

# MATTHEW KNOLL

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## EDUCATION:

- **University of New Orleans:** Bachelor of Science, Business Management, December 2009. Completed 4000 level finance and 2000 level naval architecture and marine engineering courses.

## WORK EXPERIENCE:

- **Knoll Marine Services** Metairie, LA & Hobe Sound, FL President/ Surveyor January 2015 – Present  
Independent marine surveyor providing services which include marine surveying, consulting, project management, non-destructive testing, and appraisal services for commercial vessels, cargo, and yachts. Specializing in damage claims, but also performing pre purchase inspections, loss control inspections, trip in tow, refit and repair consulting, cargo outturn inspections, and more. Sole proprietor responsible for all aspects of the business and services rendered.
- **Marine Surveyor** Metairie, LA Subcontractor providing services to marine surveying firms June 2014 – 2017  
Perform hull and machinery surveys and cargo outturn surveys. Typical surveys include commercial vessels and marine equipment, trip in tow, on/off charter, condition, damage, salvage, new construction, conversion, and repair surveys. Also perform audio gauging, project management, USCG and ABS inspections.
- **Hornbeck Offshore** Covington, LA Shipyard Project Coordinator August 2012 – June 2014  
Performed port engineering and technical superintendent roles. Planned vessel regulatory and operational maintenance, and dry dockings of vessels for a fleet of OSV's, MPSV's, tugs, and barges. Drafted annual dry dock budgets totaling approximately \$45 million. Inspected vessels to ship-check and prepare hull and machinery repair specifications; reviewed bids and awarded work to vendors and shipyards. Identified and procured long lead project materials and services in advance. Attended shipyards and served as project manager as necessary.
- **Sabbatical** July 2011 – August 2012  
Temporarily pursued personal goals; refit a 36-foot sailboat and sailed it through the Caribbean.
- **Hornbeck Offshore** Covington, LA Staff Engineer, Maintenance and Repair July 2010 – July 2011  
Reviewed maintenance procedures for vessel equipment and provided best practices solutions; made recommendations for fleets' spare parts inventory. Provided shore side support for vessel technicians, engineers, and mechanics. Attended and managed vessel dry dock projects as needed.
- **Canal Barge Company** Belle Chasse, LA Barge Maintenance Superintendent February 2010 – July 2010  
Planned and supervised maintenance and repair projects and budgets for fleets of tank, hopper, and deck barges.
- **Mark Shiffer Marine Surveyors** Harvey, LA Staff Surveyor June 2007 – January 2010

## CERTIFICATIONS & TRAINING:

- Past Vice President and Treasurer of National Association of Marine Surveyors.
- Certified Member of National Association of Marine Surveyors (NAMS-CMS)
- Current U.S. and Canadian passports
- OSHA Confined Space Entry & Shipyard Competent Person
- USCG 100 Ton Masters license
- Certified Marine Investigator, International Association of Marine Investigators (IAMI-CMI)
- TWIC
- Competent in the use of: MS Office, Word, Excel, Power Point, MS Project, AutoCAD
- Non-destructive Testing Level II UT Thickness only certificate
- ABYC Marine Systems Certified
- Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP)

#### **LITIGATION EXPERIENCE:**

- Retained as expert witness and drafted expert report for litigation concerning the sinking of an inland towing vessel. Certain Lloyds Underwriters vs. Dale's Welding, 2019.
- Deposed in a matter concerning barges which broke away and stuck a vessel and mooring buoy: Baltic Wind, Ltd. & Genco Ship Management, LLC v. M/V Lady of Perpetual Help, 2020.
- Appraisal report for limitation of liability: Omega Protein vessel "SMUGGLER'S POINT"; case unknown, 2020.
- Appraisal report for limitation of liability: Omega Protein vessel "CALCASIOU PASS"; case unknown, 2021.
- Expert report concerning container ship stevedore personal injury matter: Case: 3:21-cv-001200 Anthony Chang vs. M/V "CAP ANDREAS" Yezel Shipping Limited Partnership, 2022.
- Retained as expert in stevedore personal injury matter; Circuit Court Nassau County, Case 2021-CA-000231, 2022.
- Deposed in a matter concerning various shipyard repair workmanship issues on an Azimut Motor Yacht, Merri Mar Marina/ Swiss Re v. AIG, 2022.
- Expert report to show the dock were actually vessels/ barges, and their value to counter a limitation filing in matter ACBL Wash Dock v. unknown plaintiff; Case 2:22-cv-00502-WBV-DMD; United States District Court Eastern District of Louisiana, 2022.
- Testified in court and expert report on matter concerning a shipyard dispute on a new under construction passenger vessel: Sea Fair v. St. John Shipbuilding, Putnam County, FL. 2023.
- Appraisal and deposition in a matter concerning the pre loss value of a sailing catamaran, Mortell v Atlantic Cruising Yachts, 2024.
- Appraisal report for limitation of liability: Gator Dredging vessel Skeeter; CNA Claim, ongoing litigation, 2025.
- Expert reports, appraisal reports, and in court testimony; United States District Court Southern District of Florida; CASE NO. 23-cv-62315-WPD; 2025.
- Expert reports in matter concerning various damages; Uh Oh v. AMiKids; ongoing litigation, 2025.
- Expert report on matter regarding vessel sinking; Aspen Insurance v. Nayib Rodriguez; ongoing litigation, 2025.

#### **PUBLICATIONS AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:**

- Published article "Trip in Tow – What's The Point", National Association of Marine Surveyors, E-News March, 2022.
- Guest speaker at International Association of Marine Investigators 2022 annual conference in Orlando, FL. Subject: "Commercial Vessels and Their Construction".
- Panel speaker at Fort Lauderdale Marine Insurance Seminar, 2025; Subject: Techno Captain.

#### **YACHTING EXPERIENCE:**

- **M/Y Clam Chowder**

Delivery OCINW/ Mate- voyage from Palm Beach, FL to Greenport, NY; June 2019. 76' Marlow motor yacht.

- **S/Y Elise**

Delivery Mate – voyage from Norfolk, VA to St. Martin; December 2016. 66' Oyster sailing yacht.

- **M/Y Serengeti**

Delivery OCINW/ Mate- voyage from Seattle, WA to Newport Beach, CA; September 2016. 130' Westport motor yacht.

- **S/Y Pandemonium**

Bow Man/ Fore Deck- 2016 Loro Piana Superyacht Regatta, Virgin Gorda; April 2016. 82' Oyster sailing yacht.

- **Boat Build**

Built a 13' light weight V hull solo fishing power skiff for personal use. Construction method was foam core over frames, with S-glass fiberglass and epoxy resin. Built during 2016. The boat is registered, compliant with local regulations, and powered by a 15-horsepower outboard.

Reconstructed a Rambo 27 center console, to include partial new stringers, new transom, new deck, new hatches, hull paint interior and exterior, new engine, new electrical and electronics, carbon fiber T top: 2021.

- **S/Y Zydeco, Rougarou & Demitasse**

Multiple crew positions including captain, bow man, and helms man for Gulf Coast regional PHRF and one design races, and associated deliveries; 2016 through present. J111, Melges 32, and J27 sailing yachts.

- **S/Y Alice in Red**

My personal boat; major refit, and cruising between Florida and the BVI; 2011 through 2012. 36' Northshore Vancouver sailing yacht.

- **Various Motor Yachts**

Engineering work during refits of various motor yachts located in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. May 2006.

- **M/Y Mystique**

Deckhand- East Coast, USA/ Caribbean; October 2005 through April 2006. Included major shipyard refit period and main engine replacement. 165' Oceanfast motor yacht.

- **M/Y Xylonen**

Engineering work during major refit, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; September 2005. 145' Christensen motor yacht.

- **S/Y Seaquest**

Crewmember, cruises including diving and sport fishing to: Belize 2003 & 2004; Andros, Bahamas 2005; Roatan, Honduras 2007, 2008. 50' Gulfstar sailing yacht.

- **Southern Yacht Club**

Part time sailing instructor and assistant harbor master- New Orleans, LA; 2005 through 2008; provided sailing instruction for ages 8 through adults; served as dinghy racing coach; performed maintenance and repairs on the yacht clubs fleet of (16) 420 dinghies, (12) Flying Scott dinghies, and (8) Powerboats.

#### **MARINE PROJECT MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE:**

- Drafting specifications for repairs and conversion projects.
- Soliciting bids according to written specifications.
- Creating and executing project budgets.
- Working between operational departments and contractors.
- Identifying critical paths and creating/ executing project schedules.
- Working with naval architects and engineers to execute designs.
- Liaising between regulatory bodies such as ABS, DNV, USCG.
- Working with project contractors to ensure timeline, budget and safety goals are achieved.

- **2020**

Project manager for owner overseeing the following projects:

- Graycious, Oyster 745 sailing yacht – damaged by fire; project included: providing yacht management/ caretaking services for 2 months, arranging and overseeing shipment of yacht and storage container from Palm Beach, FL to Southampton, UK, liaising and coordinating between owner's team of surveyors and naval architects.

- **2018 – 2019**

Project manager for owners, overseeing the following projects:

- HOS Remington, 270' DP2 OSV – at Bollinger Fourchon; project included: dry docking, sandblasting of the hull and repainting with new color scheme, addition of a moonpool and sea chest, repairs to tunnel thruster, main engine exhaust repairs. Approximately \$1 million project value with 20-day duration.
- HOS Cedar Ridge, 320' DP2 OSV – at Bollinger Fourchon; project included: ABS Class intermediate surveys, main engine top end overhauls, removal of (19) grid coolers for testing, maintenance on (3) tunnel thrusters, maintenance on (2) controllable pitch shafts, hull paint touch up and new antifouling, cargo piping alterations. Approximately \$1.5 million project value with 25-day duration.
- HOS Commander, 320' DP2 OSV – at Bollinger Fourchon; project included: ABS Class special #1 survey, hull painting, overhaul of (3) tunnel thrusters, overhaul of (2) controllable pitch propeller shafts, complete overhaul of (2) main engines, (2) generators, (3) tunnel thruster engines, 5-year service of cranes, lifeboats, and davits. Approximately \$2 million project value with 30-day duration.

- HOS Red Rock, 310' DP2 OSV – at Bollinger Fourchon; project included: ABS Class special #1 survey, hull painting, overhaul of (2) tunnel thrusters, overhaul of (2) Z-drives. Approximately \$1 million project value with 20-day duration.
- HOS Carolina, 320' DP2 OSV – at Bollinger Fourchon; project included: ABS Class special #1 survey, hull painting, overhaul of (3) tunnel thrusters, overhaul of (2) controllable pitch propeller shafts, complete overhaul of (2) main engines, (2) generators, (3) tunnel thruster engines, 5-year service of cranes, lifeboats, and davits. Approximately \$2 million project value with 30-day duration.
- HOS Brigadoon, 190' DP1 OSV – at TNG Veracruz, Mexico; project included vessel reactivation after cold stack, ABS Class special survey #4, significant hull steel repair work, replacement of propeller shafts. Approximately \$1 million project value with 35-day duration.
- HOS Iron Horse, 430' DP3 Subsea Construction Vessel, at Gulf Copper, Port Arthur, TX.; ABS Class special survey #2, full overhaul of (4) main generators, all thrusters, and Z-drives, and 10-year overhauls on 400T active heave comp. mast crane & 120T knuckle boom crane; 5 year service on 8 lifeboats and davits. Approximately \$9 million project value with 60-day duration. Oversaw project schedule, cost tracking updates, all hull and tank surveys, all valve repairs, and assisted with coordinating all vendors and project leads.
- HOS Dominator, 240' DP2 OSV – at Mare Island Dry Dock, Vallejo, CA; ABS class intermediate #5. Overhaul (3) tunnel thrusters; light maintenance and paint work scope. Approximately \$1 million project value with 26-day duration.
- USNS Arrowhead, 250' DP2 USNS – at Vigor, Portland, OR.; fill in for project manager during emergency family leave. Oversaw project completion, including dead weight survey, incline experiment, machinery alignments.

  

- **2015 - 2018**  
Multiple small-scale repair or upgrade projects- inland tank and crane barges. Typical project value under \$200,000. Scope included: inspect project, identify scope of work, draft specifications for work, solicit bids, oversee work.
- **2014 - 2015**  
Project manager for owners, overseeing the refit of tug "Brooklyn". Project value approx. \$5 million. Included stripping vessel of equipment and finishes. Refurbish vessel with new equipment, maintaining the original main engines.