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To whom it may concern

Raphael Lemgruber

I have known Raphael for the past two years in a professional capacity and now consider Raphael a personal friend.

My professional involvement with Raphael is as a member of the Marine Paramedical Services event coverage team. This team of PADA qualified Advanced Rescue divers and medics (frontline ambulance officers) provides on water rescue and medical services for high speed water based sports for organisations such as the NZ Offshore Powerboat Association, NZ Hydroplane and GP circuit racers, Jet Ski racing events. The Team also provided specialist rescue diver services for Americas Cups racing teams Emirates Team NZ and Luna Rossa in New Zealand while training, with some of the team based with Team NZ in San Francisco while racing.

Raphael's specific role includes Advanced Rescue Diver on support boats, on water medic (begin medical treatment as patient is transferred to shore based ambulance services), and is trained as a Helicopter based Rescue Diver. The helicopter role involves making jumps from a rescue helicopter in scuba equipment to effect rescues of competitors trapped underwater.

In my role as the Race Controller with responsibility for the safety of the competitors once the start sequence commences, I have found Raphael to be a cool, calm and reliable asset that I can rely on to do as tasked, and to be able to use his initiative for the best outcome of the patients.

As an individual, I find Raphael to be an honest, hard working and reliable person, with a strong sense of loyalty. He is a team player, with the ability, focus and confidence to make decisions on his own. Raphael and I both undertake volunteer roles as Ambulance Officers, and I know that he relishes doing this role to the best of his ability, and challenges himself to learn from every situation he attends.

I whole heartedly support Raphael in this application; please do not hesitate to contact me for any further information.

Sincerely



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