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Charter boat captain specializes in sharks, celebs

Mark The Shark, who has trademarked the name, is a charter boat captain specializing in catching sharks. He resides in Pompano Beach.

Current boat or boats: 46-foot Hatteras.

Boat's name: Monster Fish.

Where is your boat docked?

Biscayne Bay Marriott, 21 years.

How long have you been boating?

40 years.

Describe your first experiences on the water. Did anyone inspire you? My Dad took me fishing for sharks when I was 6. I caught a small sand shark and about 10,000 sharks later, I'm still doing and loving it! No one on the planet has ever caught more with rod and reel and never will.

Where do you like to take your boat? Offshore Miami.

How far have you traveled aboard your boat? Bahamas.

Who do you boat with? Clients.

How much time do you spend aboard your boat? About 12 hours a day. We do about 400 trips per year.

What draws you to boating? Money. Love for fishing.

Most memorable boating experience: Taking celebs out like Robert DeNiro, Will Smith, Shaq, (Shaquille O'Neal) and tons of others.

Scariest moment on the water? Getting tail whacked by an 18-foot thresher shark and getting tossed over with other sharks around the boat.

What do you least like about boating in South Florida? Weekend boaters with no clue. We call them Googans.

What do you like most? Being in the ocean environment.



Photo / MARK THE SHARK

We want to know about you Your boater profile can appear in next month's Waterfront News. E-mail editor@waterfront-news.com

Who's who among South Florida's boaters? Meet the people working and enjoying the boating lifestyle in a monthly feature that asks readers to share just what it is that makes boating in South Florida personal.

If you would like to tell your story, please e-mail editor@waterfront-news.com. Use the words "Boater's profile" in the subject line and include your name and phone number where you can be reached during the day.

You can also fax 954-524-9464 or write to Boater's Profile, The Waterfront News, 1515 SW First Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL, 33315.

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