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Wade has had a very lucky life.

He was born all colors of the rainbow with a bad case of Yellow Jaundice, and a lighter shade of blue after a lack of breath from going bungee jumping with the umbilical cord around his neck. They even called the priest to baptize him in the hospital as they thought he would not make it home.

But after you have known Wade and his life thus far, this was just a small tale.

From broken legs, back, shoulders, and in one case, double figure breaks in just one sitting. A nickname of trilogy was soon earned, as there was always another episode!!

Lucky however can be seen in all different ways and one is of his upbringing.

Born in Moruya on the far south coast of NSW, and living just 9 miles south in a small country area called Bergalia with a population of approximately 20, he had everything a young boy could ever want: the bush, the ocean, a huge backyard, motorbikes, horses and a great family. His parents bought 40 acres of land in 1980. One of 3 being auctioned from the Beashells family as cleared bush land. This just happened to be the same day that Philips parents bought their block just half a mile away and formed their life long friendship.

His parents proceeded to build a beautiful house and horse yards where training and breeding thoroughbreds was the family concern. The Stubbs family became well known around the pony club and the local country race scene.

Wade's sporting activities were not just restricted to the farm. He had beautiful deserted beaches nearby with good surf and great fishing. The farm backed onto 125 square miles of national park and at about 10 years of age, the obsession with motorbikes began.

Attending Moruya High School until the age of 15, Wade left home and moved to Sydney to complete a Diesel Fitter Trade with the local council.

This was where he branched out into other facets of life such as girls, night life, and the big city. During his years as an apprentice, he also worked the hospitality trade at nights and weekends for Swiss Grand Hotel and various other pubs and clubs around Sydney.

Surf-lifesaving was the sport of choice, and he played a very active roll in North Bondi SLSC for many years.

While in his 4th year of trade school, he moved from automotive to marine. This is where he found his nitch.

In 2000, Wade was offered a position overseas, starting in Barcelona as Chief Engineer on a 40 meter super yacht and working for a local Arabic family in Dubai. For the next four years he spent the winters in Dubai and the summers in Nice in the south of France.

Since that start, Wade has made yachting his life and passion working as Engineer, Captain, and even overseeing large vessel builds.

His journey has taken him from charter seasons in the Caribbean and Mediterranean for celebrities and billionaires, to global warming research in Greenland, to a private yacht voyage from Australia to Southern Argentina. He's found an amazing lifestyle that is hard to explain.

Wade now works as Chief Engineer aboard Motor Yacht Kismet, a 69 meter Lurssen.

Another passion of Wade's is photography. With the world as his oyster, he has been able to share his experiences with family and friends through the lens of his camera. This will be a very handy feature for the trip ahead.

As for motorbikes, he has always had that itch that was hard to scratch. From tearing up the desert in Dubai, to the cultural roads of southern Europe, he said "I will always have a bike in the shed!"

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