

Ron,

This is a rough draft of the letter I sent. The wording is exact, but it was centered and made near-letter quality. Best of luck with the new job. They can't ask for a better man

Jim

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Mr. Randy McKinny  
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Dear Mr. McKinny:

I am sending you this letter of reference for Mr. Ron Short, whom I have known for about 5 years. When I met him, he was skipper of the Motor Vessel RIVIERA, a 55-foot Delta, running charters from Juneau to Tracy Arm. He broke me in for a summer relief job. I was impressed with his expert shiphandling and, far beyond that, with the care and maintenance he gave the RIVIERA.

Since that time, I have observed his shiphandling as skipper of the GREAT RIVERS EXPLORER, and as mate on the OTTER. I know he has a working knowledge of the Rules of the Road as we cross paths on a regular basis. I have been sailing as Chief Mate on the M/V LeCONTE with the Alaska Marine Highway System for about 3 years and wish that he would join us, but, barring that, I highly recommend him for whatever position he may seek.

Respectfully,

James R. Stith