

Hi there! My name is Joris Zweers and I am 25 years old. I grew up in a small village in the Netherlands called Elahuizen. This is located next to the beautiful lake called the Fluessen. When I was just a baby, my parents took over a sailing school called Allemansend. A big part of my youth I grew up on and around the water. The first time I went sailing, I fell in love with the sport! I started in an Optimist and slowly progressed to an RS Feva XL, Topper ISO, Valk and lastly the catamaran Nacra 570.

I have been a sailing instructor for the last 9 years. The best thing about teaching others how to sail is the enthusiasm you get in return! This is so rewarding and it gives you a lot of energy to keep doing what you like to do. From stepping into a boat for the first time to sailing on their own and being able to control the boat like it is an extension from their body is amazing! Teaching other brings me great pleasure and I love to share my passion with those who have and haven't experienced it!

Last summer I graduated from the Hogeschool NHL Stenden in Leeuwarden with a bachelor's degree in International Business Administration. While that might sound like the beginning of a typical career story, mine took a slightly different course. Instead of diving into the corporate world, I've followed a lifelong passion—sailing. Through friends I got the news that the Sint Maarten Yacht Club was looking for sailing instructors. This sounded like the perfect opportunity and I knew if I didn't take this change, I would regret it for the rest of my life.

I am grateful for the opportunity to join this amazing yacht club and the awesome team that stands behind it. I am looking forward to a great time here and sharing my passion with as many of you as possible! You can find me on the water, the dock or the office on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and sometimes on Sunday. Feel free to ask me anything you would like to know or to just have a chat. Looking forward to meeting you!