



Q&A with Captain Avnish Dhall in the Seychelles

Photo: Captain Avnish Dhall (right) & MY Kalizma (top)

We sat down with Captain Avnish, long time skipper around the Seychelles, to learn more of his background and of his yachting experiences and recommendations in the Seychelles:

Q: Please tell us about superyachts in the Seychelles and your connection.

A: Two years ago we decided to move one of our 50mtr yachts from Sri Lanka/Maldives to the Seychelles. After that, like they say – history!

Q: How did you get into this line of business?

A: I spent 13 years in commercial shipping and then moved into the yachting world 20 years ago. I have been a captain on yachts up to 95mtrs in length and now run a fleet of yachts under the name of Pegasus Yachts.



Q: Are you often out at sea on the yachts?

A: Ever since I started management, I am not so much at sea but mostly on board for refits and management decisions. Saying that, I just did a 600nm passage down the western seaboard of the US on a 68 foot Dynacraft. I still enjoy being at sea but suspect my crew mostly 'tolerate' having me on board!

Q: What do you love most about your work?

A: The uniqueness! The uncertainty of what the next day would bring! The challenges of working in an ever-changing environment all bring together challenges on a daily basis.

Q: Give us an example of your yachts for are some of your clients?

A: We have some of the most well-known yachts in the world. For example, in the Seychelles we have the 110-year-old luxury yacht, famed as being bought by Richard Burton for Elizabeth Taylor in 1967. She is a beautiful 165' Edwardian motor yacht, named 'Kalizma' after Burton's children Kate, Liza and Maria.

Q: What is the average stay? What would you recommend?

A: In the Seychelles, I would think a 10-day visit – mostly experiential holiday experiences with diving and fishing incorporated would be an excellent visit.

Q: Asia Pacific Superyachts is spread out widely across Asia Pacific. What are the region agencies you work with in the APS network?

A: We use APS agency teams in Phuket, Malaysia and Singapore. We have always enjoyed the best possible service from Asia Pacific Superyachts and find them to be knowledgeable and approachable for all yacht related works.