

Robert Franklin Zales, II

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 1991 - present *Owner, Bob Zales Charters in Panama City, Florida.
Responsible for all aspects of business operations.*
- September 1985 to 1991 *Charter boat operator, Zodiac Charter Fleet in Panama City, Florida.
Responsibilities include boat and passenger safety, maintenance, and marketing the services offered by the company.*
- 1974 - 1985 *Various positions, Petrol Marine Company.
I was employed as a captain, personnel manager, and operations manager.
Responsibilities varied with the different jobs I held. My responsibilities ranged from all aspects of being responsible for boat operation to being responsible for all aspects of company operation.*
- 1971 -1974 *Captain, various charter fishing vessels in Panama City, Florida.
Between semesters in college, I operated several vessels. My responsibilities included boat and passenger safety, complete maintenance of vessels, and acting liaison between chartering passengers and vessel owners.*
- 1966 - 1971 *Deckhand, various charter fishing vessels in Panama City, Florida.
During summers, I was employed as a deckhand on several vessels. My responsibilities included handling of all tackle and supplies, routine maintenance of the vessels, and rendering personal services to chartering passengers. During this time, I acquired various boat handling skills required for obtaining my first Coast Guard license.*

EDUCATION

- 1985 *Sea School; Mobile, Alabama; Radar certificate*
- 1978 *American Society for Personnel Administration; Houma, Louisiana; Certificate*
- 1977 *Young Memorial Vocational-Technical School; Morgan City, Louisiana; Radar certificate*
- 1974 *H. E. Evans Memorial Maritime School; Chauvin, Louisiana; 100 ton Ocean Operator Certificate*
- 1972 - 1973 *University of Alabama; Birmingham, Alabama*
- 1971 - 1972 *University of Alabama; Tuscaloosa, Alabama*

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

- 1989 to present *U.S. Coast Guard License, Master, 500 gross tons upon oceans*
- 2009 to present *U.S. Coast Guard License, Master of Offshore Supply Vessels, 3000 gross tons (ITC tonnage)*
- 1981 *American Heart Association; Instructor's Certificate, CPR*

1978 to present U.S. Maritime Administration; Certificate for Radar Observer
 1975 to present Merchant Mariner Document
 1974 to present U.S. Coast Guard License, 100 ton Ocean Operator
 1974 to present 3rd Class Radio Operator's License
 1971 U.S. Coast Guard License to operate vessels of 15 gross tons or less carrying not more than six passengers

ORGANIZATIONS

2011 to 2015 Billfish Technical Advisor, ICCAT Advisory Committee
 2010 to 2011 Florida Gulf Oil Spill Economic Recovery Task Force, Member
 2007 to 2015 Member, NMFS MRIP For-Hire Work Group
 2006 - 2009 Vice Chairman, Marine Protected Area Federal Advisory Committee
 2003 - 2009 Member, Marine Protected Area Federal Advisory Committee
 2003-2005 Member, Atlantic Billfish Advisory Panel
 2001 to present Member of the Board of Directors, Florida Guides Association
 2001 to 2007 Swordfish Technical Advisor, ICCAT Advisory Committee
 1998 to 2015 Florida Commercial Fishery Representative on Commercial/Recreational Advisory Panel; Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission
 1999 to 2001 Appointed Member & Chairman, Ad-Hoc Charter/Headboat Advisory Panel; GMFMC
 1997 to 2000 Member, Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panel
 1997 to 2000 Member, Atlantic Billfish Advisory Panel
 1997 to 1999 Member, East Coast IFQ Advisory Panel
 1996 to 2010 Member, The Billfish Foundation
 1995 to 2015 Appointed Member, Chairman 1995-2002 & 2005-2011, Vice Chairman 2011-Present, Reef Fish Advisory Panel; Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council
 1994 to 2010 Member, Arizona Chemical Citizen Advisory Council
 1993 - 1994 Member, Florida Marine Fisheries Commission Advisory Committee
 1993 - 1995 Appointed Member, Ad-Hoc Red Snapper Advisory Panel; Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council
 1991 to present Member, National Association of Charterboat Operators; Member-Board of Directors, 1997-present; President, 1999-2012, Governmental Affairs Director, 2013 to 2014, President 2014 to present
 1991 - 1995 Appointed Member, Billfish Advisory Panel; Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council
 1989 to 2015 Appointed Member, Vice Chairman, Chairman till 2002, and Vice Chairman, 2003 to 2013 of the Mackerel Advisory Panel; Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council
 1987 to present Member, Panama City Boatmen Association, President, 1996-present; Sec/Trea, 1987
 1985 - present Member, Bay County Chamber of Commerce
 1985 - 1989 Member, Visitor and Convention Bureau of Panama City Beach

1976 - 1983 *Member, American Society for Personnel Administration*
 1975 - 1983 *Member, Personnel Management Association of South Central Louisiana;*
1979, President; 1978 - 1979, Vice President
 1973 to 2010 *Member, International Game Fish Association*

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

1998 *The Billfish Foundation, Captain of the Year Conservation Award*
 1992 *Mote Marine Lab, Top Amberjack Tagger*
 1991 *AFTCO Top Captain, Most Amberjack Tagged*
 1982 *Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Service; Southeast Louisiana*
Emergency Medical Services Council
 1980 *Certificate for the Study of U.S. Coast Guard Regulations*
 1973 *Certificate of Appreciation; Southeast Fisheries Center, National Marine*
Fisheries Service
 1969 *Certificate of Scuba diving*

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

May 26 2006 *Publication: CHARTER BOAT FLEET in PERIL: Losses to the Gulf of*
Mexico Charter Fleet From Hurricane Storms of 2005, Bobbi M. Walker,
Robert F. Zales, II, Betty W. Rockstall
 Nov. 13-15 2003 *Presentation: "Bycatch (Regulatory Discards) in Recreational Fisheries",*
Managing Our Nations Fisheries, Past, Present, and Future, Washington,
DC
 Feb. 24 2003 *Presentation: "Impacts From the Recreational For-Hire Fleet to the*
United States (Platforms providing the opportunity for anglers to fish
recreationally), The Sportfish Leadership Conference, St. Petersburg,
Florida.
 Jan. 15 2001 *Presentation: "Artificial Reefs, Creating habitat for continued*
enhancement and sustainability of our renewable marine resources, GMFMC
meeting, Galveston, Texas.
 Jan. 1998 *Gulf Coast Report: "Red Snapper Listed as "Overfished." Makin' Waves,*
volume 1, issue 1.
 Jan. 27 1998 *Presentation: "Recreational Perspective of IFQ's," East Coast IFQ Advisory*
Panel Meeting, New Orleans, Louisiana.
 Feb. 29 1996 *Presentation: "The Importance of Accurate Survey Information: A*
Charter Fishing Industry Perspective," New Orleans, Louisiana.

.References are available upon request