



STARBOARD TEN, INC.

MARITIME EXPERT WITNESS SERVICES

Captain Benjamin R. Sheaffer III

CURRICULUM VITAE

## PROFESSIONAL LICENSES & ENDORSEMENTS

Able Bodied Seaman  
USCG 100-ton Captain's License  
USCG Mates Unlimited/Any Waters License  
PADI Divemaster certificate

## MARITIME EDUCATION

**Tidewater School of Navigation**  
Norfolk, VA

## PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

### **Sheaffer Marine, Inc.**

1989 – Present

President & CEO, Designer & Master Boat Builder

*Founded Sheaffer Marine, Inc. (which includes Sheaffer Boats and The Boat Doctor) by rebuilding and restoring older (1960s, 70s and 80s) open center console flat back boats. Created the Sheaffer S239FB, a flat back hull, and began building the S239/S240V, a 24' V-hull design. Today, he also builds the S280, a 28' center console. The shop handles structural and cosmetic fiberglass repairs, boat manufacturer warranty claims and insurance claims, and installation of engine systems, electrical, electronics, plumbing, and steering and fuel systems.*

### **Starboard Ten, Inc. Maritime Expert Witness Services**

2017 – Present

Associate

*Provides forensic litigation and expert witness services pertaining to boat repair, building, design, structural integrity, and manufacturing, as well as seamanship and boating.*

### **Davis Drafting**

1983 – 1986

Owner

*Honed boat design and building experience.*

### **Exxon Shipping**

1980 – 1989

Merchant Marine

*Sailed Super Tankers, beginning as an Ordinary Seaman and departing as Third Mate Unlimited.*

### **Law Office of Paul McDuffy**

1999 – 2000

Professional Witness