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Based in: Canary Islands, Spain

LANGUAGES

English — native
Spanish — native

CERTIFICATES

- STCW Basic Safety
- ARPA / Radar
- Restricted radio (VHF)
- PADI Open Water (18 m)
- Passenger Ship Safety
- Technical Risk Prevention
- Survival Craft & Rescue Boats
- ENG1 equivalent (to May 2027)

SKILLS

Racing

- Bow work: hoists, drops, mark roundings and spinnaker packing.
- Mainsail trim, rig setup and a strong knowledge of the racing rules.

Deck & maintenance

- Yard preparation, vessel servicing, general deck operations, deliveries and motor vessel handling.

Technical

- Marine engines, propulsion, hydraulics, pneumatics and air conditioning systems.
- ARPA / radar and VHF radio.

Personal

- Focused and composed under pressure.
- Takes criticism as a chance to improve.
- Calm, patient, easy to work with and hardworking.

INTERESTS

- Nature and walking
- Reading
- Talking with like-minded people
- Developing maritime qualifications

SAM CARDERON

SAILOR / DECKHAND

PROFILE

A sailor with a strong competitive mindset and a passion for high-performance sailing. Sailing since the age of 11, with experience across dinghy and yacht racing, deliveries, boatyard work, maintenance and general deck operations. My main role on the racecourse is bow. My goal is to keep improving, progress to higher-level racing and become a versatile professional sailor who can contribute wherever the boat needs me.

RACING RESULTS

2026
Ibiza JoySail · Inoui (109 ft Vitters sloop)
- First superyacht regatta, racing in the waters of Ibiza and Formentera.
- A step up in scale, pace and precision.

2026
44th Copa del Rey MAPFRE · Wanderlust (Italia 998) — 7th ORC C
- Consistent hoists and drops throughout the regatta.
- Learned about risk-reward decisions, communication and decision-making in a large, competitive fleet.

2024 & 2025
Spanish Yacht Nationals · Butxaca — 5th & 7th
- Short, intense races in groups of six boats in light, unstable conditions.
- Reached the Gold Group on both occasions, racing against some of the best sailors in Spain.

2022 – 2025
Butxaca · Dufour 34 · Bowman
- Three years as bowman in a seven-person crew, around 20–22 events.
- Responsible for hoists, drops, mark roundings and kite packing, with a growing understanding of mainsail trim and rig setup.
- One of the leading teams in the Canary Islands and regional champions on a limited budget.

2020 – 2025
ILCA 4 / 6 / 7 · Real Club Náutico de Gran Canaria
- A strong foundation in boat handling, speed, sail and foil dynamics and the racing rules.
- Competed at national level, including the Copa de España ILCA 7, CN Altea, 2025.

WORK EXPERIENCE

AUG 2026 – PRESENT
Inoui / 109 ft · Deckhand
- Cruising / race programme.
- Living aboard and carrying out deckhand duties across the programme.

JUL – AUG 2026
Aegir / 82 ft · Racing yacht yard preparation
- Vessel maintenance, preparation and servicing ahead of racing.

FEB – JUN 2026
Boluda Offshore · Bridge training
- Handling of 14–26 m motor vessels alongside practical deckhand skills.

JUL – AUG 2025
Sepcan · Maintenance vessel crew
- Crew aboard a 14 m maintenance motor vessel.

EDUCATION

2024 – 2026
Grado Superior · Maritime Transport and Deep-Sea Fishing
- Navigation, bridge watchkeeping, ship and cargo operations and maritime law.

2022 – 2024
Grado Medio · Ship Machinery Maintenance and Control
- Engines and their systems (cooling, gearboxes, lubrication, valves, intercoolers, pumps), followed by hydraulics, air conditioning and pneumatics.

Working towards MCA / Yachtmaster qualifications.