



#### CAPTAIN YNGVAR KNUTSEN, MASTER

Captain Knutsen was born and raised in Oslo, Norway. After finishing high school at the age of 17, he went to sea for three years working on cargo Merchant Marine Naval Academy in Oslo where he obtained his Master's License. He received his first command in 1976 and has since sailed as Captain on various kinds of cargo ves-

sels and passenger cruise ships. Knutsen had always admired Royal Caribbean International for their fine ships and their consistently good product. Knowing that the line was building several new ships he found it was the right time to become part of the team in 1998. When on vacation he shares his leisure time with his wife and enjoys boating, fishing, skiing and golfing. He is now pleased to be your Captain onboard the *Mariner of the Seas*.



#### DAN WHITNEY CRUISE DIRECTOR

"Dan Dan Mian" was born in Spokane, Washington. While pursuing an engineering degree, he landed a part-time job at a radio station and loved it! As a result, he wound up with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Radio and Television Production. Upon graduation,

Dan moved to San Diego and worked in a variety of jobs including DJ at some of southern California's largest nightclubs during the night, instructor to mentally challenged kids and adults by day. Dan joined Royal Caribbean International in 1990 and worked his way from DJ to Cruise Director in 1998. Dan has served on many ships of Royal Caribbean International's fleet starting on the Song of America. He hopes you have a wonderful time on the Mariner of the Seas. and looks forward to seeing and meeting you around the ship. Welcome onboard!



#### SHERRY LEE LOYALTY & CRUISE SALES MANAGER

Sherry was born in the beautiful island of Taiwan and spent half of her life in the United States. She graduated from Northeastern University in Boston with a Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Business Administration. With a deep passion for traveling and experiencing new cultures, she entered the hotel industry and worked at luxury

five-star hotel properties in North America, Asia, and Australia. Carrying years of experience in hospitality management and fluency in both Mandarin and English, Sherry joined Royal Caribbean International on Explorer of the Seas in 2012. She is proud to be working for such a prestigious cruise line. "Welcome aboard everyone and a special thank you to our Crown & Anchor members for your loyalty. I wish everyone a fabulous cruise vacation on the beautiful *Mariner of the Seas* and I look forward to assist you in finding the perfect cruise vacation with Royal Caribbean!"



# GORDON SHENK, HOTEL DIRECTOR

Gordon was born and raised in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. While attending college on the GI Bill, Gordon began working in resort hotels in various food and beverage management positions. This was the beginning of a hospitality career that has taken him all over the world. The appeal of warmer climates

soon brought him to Florida where he made the transition to cruise ships and has been associated with the cruise holiday experience ever since. In the 31 years that Gordon has spent in the cruise industry, he has been fortunate to sail as Hotel Director on ships in Tahiti, Hawaii, Bermuda, Mexico, Alaska, Europe and throughout the Caribbean. Gordon also spent four years working shoreside in Human Resources for Royal

Caribbean International and two years as Vice President of Operations for a cruise line in Hawaii. Always willing to share a "sea story," please take the time to stop and speak with Gordon when you see him out and about on the ship. He will be glad to talk about your travels and all of the exciting opportunities onboard the beautiful *Mariner of the Seas*.



# DARKO BOSILJEVAC, CHIEF ENGINEER

Darko was born and grew up in a small city called Bakar, by the Adriatic sea in Croatia. He studied at the Maritime School in Bakar from 1974 to 1978, continuing his Maritime Engineering studies with Maritime Faculties in Rijeka, where he obtained his Marine Engineering degree in 1982. From 1984 to 1990

he worked as 3rd 2nd and 1st Engineer on various cargo ships around the world. Then in 1991, he started with Royal Caribbean International as 2nd Engineer onboard Nordic Empress. Since then he has served on several ships in the Royal Caribbean International fleet, such as *Viking Serenade, Grandeur, Brilliance, Enchantment and Jewel of the Seas*. He was also part of the Lengthening Team project onboard the *Enchantment of the Seas* as Chief Engineer. He still lives in the city where he was born in Bakar, Croatia, with his family and hopes you enjoy your cruise vacation with us.



### INGOLF LARS PISCH FOOD & BEVERAGE DIRECTOR

Ingolf was born in Germany and grew up in a hotelier's family, in which he got involved from a very young age. After a successful apprenticeship at the Inter-Continental Hotel Düsseldorf, Ingolf began his career in the hospitality industry. During these early years, Ingolf was also studying wines with the German Wine Institute. Ingolf began his career at

sea in 1992 onboard German cruise ships and from the get go he realized that the Seaman's life was for him. In between his tenures at sea, Ingolf continued to study different topics including languages, management and wines of the world. He joined Royal Caribbean International in April 2007, and has proudly served onboard the *Adventure of the Seas, Grandeur of the Seas, Empress of the Seas* and *Splendour of the Seas*. He is proud to lead the Food and Beverage operation onboard the Mariner of the Seas.

# WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU



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