

## **Karen Alence**

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### **EDUCATION:**

- Bachelor of Science, College of Agriculture, University of Vermont  
Major: Animal Science Minor: Math, Pre-Med, Education
- Sea Education Association, Woods Hole, MA. Studied Marine Biology, Oceanography & Navigation
- United States Coast Guard - licensed captain for vessels up to 100 tons

### **WORK EXPERIENCE:**

- Founder of Nantucket Green Solutions (start up, January 2008). Focused on green building, recycling, advocacy on Nantucket Island, MA.
- Self-employed real estate investment manager and owner/operator of working commercial horse farm (25 acres) on Nantucket Island, MA (for past 20 years)
- Owner of Nantucket's first woman-owned commercial fishing vessel. Commercial fisherwoman for bay scallops, hard-shelled clams, and mussels (13 years). Simultaneously owned and operated Nantucket Shellfish Company which marketed bay scallops, mussels, & littlenecks (6 years)
- Caretaker of 4 off-grid homes on small islands off Nantucket (8 years)
- Manager of Mt. Vernon Farm Produce, wholesale marketing of island grown vegetables and produce. (5 years)
- Nantucket Harbor Launch Captain (2 seasons)

### **DISTINCTIONS:**

- Field Research of Harbor Seals on Esther's Island off Nantucket  
Results published in scientific journal "Cape Cod Naturalist"
- Recipient of grant money from Saltonstall-Kennedy Fund for the marketing of underutilized species. Grant received for "Utilizing Waste Products of Scallop Industry"
- Writer for "National Fisherman" national monthly magazine and "Commercial Fisheries News" US and Canadian monthly newspaper
- Nantucket Harbor and Shellfish Advisory Board – elected to three year position
- Massachusetts state licensed riding instructor. Avid horse trainer. Member of New England Dressage Association and US Dressage Foundation. High score champion, New England Dressage Association, 3 consecutive years.
- New England Women's Longboard Surfing Champion, 2006