

Stefan sued after tradie's yacht fall



Hairdressing mogul Stefan Ackerie, seen here on superyacht *Hair Raza*, is being sued by tradie Simon Parker.

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A GOLD Coast tradesman is suing celebrity hairdresser Stefan, claiming a work injury aboard his multi-million superyacht has left him unable to do household chores or play golf.

Spraypainter Simon Parker, 29, has filed for a total \$757,199 in damages in a joint claim against Stefan Hair Fashions and Superyacht Solutions at Burleigh.

The father-to-be claimed he was hired through both companies to help refurbish the \$10 million, 25.6m powercat at Stefan's Coomera shed in the Gold Coast City Marina in 2010.

Mr Parker is claiming \$355,754 against Stefan and \$401,445 against Superyacht Solutions.

The sleek white and silver vessel dubbed the *Hair Raza* was unveiled a year later at the Sanctuary Cove Boat Show, and this year it sold to overseas buyers for an undisclosed multi-million sum.

It was during the 2010 refurbishment that Parker has claimed he was directed by Superyacht project manager to prep the boat's hatches for spray painting and almost fell through an open hatch.

To dodge the gap he leaned away, lost his balance and fell to the deck of the boat, striking his head and his right arm.

Scans revealed he had fractured

his right elbow and wrist and had to be in a cast for seven weeks.

In documents filed in the Southport District Court, it is claimed Parker suffered ongoing pain that limited his ability to work in the marine industry and affected his personal life. Parker, once a keen amateur golfer, has had to give the sport away and claims regular chores at home were now painful.

"The plaintiff suffers aggravation of the injury with basic activities around the home, including some cooking duties, putting out the rubbish bins and mowing the lawn," the claim states.

Maurice Blackburn Lawyers associate Claire Jackson said that both Stefan and Superyacht Sol-

utions owed Parker a duty of care.

"The defendants didn't implement appropriate protective measures which should have been put in place to prevent an incident like this occurring," she said.

"Simon is a young man with a long working life ahead of him and a young family to support.

"We are continuing to fight for compensation for Simon as his future is uncertain because of the effects of his injuries."

It is understood informal negotiations between the parties has been unsuccessful to date.

Hairdresser Stefan Ackerie was aware of the claim but could not comment as the case was in the hands of WorkCover lawyers.