

Thomas C. Benton

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RESUME of Thomas C. Benton, Marine Damage Consultants, LLC

CAREER OBJECTIVE

SAMS Accredited and NAMS Certified Marine Surveyor,
Marine & Marina Consultant, Damage Assessment
Marina Risk Assessment Inspections
Instructor Marine Propulsion Failure Analysis

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

CHAPMAN SCHOOL OF SEAMANSHIP

Stuart, Florida

YACHT AND SMALL CRAFT SURVEYING

Graduated - April 1993

Received 180 hours in theory and field experience in Hull Design
& Construction, Support Systems, Propulsion & Auxiliary
Systems and Business, Professional & Legal considerations

CONTINUING EDUCATION (Major Classes)

ABYC Accident Investigation Training 1993

ABYC DC Electrical Systems Training 1993

IAMI Theft & Fraud Investigations Training 1995

Insurance Institute of America - Intro to Claims - National Test 1995

First Marine Watercraft Damage and Claims Evaluation 1998

Pennco Tech - Mercury/MerCruiser training 2000

IAMI Marine Investigation Training 2001 & 2005

SAMS International Educational Symposiums

Charleston SC 1993

New Orleans, 1994

St. Louis, MO 1997

Salem, MA 1998

Clearwater, FL 1999

San Antonio, TX 2000

San Juan, PR 2005

San Diego, CA 2007

Houston, TX 2009

Certified Technician #26153
MerCruiser Stern Drives

Mercury Marine University Class Room Training

MerCruiser Systems 3-24 to 3-28, 2008
Mercury Computer Diagnostics 4-21 & 4-22, 2008
Stern Drives 10-20 to 10-24, 2008
Electronic Fuel Injection 1-14 & 1-15, 2009
Outboard Systems 4-20 to 4-24, 2009
Outboard Gearcase 5-4 & 5-5, 2009
MerCruiser Catalyst Engines 5-5, 2010

Mercury Marine University E-Skills Training 2007/2008

Marine Technician Fundamentals
Fuel Systems II - Theory and Operation
Electrical Systems II
CDS Systems & Software
Smart Craft I
Hydraulics
Science of Fuels
Marine Corrosion
Troubleshooting Gas Engines, the Basics
MerCruiser - Servicing Popular Past Product

Mercury Marine University E-Skills Training 2008/2009

Troubleshooting Gas Engines, Beyond the Basics
DTS, Theory & Troubleshooting
MerCruiser 496 Troubleshooting
Understanding MerCruiser EFI System 93-01
DTS 2006 configuration using CDS
Axius Dealer Checklist

Mercury Marine University E-Skills Training 2010

Marine Corrosion
G3 Diagnostic Software
Communicating with Digital Images
2009-2010 MerCruiser Product Update
Mercnet Training

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

January 2005 to Present

SELF EMPLOYED
Marine Damage Consultants, LLC
Marine Surveyor, Damage Consultant
Vessel Inspections - Damage Appraisal
Marina Facilities Damage Appraisal

April 2003 to January 2005

Marine Claims Specialist, Licensed Adjuster
Farmers Exchange - Staff Adjuster
Part Time Marine Surveying

July 1991 - April 2003

SELF EMPLOYED
Tom Benton & Associates
Marine Surveyor, Damage Consultant
Vessel inspections

January - July 1991

PIER 51 MARINA
Mannford, Oklahoma
Shop Foreman, Service Writer
Managed repair shop, 250 slip marina
Facilities Maintenance & Repair

January 1989 - January 1991

BOATS ETC., INC. - Owner
Tulsa, Oklahoma
Retail boat sales, power & sail up to 30',
Full service repair facility.

November 1987-December 1989

PIER 51 MARINA
Mannford, Oklahoma
Boat Sales, Rigger, Repair Technician,
Dock Maintenance & Repair

1985-1987

Keystone Sailing - Owner
Cleveland, Oklahoma
Sail Boat repairs, parts & service
Retail Dealer for Performance Catamarans

1970 - 1985

Electrician / Electrical Contractor
Oklahoma State License #000089
Oklahoma City, OK

CERTIFICATES & INTERESTS

License: Oklahoma Property Adjuster, 2004 - Current
Texas Property Adjuster, 2008 - Current
Arkansas Property Adjuster, 2008 - Current
Louisiana Property Adjuster, 2008 - Current

Certification: MerCruiser Certified Technician 2009

Member: The Society of Accredited
Marine Surveyors (**SAMS**)
Accredited Marine Surveyor - AMS # 305
Earned AMS in 1994
1998-2000 Board of Directors - VP Testing
2005-2009 Gulf Regional Director
2010 Board of Directors - VP Public Relations

Member: National Association of Marine Surveyors
Certified Marine Surveyor CMS # 136-790
Earned CMS in 2000

Member: International Association of
Marine Investigators (**IAMI**)
Certified Marine Investigator -
CMI# 890-032 - Earned 2005, Renewed 2010

Member: American Boat and Yacht Council (**ABYC**) Since 1992

Member: American Boat Builders & Repairs Association (ABBRA)
2009