

David Lewis

Full name: *David Richard Lewis*

Status: *Based in Hong Kong
Active in many other Asian sailing
areas, particularly Thailand.*

Nationality: *British.
(Permanent resident of Hong Kong)*

Date of Birth: *May 23, 1961.*

E-mail: *bluesurround@hotmail.com*



David Lewis

HONG KONG, SUMMER 2002

1) POWER & SAILING

I have been involved for 19 years, professionally for 11 years. Recent activities include educating students about legal changes in local and international certification for Masters & Engineers Pleasure Vessel Operators License(s), yacht brokerage, international delivery and shipment, and the arrangement of live aboard options.

Key qualifications, all valid for vessels up to 150 feet, are Yachtmaster off-shore instructor from Britain's Royal Yachting Association (RYA, 1990), the Australian Yachting Federation (1992) and the Hong Kong Yachting Association (1995). Oceanmaster — both theory (1989) and practical (1990) certified by the RYA.

Sailing prices are customised from these starting points:

- Chartered / delivery sailing vessels as skipper: around US\$2.50 per nautical mile + flights, accommodation and food expenses.
- Sail training: around US\$100/HK\$750 per hour up, depending on catering requirements.
- Power vessels (long-term contracts): if based on a 9:00—17:00 work day a ten-month contract is around US\$150,000, plus air flights, accommodation and food expenses.
- Discounts of up to 25% may be available for certain types of bookings where several people participate.

2) CORPORATE ENTERTAINING / COOKING

Key experiences include education and entertainment packages such as 'Dinner for Six', onboard wine tasting and sailing adventure nights. I have a diploma in Thai cuisine and experience in restaurant design and the development of dishes with George Surtese in Australia. Details are on page 2.

3) BLUE SURROUND

Like many others I believe that sailing is as much about lifestyle as anything else. This led me to establish Blue Surround, a lifestyle-adventure operation combining corporate entertainment with teaching people up to Day Skipper and, for some, Coastal Skipper and Yachtmaster qualifications. An introduction is on page 4.

Sincerely
DAVID LEWIS

David Lewis



© Copyright Blue Surround Photography

Corporate Entertaining / F & B

F & B Catering

I am very interested in managing and investing in restaurants, particularly ones serving sailing customers. Working experience includes Stanley Smugglers and the Beirut Lebanese Restaurant (both in Hong Kong), plus a variety of smaller restaurants around Thailand and Asia.

Cooking

In 1999 I was awarded a Diploma in 5-star Thai Cuisine from the Boat House, Phuket, Thailand. I have also cooked widely on high-end charters, particularly in Thailand, Malaysia, Hong Kong and UK. This has included the development of Asian, international and 'fusion' dishes such as Coconut Swordfish & Ginger Lime, Papaya & Green Mango Salad.

Corporate Entertaining

Starting with catering management experience in historical buildings & ancient monuments in the UK during the 1980s, I have arranged a variety of corporate events. Latterly these have included specialist events for 50 executives and supporting outdoor catering of film events.

Restaurant design

Worked on restaurant design and eateries for George Surtese, in Sydney Australia (1992-1993).

Writing 1992

'The Art Of the Wild' seminar for writers, film-makers and poets, run by the University Of California (Davis)

1984 - 1992

An accredited freelance photojournalist with The Australian News and Syndicate Sydney Australia Additionally, I have published a series of stories about the sea such as Serendipity (2001). Copies are available upon request.

Other 1992

'The Entrepreneur's Course', run by The Excellerate Learning Institutes Business School, Hawaii, USA. Institute of Director's Diploma in Corporate Responsibilities

1984

Higher National Certificate in Construction Management, UK

1979

Certificates of Secondary Education, UK

David Lewis



© Copyright Blue Surround Photography

Sailing, corporate sail events and other entertainment

- 1995 **Established Blue Surround in Hong Kong**, a lifestyle travel & -02 adventure operation combining power & sail training with cooking and other lifestyle education courses. This has included:
 - Numerous passages as skipper / cook around Hong Kong's islands
 - Sail training of over 65 competent crew, 25 day skippers, 6 coastal skippers, 30 Masters & Engineers (Grade II) students — all successful!
 - Corporate charters for 50 + guests (eg, Morgan Stanley Dean Whitter)
 - School charters for 30 students on a flotilla of 38-50 feet sailing vessels (eg, Island School)
 - **Hong Kong – Thailand** on a 38 feet yacht (1997) as skipper / cook
 - Many related charters, deliveries and training around **Phuket, Thailand** and **Langkawi, Malaysia** such as the Similan Islands, Koh Rok Nok, Koh Rachi and the Nok Marine Park
- 1992 **Around Coffs Harbour and Whitsunday Islands, Queensland** -94 **Australia**
Skipper, Ocean Navigator, Watch Leader and victuals manager on various 38 feet cutters and catamarans. Wide variety of entertaining and corporate events required.
- 1993 **Sydney Harbour – Jervis Bay, New South Wales, Australia**
Crew and cook on 45 feet sailing vessel
- 1992 **Honduras – Mexico – Belize – Florida - North Carolina, USA**
Skipper on Mark Soverial 52 feet cutter-rigged ketch
- 1991 **Around Sydney Harbour, New South Wales, Australia**
Instructor up to Yachtmaster level for Cruising Yacht Club Of Australia.
- 1991 **Sydney Offshore Races, New South Wales, Australia**
Trainer and crew / cook on 72 feet Bermudan sloop
- 1991 **Coffs Harbour, Queensland, Australia**
Ocean Navigator and Watch Leader on 38 feet cutter-rigged sailing vessel
- 1990 **Grand Canaria – St Lucia. Atlantic Ocean Crossing**
Crew / cook and Watch Leader on 48 feet ketch cruiser
- 1989 **Sydney Harbour, New South Wales, Australia**
In-shore racing crew in Sydney Harbour races, 40 feet yacht
- 1989 **Dampia, Western Australia, Australia**
Skipper and evening BBQ coordinator for 45 feet sport fishing vessel
- 1988 **Penarth, Wales – Isles of Scilly – Cork (Regatta) – Glengarif - Wales**
Watch leader / crew on 35 feet Oyster racing yacht
- 1988 **Southampton – Isle of Wight, UK.** Crew for 80 feet Oceanis
- 1988 **West Wales, UK.** Race crew on Moodi 35 Dinas
- 1987 **Across Mediterranean Sea – Aegean Sea – Turkey (via Corinth Canal)**
Watch leader & cook / logistics chief on 50 feet catamaran charter.
- 1986 **Penarth, Wales – Bay Of Biscay - NW Spain - La Rochel, France - Isles of Scilly - St Ives - Penarth, Wales**
Watch Leader / cook on Roberts 43 feet cruising yacht
- 1985 **Around Caphelonia and other Greek Islands.** Skipper on 45 feet yacht
- 1984 **Bristol Channel, UK** -86
Racing Crew & Tactical Navigator on various 35-50 feet racing yachts

David Lewis



© Copyright Blue Surround Photography

Blue Surround

A little bit of sailing and a little fine cuisine

Blue Surround is about the lifestyle, travel and adventure of the ocean — customised to personal time schedules in Hong Kong or, through our Cafe Nautique restaurant locations, in Thailand and Malaysia. For many members skills learnt lead to Ocean Crew or Day Skipper qualifications; power vessel practical and theory courses for Masters & Engineers examinations; and for a few others it leads to advanced qualifications such as Coastal Skipper and Ocean Master.

For all it leads to a combination of nature with travel and adventure, sailing, diving, photography, the pleasures of Thai, Italian or International cuisine, and a unique stress management that contributes to putting you more in a moment — with added elements of ocean waters, fresh air and good companionship.

Says David Lewis, creator of Blue Surround: "That moment is when we see the real person come out, and a persons true power and energy return. The magic of the wind and water around them removes the stress from the body and the worries from the mind. Everything negative gets left behind."

In Hong Kong, where most people can only spare a few hours over the weekend, Ocean Crew or Day Skipper certificates are popular. Some participate simply to discover if sailing is for them. Others already have qualifications and skills and wish to join like-minded people to sail the oceans and remote islands of Asia — and the world.

Please find further details at www.bluesurround.com.



*Lord Nelson once said:
"I can plan for the battle,
but elements and chance I have
to take to my own advantage"*