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CAREER SUMMARY

I am an apprentice-served traditional wooden Boat Builder/Shipwright with more than 30 years trade experience. I have a natural ability with wood and am renowned for the high quality and skill of my workmanship. I have an extensive knowledge in all aspects of boat building which includes fibre-glassing, but my specialism is in carvel and clinker constructions and their on-going repair and maintenance. Additionally, I have sound experience of fitting out steel and fibreglass hulls on both commercial and leisure craft from 10 metres upwards.

Throughout my career I have worked in a number of different settings from traditional boat yards to aboard SV Golden Hinde (1973 replica) as Ship's Carpenter, however, for the past 20 years, I have been successfully running my own small business in boat repair & maintenance in the UK. For further information and examples of my work, I would actively encourage you to visit my website at www.rogertuckerboatrepairs.com.

I firmly believe that I have a great deal to offer a potential employer and would welcome the opportunity for a new and rewarding challenge in Australia that would enable me to impart my skills and experience onto others.

KEY SKILLS

- Self-motivated
- Team player with the ability to work alone using my own initiative
- Versatile
- Logical
- Technical
- Eye for detail

TRAINING AND EDUCATION

September 2010

Gold CSCS Card (Construction Skills Certification Scheme)

Heritage Skills - Carpenter & Joiner

Awarded in recognition of my work on buildings of historic interest, including churches.

1979 - 1983

Apprenticeship in Boat Building

J.Hinks & Son, Appledore, UK

4 years on-the-job training in all aspects of boat building

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

April 1991 - present

Shipwright/Boat Builder & General Carpenter

Roger Tucker Boat Repairs, Owner, UK

I have been successfully running my own small business for more than 20 years, specialising in the repair and maintenance of fishing and pleasure vessels including the installation of small engines and stern gear. I undertake a full range of tasks using traditional methods & techniques, and have the ability to work with or without drawings when required, using my own initiative and design skills. I take great pride in my work and always complete tasks to a very high standard, and often work to tight deadlines.

Responsibilities:

- Health & Safety/Risk Assessment
- Damage Assessment
- Completion of works to industry standards
- Preparation of estimates & invoices
- Sourcing of raw materials and stock
- Liaising with customers, tradesman and other agencies
- Advertising
- Surveying small passenger carrying craft on behalf of Local Authority
- Providing advice and guidance to customers

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- On-going relationship with a replica of Sir Francis Drake's sailing galleon 'The Golden Hinde' spanning more than 20 years (1989 to date), now docked in London and used as an educational museum. www.goldenhinde.com
- Involved in the restoration of the Kathleen & May in 1999/00 - the last remaining wooden hull three masted top sail schooner sailing in British waters. www.kathleenandmay.co.uk
- Velator Wetlands Project in 2003/04 - I took an active role in the creation of a floating viewing platform, in conjunction with 'Sans Facon'. www.sansfacon.co.uk/projects/vel/vel.shtml

March 1989 to September 1990

Ship's Carpenter/Watch Leader
The Golden Hinde Ltd, USA

A British owned replica of Sir Francis Drake's sailing galleon touring the US as an educational museum, which employed in the region of 20 personnel, predominantly American. I joined the crew in Port Lavaca, Texas, to take up my post as Ship's Carpenter and remained there for approximately 18 months.

Responsibilities:

- Essential on-going repair and maintenance of the decks which involved the installation of non-slip treads on stairways and making safe any gangways or handrails. This was necessary to safeguard the visiting public aboard the ship
- As she was a working sailing replica, it was also vital to maintain and repair masts and spars as well as the fighting tops and crow's nest, so I often found myself working at heights
- Undertaking work to the hull e.g. recaulking, replacement of planking and anti-fouling
- Maintenance and building of exhibits and displays, for instance I built a portable cedar shingle ticketing booth
- Sailing the ship between ports, and took on the role of Watch Leader
- Preparation and firing of the cannons. This included the safe storage of the gunpowder and charges
- General repair and maintenance of the support ship, 'Elizabeth'

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- I was shortlisted and chosen from 15 applicants from across the United Kingdom to take up the post of Ship's Carpenter
- After only a couple of sails, I was recognised as being capable of taking up the role of Watch Leader.

May 1988 - March 1989
March 1986 - May 1987

Boat Builder/Shipwright
J.Hinks & Son, Appledore, Devon, UK

A family run traditional wooden boat building yard established in 1844 and based in Appledore, North Devon, employing at its peak, some 25 personnel. It was renowned for building replicas of The 'Nonsuch', 'The Golden Hinde' and a 76ft Viking Longship 'Valkyrja'. A final replica was built in 1976, of the 70ft 'Britannica' a 24-oar Roman Galley. The yard continued to produce large fishing vessels (up to 72ft), and fit out fibre-glass yachts and custom launches, until its sad closure in the early 1990's.

Responsibilities:

- Building and fitting out of traditional wooden craft
- Fitting out fibre-glass hulls
- Basic metal working duties - prefabrication, welding, burning
- Supervision of apprentices

May 1987 - April 1988

Working Visa to Australia

In 1987, I successfully applied for and obtained a 12 month visa to work in Australia, where I had the opportunity to work as a Shipwright in a number of boat yards, in particular, Ross Haven Marine in Townsville, Queensland and Alan Jones Marine in Southport, Queensland. I briefly worked in a boat yard at Milsons Point in Sydney too and also worked as a Carpenter on an Aboriginal reserve in Daly River, NT

August 1983 - March 1986

Boat Builder/Shipwright
Self Employed

Following a downturn in work at J Hinks & Son, I was fortunate to secure some contract work for Cann & Pender, a local boat yard employing between 8 - 10 personnel. They ran a small boat building operation maintaining the fishing fleet in Brixham, South Devon. This was an opportunity for me to consolidate the skills I had learnt in my apprenticeship, with the prospect of working alongside other experienced tradesman and learning new ones.

Responsibilities:

- Repair and maintenance of wooden vessels on the slipway, e.g. replanking, recaulking,
- Maintenance on large steel fishing boats, e.g. renewing of wooden decks, accommodation, wheelhouse & fish room fit-outs
- Repair and maintenance of the Kingsweir & Dartmouth Ferries
- Lofting and building a 40ft fishing boat
- Supervising apprentices

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Despite being a junior member of the team, I was well respected for the quality of my work. In recognition of this, I was tasked with overseeing the apprentices at the yard

May 1979 - August 1983

Apprentice Boat Builder
J.Hinks & Son, Appledore, Devon, UK

Shortly before I left school in 1979, I approached Alan Hinks who headed up J.Hinks & Son in Appledore, one of the local boat yards, to see if he could offer me an apprenticeship.

Training:

I received full on-the-job training from a team of highly skilled tradesman in all aspects of traditional wooden boat building:

- Safe use of hand and power tools
- Reading & interpreting drawings
- Lofting
- Traditional & modern boat building techniques
- Fibre-glassing
- Welding & prefabrication

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Successful completion of my apprenticeship

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Alongside my current self-employed work, I am also a Crew Commander (Leading Fire Fighter) of some 18 years at my locally retained station. During my career I have attended many training courses which have helped to enhance and develop me:-

- Health & Safety/Risk Assessment
- Fairness at Work
- Command & Control
- Maritime Fire Fighting
- Current British LGV licence (to drive emergency vehicle)
- First Aid at Work (presently expired)

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