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To whom it may concern,

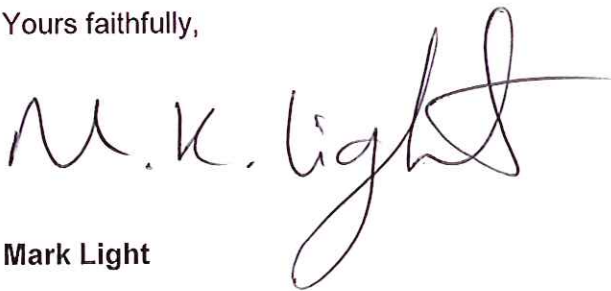
I can confirm that Gaëtan Thomas worked for Clipper Ventures as a Round the World Race Skipper in the Clipper 2017-18 Race. He successfully skippered a 70-foot racing yacht and led a team of non-professional sailors, over 40,000nm.

Gaëtan is conscientious, professional and totally committed to his role. He is a passionate and skilled sailor, who always led from the front. Skippering a Clipper Race yacht is an incredibly tough job and Gaëtan demonstrated strong leadership under pressure and in extreme circumstances. Whilst remaining highly competitive, the safety and welfare of his crew and vessel were always his priority.

Gaëtan is honest and hard-working. He successfully managed an international team of people aged 18 to 70+ with varying skills, experience and backgrounds. He effectively identified individual and team strengths, delegating tasks for the good of the whole crew and overall race campaign.

I hope this information helps and please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours faithfully,



Mark Light

Clipper Race Director