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To Whom It May Concern:

I received a request for supporting information, in response; I am respectfully submitting my qualifications.

Skills and Experience:

I have over 40 years of experience in all facets of the recreational marine industry including design and engineering, manufacture and inspection, sales and marketing of FRP composite production and fully custom power and sailboats up to 56 feet in length. My sailing experience spans almost 5 decades and includes open water passages and an extensive sailboat racing background most currently with the Melges 24 One Design fleet.

My work history includes:

- Bayfield Boat Yard 1972 to 1977 part time rigger responsible for production of standing and running rigging kits for the Bayfield 25, 29 and 32.
- Bayfield Boat Yard 1977 to 1978 full time rigger, member of the tooling crew responsible for the manufacture of new production tooling including plug making. Highlights include the manufacture of the Bayfield 40 in its entirety from the drawing board to launch. I was personally responsible for the B40 rig design.
- Scorpio Yachts 1979 to 1983 co-owner where I was involved in the day to day operations of a custom sail boat manufacturer. Highlights including personally building two Bruce Kirby designed racing sailboats. During this period I became a fully proficient in all aspects of FRP laminating including chopper, gelcoat application and patching.
- North Castle Marine / Gozzard Yachts 1983 to present where I am the manager/owner (second generation). I currently hold the title of President and Operations Manager. Gozzard Yachts not only builds new vessels but also undertakes major refits of existing vessel. We have a significant body of work to our credit involving over 350 sail, power, racing and cruising vessels.

My skills currently include but are not limited to:

- Lead in house yacht designer for Gozzard Yachts including interior, exterior, hydrodynamics, sail plan, all mechanical and electrical systems, propulsion systems, structure and stability. Our boats are typically built to exceed Category A Offshore Unlimited.
- Lead composite laminator proficient in all materials and processes including vacuum assisted resin infusion, wet bagging and pre-pregs.
- Lead purchaser with final say on selection of every component used in our vessels.
- Lead carpenter with hands on experience in all aspects of wood working including final trim and finish.
- Lead mechanic with hands on experience in all marine systems
- Lead painter and solely responsible for the application of all Awlgrip finishes.
- Lead rigger

– Marine (recreational) Surveyor

Additionally I am a competent welder in TIG and MIG in steel, aluminum, and stainless. I am an expert in all marine mechanical systems including design and installation, all marine electrical systems including design and installation, all aspects of rigging including design and installation and I am a certified Raymarine Technician and proficient in NMEA 2000 systems. I am also solely responsible for having our current production models gaining certification under both ABYC and ISO RCD and am proficient in both standards.

My yacht design body of work includes most notably the Gozzard 37 (1999), the Gozzard 41 (2000), the G44 Mark 2 (2003) and the Gozzard 41RC (2016).

Notable Industry Achievements:

2000 Sail Magazine "Runner Up" for the "Boat of the Year" award for the Gozzard 37.

2001 Sail Magazine "Winner" of the "Boat of the Year" award for the Gozzard 41.

2005 IBEX guest speaker for a seminar on "Cored Construction" hosted by Corecell

I have been solely responsible for the manufacture and the quality of all Gozzard Yachts built after 1996 and the respect and reputation earned within this industry during that time.

Personal Interests and Achievements:

Community Member Award – Toronto Police Services Board (2016)

Founding Member of the Bayfield Arena Community Partners Association NPO (2014)

Active recreational hockey player and organizer

Private pilot – advanced ultra-lite

Custom Off Road Vehicles – www.gozzardcomposites.com

Melges 24 Activities:

Purchased and restored USA31 (now CAN31) 2009 - current

2nd 2015 M24 Canadian Nationals

1st 2015 CanAm Challenge M24

2nd 2016 CanAm Challenge M24

52st 2016 M24 World Championships

Melges 24 Class Measurer #083

Canadian Melges 24 Class Association Technical Officer

Industry references available upon request.

Yours truly,

Mike Gozzard
