

Capt. Matthew Peak **LLB (Hons), PGC, LLM (with distinction)**

General Information

Matthew has a passion for both yachting and the law. With over 20 years of experience as a captain and bridge officer, which has included captaining superyachts and overseeing major shipbuilding and renovation projects, he has much first-hand experience in the maritime industry.

Utilising this commercial superyacht experience, Matthew is building a legal and mediation practice specialising in maritime and shipping law. He has an in-depth understanding of the day-to-day running of large commercial yachts and the many maritime regulations involved. He is looking forward to representing yacht owners, captains and crew in contract law, employment law and other commercial litigation issues, providing professional legal representation with a genuine understanding of the particular maritime industry and the law. He is a qualified mediator.

Click on the following link to read 'Plain Sailing: From Yacht Captain to the Bar' from Solicitors Journal:

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Areas of law

- Employment Law
- Contract Law
- Tort Law & Other Maritime Commercial Litigation

Employment Law

Representing yacht owners, captains and crew in employment law issues, including:

- Constructive or unfair dismissal
- Allegations of bullying or harassment
- Health & Safety concerns
- Discrimination relating to age, disability, gender, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, parental rights
- Whistleblowing
- Redundancy

Contract Law

Advising shipping entrepreneurs, high net-worth individuals, superyacht builders, designers and banks in contractual disputes, including:

- Shipbuilding contracts
- Refit contracts
- Sale of yachts
- Charter contracts

Tort Law & Other Maritime Commercial Litigation

Providing advice and representation in cases relating to claims of:

- Professional negligence
- Employers' liability
- Emotional distress
- Financial losses
- Injuries
- Invasion of privacy and other issues

Also acting in cases relating to salvage rights, collision disputes and other marine-related issues.

Memberships

- Associate Fellow, Nautical Institute
- Honourable Society of Inner Temple

- American Bar Association
- Professional Yachting Association
- Bar Yacht Club

Education

- Master's (LLM), Legal Practice, BPP Law School, Distinction
- Post Graduate Certificate in International Law, Bristol Law School
- Bachelor of Laws (LLB), BPP Law School

Personal Interests

Outside of his interest in the law, Matthew has many hobbies and interests, principal among these is travel. During his yachting career, he has sailed and explored all over the world, including North & South America, Europe, Asia and the Indian Ocean. His next planned adventure is to go trekking in Ethiopia.

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