

To Capt'n Kevin

I would 100% recommend hiring Kevin at Captain for hire. It was the best decision I possibly could have made.

I recently bought a 42' power flybridge cruiser (Galeon 420). I live in MD and the vessel was in Quincy Massachusetts. I needed to get the boat down to Annapolis but I didn't have the expertise or experience to do so on my own.

I contemplated having the boat simply delivered to me. But I wanted to experience the journey. And I was honestly hesitant to hire someone and spend 3 days with someone I didn't know. Kevin gave me a reference and the reference glowed about Kevin. "Kevin is the best. He is an amazing guy and teacher. Do it." Do I did.

So glad I did. We got along great right from the beginning. We stayed over on my boat Friday evening, and left Quincy at 5:30 am. The first day we travelled @ 180 nautical miles. Through the Cape Cod Canal, into Buzzards Bay, and ending up in Bridgeport Ct. It was a very rough afternoon weather wise. I couldn't have done this alone.

Kevin was patient and kind and taught me step by step for 14 hours a day. 12 hours on water and then pre and post check. We dug into the engines and electrical and systems. I learned more in 3 days than I could have on my own in months.

The second day we cruised the Long Island Sound, East River, and through Manhattan all the way down to Cape May NJ. Kevin has the unique judgement to give you as much space as you need or engage as much as you need.

He taught me about charts, and sonar, and weather, and navigation tools and how to safely monitor the electronics. We spent the second night in Cape May. Kevin taught me how to use the radio, how to steer using only the twin engines, not touching the wheel. How to dock, how to tie fenders, where to put the fenders and ropes, how to tie spring lines. All the critical basics.

I could go on and on. But one of the best days of my life was cruising into Annapolis, my hometown, and confidently navigating the boat downtown, turning around in close quarters and then cruising into my marina.

By far, this is the best money I have spent on the boat, hiring Kevin. Since our journey ended I have called Kevin several times with questions or boat issues. Last weekend I texted him at 5:30 in the morning, and he called me right back and walked me through an electrical issue.

I am thrilled to have worked with Kevin, and I am honored to call him a friend. If you are questioning hiring him, get my number and call me.

Casey Cook