

# Making Things Work Out with Hard Work

By Captain Michael Blount,  
President Sea Serpent Tours Inc.

## WHO SAYS GIRLS CAN'T HAVE COOL CAREERS?

Meet Captain Rebecca Blount, a.k.a. Capt. Becca, a United States Coast Guard Licensed Master Captain. She has a private pilot's license (working on her commercial rating), and is a commercial captain of the *Sea Serpent*, a 20-ft., 8-passenger GTO airboat that produces more than 500 horse power of raw torque. Pretty cool for this 22-year-old junior at St. Johns River Community College.

Captain Becca, formerly a server at Hooters in Daytona Beach, Florida, traded in her cute little server attire to pursue a career in business management. She aspires one day to lead her family-owned business, Sea Serpent Tours Inc. in St. Augustine, Florida.

As her father and president of Sea Serpent Tours, I told her if she wanted to run Sea Serpent Tours, she was, "gonna get her hands dirty and learn and work the business from the ground up." And she has.

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Captain Rebecca Blount "Becca" is a U.S. Coast Guard Licensed Master Captain for Sea Serpent Tours, Inc. in St. Augustine, Florida.



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Capt. Becca is meeting and greeting clients, operating the *Sea Serpent* airboat, and changing oil in one of the commercial vessels Sea Serpent Tours operates. In fact, getting her hands dirty and meeting clients from around the world is what Capt. Becca enjoys most about working at Sea Serpent Tours.

Becca has both short- and long-term goals that include becoming certified through her company's training program to operate their 17-passenger Diamondback airboat, the *Sea Dragon*, and then later aspires to be a competitive aerobatics pilot flying in competitions and shows around the world.

One of Becca's idols throughout her life is world champion aerobatics pilot, Patty Wagstaff. Wagstaff, a local resident of St. Johns County, Florida, has flown in thousands of aerobatics competitions and airshows around the world. Becca plans to train under Wagstaff later this year. When asked, "How are you successful at such adventurous and courageous assignments?" She replied: "I put my brain to use, along with a lot of hard work, and things just seem to work out."

Sea Serpent Tours operates from the Trout Creek Fish Camp and Marina on the St. Johns River in northwest St. Johns County. Sea Serpent Tours offers airboat tours on the beautiful and historic St. Johns River and surrounding tributaries, daily pontoon boat rentals, kayaks, paddleboards, Hydrobike rentals and more.



"I put my brain to use, along with a lot of hard work, and things just seem to work out," states Capt. Becca.

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Sea Serpent Tours has been featured in numerous publications throughout northeast Florida, as well as featured in the Season Two episode of "Painting the Town (St. Augustine) With Eric Dowdle."

When visiting Saint Augustine, going on a Sea Serpent Tours is a must.

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