



CONNOR COLBOURNE

Junior Deckhand

CONTACT

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- 📍 Antibes, France
- 🌐 British passport holder
- 🚗 Full UK Driving Licence
- 🗣️ English - Native
- 🚭 Non-smoker | No tattoos
- ✅ Available immediately

CERTIFICATES

- ENG1 - valid to 12 Aug 2028
- RYA Powerboat Level 2 - Aug 2026
- RAID Foundation Freediver - Aug 2026
- STCW Basic Safety Training - Aug 2026

SKILLS

- Surface preparation
- Painting and finishing
- Industrial coating preparation
- Hand and power tools
- Machinery operation
- Equipment care and housekeeping
- Customer service and event hospitality
- Team leadership

PROFILE

I am seeking my first yacht position as a Junior Deckhand, bringing practical experience in construction, surface preparation and finishing, machinery operation and equipment care. Physically fit, safety-conscious and comfortable with demanding outdoor work, I also offer customer-facing hospitality experience and team leadership. Regular spearfishing and freediving have developed my confidence in open water and reinforced my commitment to building a long-term career in yachting. I am ready to contribute reliable hands-on work while learning yacht-specific standards from an experienced deck team.

RELEVANT SHORESIDE EXPERIENCE

LABOURER

Summer 2024

S W Wren Building Services Ltd.

- Removed exterior cladding from a four-storey residential property using an electric demolition hammer while working from scaffolding up to roof level; maintained clear platforms and used verbal warnings and visual checks before sending bagged rubble down a chute.

LABOURER

Summer 2024

ProPitch Services Ltd.

- Supported construction of Portishead Town FC's full-size 3G artificial pitch, operating a tracked excavator and articulated site dumper to place aggregate in lined drainage trenches, move excavated spoil and transport concrete edging stones.
- Used a petrol-powered disc cutter to open an existing concrete path for drainage access; laid geotextile membrane, compacted aggregate with a vibrating plate and positioned edging stones for the tarmac path.

PAINTER & DECORATOR

Summers 2023 & 2024

Linear Finishes

- Prepared occupied residential interiors and exteriors through wallpaper removal, filling, sanding, caulking and masking, while protecting floors and furnishings.
- Applied primers, undercoats and interior/exterior finish coats by brush and roller; completed cutting-in, touch-ups, finish checks and daily tool/work-area clean-downs.

RETAIL ASSISTANT

2022 - 2023

TOUT'S

- Served customers, processed cash/card, refunds and fuel transactions, authorised pumps and applied Challenge 25 to restricted-product and National Lottery sales.
- Restocked shelves and worked with minimal supervision, completing end-of-day self-service till close-downs, fridge/freezer temperature checks, shop and forecourt cleaning, hazard inspections and security monitoring.

CASUAL EVENT & HOSPITALITY STAFF

Dec 2021 - Mar 2022

The Waiting Game, Bristol

- Delivered hospitality-box service at Ashton Gate Stadium, serving plated meals, carrying trays and clearing tables; also supported high-volume pot-wash operations at Ashton Gate and the Robins High Performance Centre.

PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

2021

Bristol Metal Spraying & Protective Coatings Ltd.

- Prepared marine and defence components, including a ship rudder and torpedo tube, for specialist protective coatings through MEK cleaning, masking and threaded-hole protection, following preparation instructions from a NACE coating inspector and using chemical PPE.
- Maintained clean, orderly factory work areas to support safe and consistent coating preparation.

EDUCATION & LEADERSHIP

BSc (Hons) Biological Sciences - 2:2

2023 - 2026

Cardiff University

- Freestyle Captain of Cardiff Snowsports (350 members): led weekly training for groups of up to 20, coached less-experienced members, and worked with the committee and treasurer to plan events, discuss budgets and request funding for activities.

REFERENCES

References available on request

INTERESTS

Spearfishing: regular open-water activity requiring swimming fitness, breath-hold discipline and calm awareness of conditions.
Hot-air ballooning: core family ground crew since childhood; responsible for setup, launch and pack-down all year, including every family flight at the Bristol International Balloon Fiesta.
Other: occasional surfing, bouldering, padel, mountain biking, fitness, skiing, hiking and camping.