

Hans Piest

Having grown up in Den Helder where my father was in the navy I sail since my 5th year. Starting with short weekend trips to the Amstelmeer, my sailing grounds extended more and more. To date I have done two Atlantic Ocean crossings on a Najad 520, Queen's Ransom III (MMSI 235036742), in a crew of total three persons (2009 and 2012). Besides, lots of cruises in Europe: the Baltic, Mediterranean, and North Sea and Atlantic Ocean have been completed. Furthermore, I sail as voluntary crew member with the yacht Ecolution of the late astronaut Wubbo Ockels and have experience as deckhand with skipper Louis de Jonge at MV Boschwad and MV Noordster serving tours over the Waddensea for mud-hikers and others.

In 2011 I obtained Marcom-A in four days speed course at the Enkhuizer Zeevaartschool. I like the atmosphere at the Nautical Academy which breathes sailing. It has been one of my aims to follow the KZV GZV courses also. I am going to work as trainee on the Koftjalk Schuttevaer on inland waters and I am working on a trainee ship on the square-rigged vessel Morgenster. Of course, I will use every opportunity to work on my taskbook and manage to obtain a professional rating.

My further hobbies are: rowing (1x, 2-, and 8+), cooking, HAM radio (holding an F-license), and amateur astronomy. I learned a lot of new things at school some of which I will possibly never use if I keep sailing just