above in more details, please feel free to contact me via email or telephone.

Regards,



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