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To Whom it may concern,

Re; Captain Eric Pearson

I have recently had the pleasure of experiencing the professional engagement of Captain Eric Pearson. This was part of a delivery and handover of our recently purchased Princess 82 Motor Yacht.

As a fully endorsed AMSA Master 5 with RYA Yachtmaster Offshore endorsements as well, it quickly became apparent that the qualifications, reputation and achievements acquired by Eric over his career are valid and authentic.

The capacity of a leader to instruct and assist less experienced individuals also does not come naturally to many, but for Eric, again the passion for his career is expressed by the patience and level of detail when offering tuition or simple explanations about the world of a mariner.

Myself and my partner Susan, also had the pleasurable instruction and refreshing instructions for

- 1. Operating in smooth waters, marinas, rivers and at fuel docks.
- 2. Inshore and offshore waterways
- 3. Open waters including Gold Coast to Airlie Beach.

Through these situations and including a night watch scenario, Eric assisted in supporting our capacity to be in charge of a vessel safely and responsibly as Masters in our own right.

I can also add that Eric's passion for safety and appreciation of a vessel was exhibited by the detail of his attention to general matters like - to repair and re-install ceiling panels, replace and refit a pump, repair a leak on a tender, and assist with a grey water malfunction, and the hinge of a cupboard. These are simple examples of the character of "care & respect".

During my recent 3 years as a Yacht owner, and with as many as 5 other Captain experiences, some longer periods and some shorter, Eric has demonstrably expressed professionalism and care with the compliancy of marine rules, but also made a demonstration of his empathic character when around others.

We would not hesitate to reference Eric in his capacity as Captain.

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