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I grew up in Oshkosh, Wisconsin where my parents had a home on Lake Winnebago, a large inland lake connected by a network of waterways to the oceans of the World! As a result, I spent a lot of time around boats and on the water, which fostered my later endeavors in the Marine Industry.

In 1987, after completing my education, I began my yacht brokerage career working for Albion Sail-away Yachts in Ft. Lauderdale for one year before starting with Bollman Yachts where I quickly became one of their top brokers. In 2001, I purchased Bollman Yachts from Pete Bollman.

During my career, I have enjoyed many offshore adventures including the 1996 Pacific Cup Race from San Francisco to Hawaii, one of my favorite sailing trips. Then in 2008, I completed a five-week trip of a lifetime, a 30,000-mile circumnavigation consisting of a combination of charter sailboats, and several air passages, that my friend John Kretschmer planned and organized.

I have been serving on the Board of Directors for the FYBA since August 2006, and am also the Chair of the Legislative Affairs Committee that successfully lobbied the Florida Legislation on behalf of Florida's Marine Industry. Three of the main accomplishments were to retain the Florida Yacht & Ship Brokers Licensing Act in 2011; to pass the \$18,000 sales-use tax cap in 2010 and to extend the 90-day affidavit to 180 days in 2009. In 2010, I received the prestigious "Broker of the Year" award for these efforts as well as my advocacy efforts for the FYBA and the entire Marine Industry of Florida.