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LEE MANN

CAPTAIN (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: BRITISH
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Lee enlisted in the British Royal Marines after school, specializing in amphibious warfare. He spent 15 years in the military, travelling globally on operational assignments. In 2000, Lee transitioned to the superyacht industry, becoming a full-time captain in 2007. With extensive experience from both military and yachting careers, he continues to thrive at sea. Now based in South Devon, Lee enjoys spending his time off the water either playing golf or embarking on motorbike adventures. His passion for the sea remains strong, and he continues to embrace life both afloat and ashore.





RICHARD CRAVEN

CAPTAIN (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: BRITISH

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Rich is originally from North Yorkshire but travelled as a child having grown up both in Saudi Arabia and across the UK. He now calls Newquay, the British watersports capital, home. Inspired by his father, who worked at sea in the Royal Navy, he began his career at age 18 studying as a cadet with Princess Cruises. After five years aboard cruise ships, he transitioned to the yachting sector, where he has thrived for the past 13 years. He most enjoys world-travelling yachts, offering both adventure and sports-based experiences. Outside of work, he has a passion for travel, motor sports, adventure sports, and maintaining an active lifestyle.

DAN SPAFFORD

CHIEF OFFICER (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: BRITISH
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Dan is from Sheffield in the North of England, where he was raised with a strong connection to the outdoors. He grew up sailing dinghies off the coast of North Wales, an experience that sparked his lifelong passion for water sports and all things nautical. This early hobby paved the way for a career in yachting, during which he has held positions on motor yachts ranging from 25 meters to 120 meters. His work has taken him to a wide variety of cruising grounds, including the Mediterranean, Caribbean, Baltic, Mexico, and the South Pacific. When back at home, Dan enjoys hiking and cycling in the Peak District and cheering on the Sheffield Steelers ice hockey team.



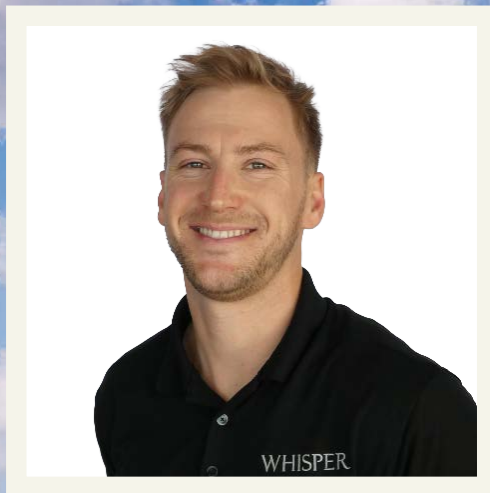
SAM BREEKVELDT

CHIEF OFFICER (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: NEW ZEALANDER
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Sam was born in the Bay of Plenty, New Zealand and grew up on a kiwi fruit orchard. Aged 10, his family relocated to Melbourne, Australia where he completed his education. His interest in sport and health led him to pursue exercise and sports science, majoring in Physical Education, and later transitioning into teaching. With an interest in travel, Sam embraced the opportunity to venture into the yachting industry in 2017. Over the past six years, he has traversed the expansive waters of the Mediterranean, Caribbean, and the Bahamas, accumulating invaluable maritime experiences.



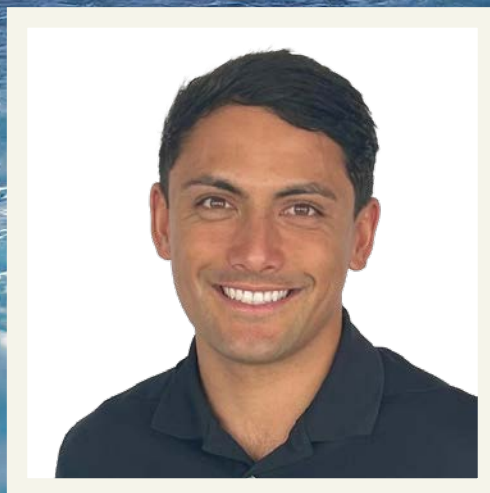


JAMES GREGORY

SECOND OFFICER (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: BRITISH
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Growing up in a seaside town in Southwest England, James developed a strong connection to the ocean and an active lifestyle. In his free time, he enjoys surfing, cycling, and staying active, always making sure to enjoy himself along the way. With nine years in the yachting industry, including four years as an officer onboard large vessels, James has accumulated thousands of miles on the bridge and gained extensive experience on deck. His passion for the sea, combined with a positive and charismatic approach to life, makes him a valuable addition to the team, and we're delighted to have James onboard Whisper.



GERARD HURLEY

SECOND OFFICER (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: AUSTRALIAN
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Gerard grew up in a small coastal town near Melbourne, Australia. He began his maritime career early, working in commercial fishing across the notorious Bass Strait - some of the most dangerous waters in the southern hemisphere. A passionate diver and fisherman, Gerard has always embraced the balance of work and adventure, with his favorite experiences diving in the Maldives and the Galápagos Islands alongside hammerheads, tiger sharks, whale sharks, and manta rays. At 18, he flew to Europe to begin his yachting career. Outside of work, he enjoys discovering new places, keeping fit, spending time with friends and family, and going out into nature - whether it's a coastal bushwalk or simply soaking in the outdoors.

MAX INGALL

THIRD OFFICER (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: BRITISH / ITALIAN

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, ITALIAN

Originally from London, United Kingdom, and half-Italian, Max is currently living in Lake Como, Italy. His passion for the ocean began at a young age racing dinghies at a competitive level, which later led him into teaching sailing before joining the yachting industry in 2016. Since then, Max has built a strong and varied career at sea, progressing through the deck ranks and recently achieving his Officer of the Watch 3000 GT certificate. An avid waterman, he spends most of his free time kitesurfing, snowboarding, and enjoying almost any sport that keeps him active and outdoors.



MATTHIAS KREITHNER

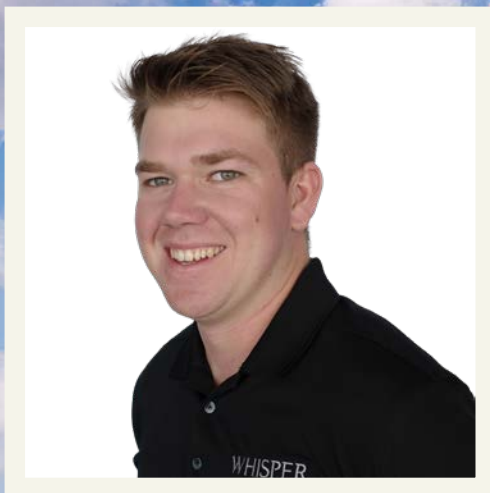
THIRD OFFICER (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: ITALIAN

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, ITALIAN

Matthias was born and raised in the Italian Alps and moved to a small Island near Venice, where he completed his studies and graduated at the Nautical High school as Marine Expert for Equipment and Installations. He joined his first yacht shortly after and then went on to work on some of the most iconic yachts in the industry. Over time, he climbed through the ranks while dedicating himself to studying for his Officer's license. He travelled extensively worldwide, cruising the Pacific, Mediterranean, Caribbean, Arctic and Antarctic Peninsula over the years. In his free time, he enjoys cycling, spending couple of hours each day in the saddle, on and off road, exploring some of the most breathtaking roads around the world.





DOMINIC POTTINGER

CHASE BOAT CAPTAIN

NATIONALITY: BRITISH

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Dominic hails from Wimborne in southern UK and has been drawn to the water since childhood, sailing dinghies from the age of 6. His love for the sea has shaped his journey, and at 18, he became a flotilla skipper in Greece for Neilson, managing up to 10 guest boats in the south Ionian. The COVID-19 pandemic led him to superyachts, where he's spent 3.5 years refining his skills across three vessels. Outside of yachting, Dominic is passionate about speed and engines, owning a 21ft race boat and looking forward to a new acquisition.



JUSTIN ELLIS

BOSUN

NATIONALITY: SOUTH AFRICAN

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

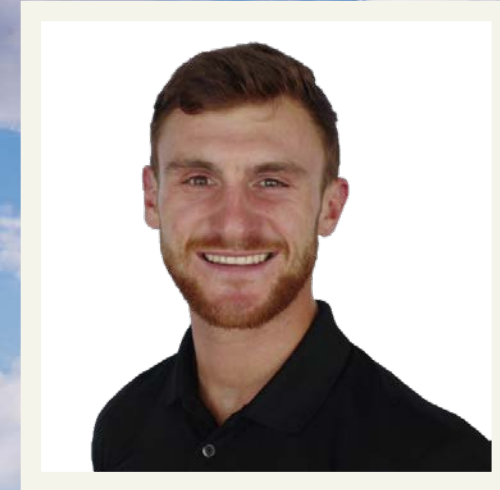
Justin is from Ballito, South Africa and has moved to Newquay, United Kingdom. He has lived along the coastline most of his life, spending it in the ocean and growing up around water sports. A fun fact about Justin is that he used to surf professionally, which involved surfing contests and visiting some beautiful locations. He obtained a diploma in Retail Management before entering the yachting industry at the age of 24. He has sailed around to places like Mexico, San Diego, Jamaica, Caribbean and the Mediterranean. He enjoys watersports, adventures, interacting with guests and in his free time he loves snowboarding, surfing and exploring new cultures.

ANTHONY COHN

LEAD DECKHAND

NATIONALITY: SCOTTISH
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Tony grew up on Loch Lomond, where he spent most of his time waterskiing and wakeboarding along with driving speed boats, jet skis and wake boats. Graduating from the University of Sterling with a Bachelor of Sport and Exercise Science, Tony added to his extensive experience by taking up roles as a race coach and ski instructor at Alpine resorts across Europe. Continuing his passion for water sports, Tony has been an enthusiastic coach for seven seasons across Europe and America, three of which as a deckhand with water sports in the Mediterranean Sea. Tony also enjoys scuba diving, travelling and playing the piano.



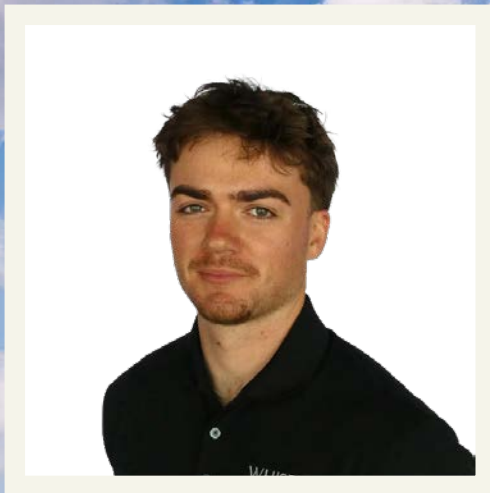
LUKE DAWSON

DECKHAND/YOGA INSTRUCTOR/ PT

NATIONALITY: SOUTH AFRICAN
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, AFRIKAANS

Luke was born in Cape Town, South Africa, where he developed a deep love for the ocean and the mountains. After completing his Bachelor of Business Science degree in Marketing, he decided to pursue a life at sea in 2021. Since then, Luke has enjoyed the unique lifestyle that comes with working on the open water. When he is not at sea, Luke's passion for adventure continues as he explores mountain ranges around the world. His love for both the ocean and the mountains perfectly complements his desire for travel and exploration, making him an avid outdoor enthusiast.



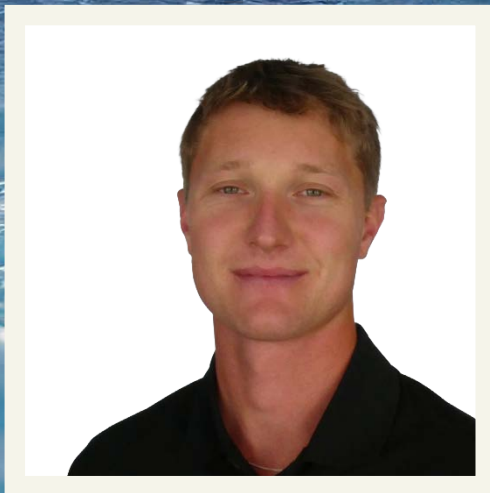


OAKLEY WARD

DECKHAND/CARPENTER

NATIONALITY: BRITISH
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Coming from the coastal town of Eastbourne, England, he was introduced to the yachting industry through family friends in Mallorca who helped guide his first steps into the profession. He works onboard as a deckhand and carpenter, bringing strong practical skills gained from studying carpentry and working as a professional boat builder. Growing up by the sea naturally shaped his interests. Outside of work, he enjoys surfing, sailing, snowboarding, skateboarding, and rock climbing. He is hands-on, motivated, and enjoys problem-solving, taking pride in contributing positively to both the team and the vessel.



JOSH BAILEY

DECKHAND/DIVE INSTRUCTOR

NATIONALITY: BRITISH
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Josh is from Winchester, a historic town in the south of England. He studied Wildlife Conservation in Bristol and has pursued his passion for the natural world through travelling for work and scientific research. Working as a scuba diving instructor, he has been fortunate to live in the Caribbean, Iceland and Australia. Previous experience skippering and crewing dive boats has led to his recent transition into the yachting industry, previously working on a busy private/charter 72metre. Outside of work you will find him trail hiking, travelling, kitesurfing, surfing and trying every new sport he can.

TIAAN KRUGER

DECKHAND

NATIONALITY: SOUTH AFRICAN

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Originally from Vryheid, Tiaan now lives in Durban, South Africa. A passionate rugby, cricket, and golf player, his love for rugby grew into a semi-professional pursuit until an injury paused his sporting career.

He shifted focus to his trade in air-conditioning and refrigeration, completing an apprenticeship and later starting a small business in 2018. After three years, the business closed due to COVID-19. This turning point led him to yachting, where he discovered a passion for the ocean. Tiaan is currently working toward his OOW modules, with the long-term goal of becoming a captain on a similar vessel.



DIAN WILLEMSE

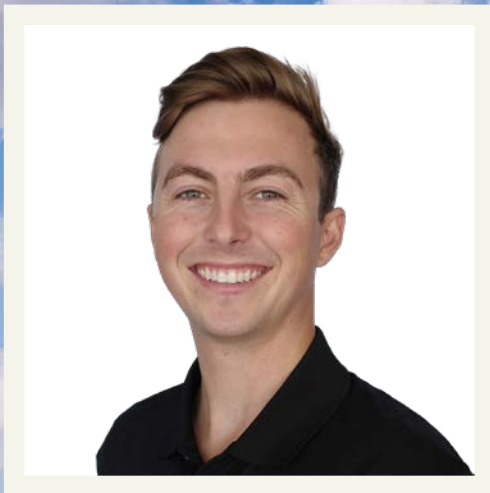
DECKHAND

NATIONALITY: SOUTH AFRICAN

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Dian was born and raised in the heart of South Africa's wine region, in the valley town of Paarl. He studied Marketing and Business Management before pursuing a career in yachting, inspired by friends and family already working at sea. Dian joined the industry in 2023 and has since gained experience cruising American, Caribbean, and Mediterranean waters. Known for his friendly and calm nature, he is a reliable team player who contributes to a positive onboard atmosphere. Outside of work, Dian is a passionate sports and outdoor enthusiast, enjoying golf, snowboarding, watersports, and maintaining an active lifestyle.





THATCHER ERIKSON

DECKHAND

NATIONALITY: AMERICAN

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Thatcher was born in Florida and raised on St. John in the Virgin Islands. He has lived in many exotic places thanks to his mother being a marine biologist, including Fiji, Hawaii, and parts of the eastern Caribbean. Thatcher attended the University of San Diego for two years studying mechanical engineering before the pandemic hit. During this time, he helped his mother sail her boat around the Eastern Caribbean, traveling between Grenada and Antigua several times. In Antigua, he met many people in the yachting industry, which inspired him to pursue a career in superyachts. Thatcher enjoys diving, snorkeling, surfing, kitesurfing, sailing, and water polo.



STUART IRVING

CHIEF ENGINEER (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: SCOTTISH

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Born and raised in Greenock, Scotland, a historic shipbuilding town, Stuart's career was always destined for the sea. At 20, seeking to escape the Scottish weather, he joined the Royal Navy as a marine engineering artificer. This began 13 years with the British Ministry of Defence, working on military training vessels around the UK. In 2008, Stuart transitioned to yachting, joining his first vessel, Pestifer, in Cannes, France. Since then, he has worked on prestigious yachts such as Fountainhead, Ilona, and Here Comes the Sun. In winter 2024, Stuart joined Whisper. At home, he enjoys hillwalking, quizzes, and reading.

ZELJKO BOTICA

CHIEF ENGINEER (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: CROATIAN
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, CROATIAN

Zeljko was born and raised in Split, Croatia. He is a licensed marine engineer with extensive sea going experience with a bachelor's degree in marine engineering. After more than 20 years working on various commercial vessels and offshore sectors, he started to work on luxury yachts. As he comes from town Split, which is located on the Adriatic Sea in the Mediterranean coast, he was always connected to the sea through fishing, diving and running the boats from his early days. He is proud owner of Merry Fisher 795 boat which he uses for relaxation whenever he is at home. Zeljko's hobbies are cooking, fishing and enjoying time with family and friends on the boat.



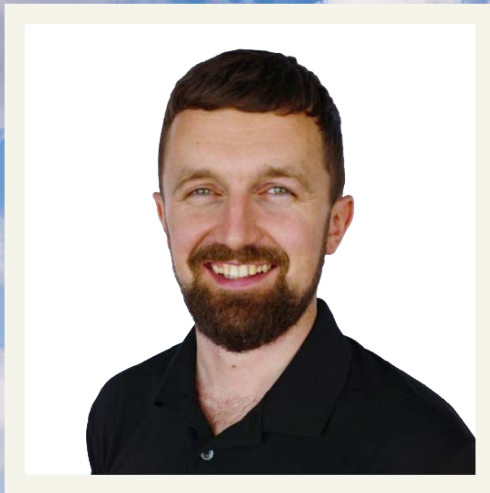
MARTIN THOMAS

SECOND ENGINEER (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: BRITISH
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, SPANISH

Martin is originally from London and now lives in Burnham-on-Crouch, a small town in Essex on the north bank of the River Crouch, well known as one of Britain's premier sailing and yachting centers. He lives with his partner and young children, who enjoy fishing and football. During leave, Martin spends most weekends and holidays travelling in a caravan or motorhome to fishing lakes and coastal resorts. During the school week, he works part-time driving heavy goods vehicles, transporting plant machinery around London and the Southeast. Martin began his seafaring career in 2001 as an engineering cadet with BP, later moving into yachting in 2009.



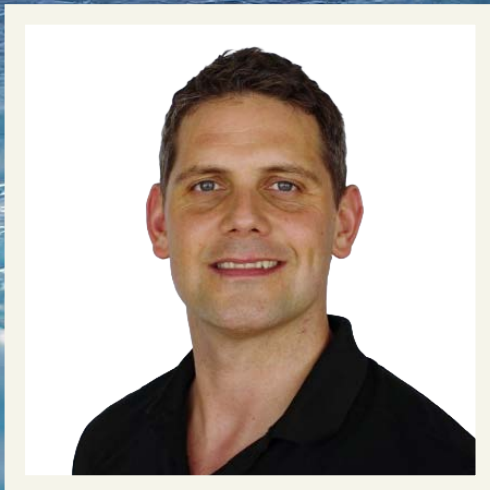


COLM O'DONOVAN

SECOND ENGINEER (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: IRISH
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Colm from Cork, Ireland, has a passion for surfing, wakeboarding, and many other water sports. In his free time, he enjoys restoring vintage cars and tractors, reflecting his love for mechanics and engineering. He has dabbled in motorsports and is currently building two amateur race cars, as well as a car for the 'Mongol Rally' to Mongolia. Colm's engineering career began in 2015, and he graduated in 2019 before completing his 'Seconds Unlimited' in 2022. Having worked on gas tankers and tugboats, he moved into the yachting industry last year and appreciates the balance of working on the water and pursuing his hobbies on land.



HAMISH MASSIE

THIRD ENGINEER (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: SCOTTISH
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

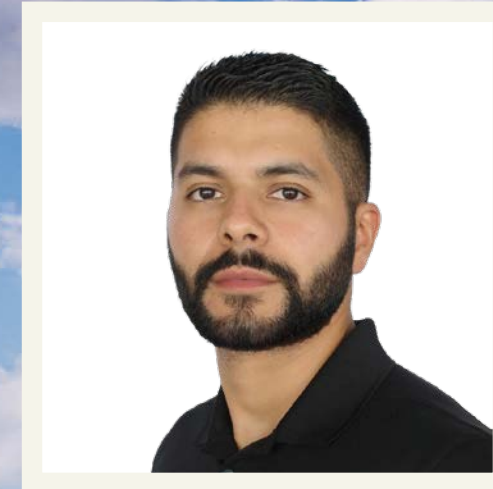
Hamish is from Aberdeenshire in the north-east of Scotland, UK. Having attained a master's degree in music before residing in Brazil during a cultural study, he worked as part of the drilling team onboard an offshore oil and gas installation. In 2017 he joined the yachting industry and has since worked in various roles within the engineering department. He is currently studying towards his next engineering license. His interests in linguistics and the arts have presented many opportunities over the years for travel and academic study. He is comfortable speaking in a number of foreign languages and enjoys football, tennis and screenwriting.

JUAN WOLF

ETO (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: MEXICAN
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, MEXICAN

Juan was raised and born in Tampico, a beautiful city in Mexico. Since the age of 11 he has dreamt of sailing around the world. From 2016 to 2020 he studied engineering at the Nautical Merchant School and after this, undertook his year onboard vessels as engine cadet. In 2022 Juan obtained his engineering Officer of the Watch license and as luck would have it, entered the yachting industry at the beginning of 2023. He gained contracts as sole engineer and another as a third engineer, until finally he arrived on Whisper, where all his experiences have been wonderful. In his time off, he loves to spend time with his fiancé and family.



JORDAN DENNEY

ETO (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: BRITISH
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Jordan hails from the seaside town of Blackpool in Northwest England. He began his career at 18 as an Electrical Technical Officer, initially working offshore before transitioning to the yachting industry, where he continues to thrive. With over a decade of experience, Jordan is highly skilled in electrical systems and passionate about technology and engineering. His commitment to safety ensures smooth vessel operations. Outside work, he is an avid car enthusiast and Formula 1 fan, and he enjoys quality time with his partner, family, and friends. Jordan's expertise and dedication make him a respected professional at sea and ashore.





RODION JEGOROV

ETO (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: ESTONIAN
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, ESTONIAN

Rodion is based in Estonia, where he lives with his 12-year-old son. Prior to entering the yachting industry, he spent several years working in the North Atlantic aboard a trawler, fishing for prawns, an experience that shaped his strong work ethic, resilience, and adaptability at sea. Since joining the yachting sector in 2017, he has continued to build his skills and knowledge, becoming a reliable and experienced crew member. Outside of work, Rodion enjoys spending time at the shooting range and has a passion for motorcycles, reflecting his appreciation for focus, precision, and adventure.

KATHRYN ROBINSON

PURSER (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: WELSH
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Kathryn grew up in a small town in Wales with her four brothers, spending much of her time sailing, surfing, and wakeboarding. She studied International Business Management at university, which led to a career in banking and finance. However, a six-week career sabbatical turned into six years, as she spent winters and summers teaching skiing, snowboarding, and wakeboarding. Eventually, Kathryn discovered yachting and began working as a deckhand, quickly becoming captivated by the lifestyle and opportunities the industry provided. Her love for adventure and the water made her transition into yachting a natural fit, and she hasn't looked back since.



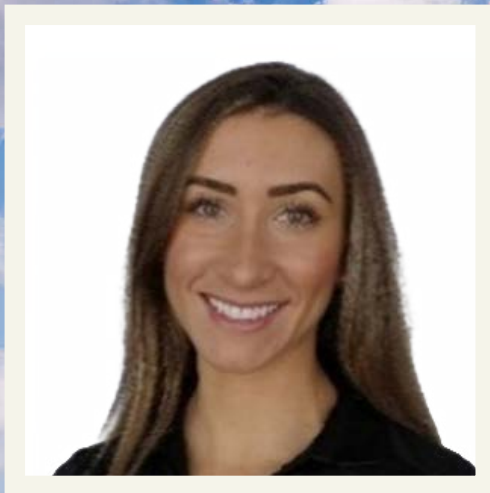
CHARLIE STANTON

PURSER (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: BRITISH
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Charlie grew up in sunny Bournemouth, on England's South Coast. She studied for a BA in Early Childhood Education in London but soon transitioned to office work and recruitment. Over the past 15 years, she has frequently visited her second home in Antigua, where she was introduced to the Superyacht industry. Seizing the opportunity, Charlie started her career as a stewardess in 2014 and advanced to Purser. She has cruised the Mediterranean, Caribbean, North Pacific Ocean, and Florida. In her spare time, Charlie enjoys hiking, staying fit, and travelling. She looks forward to welcoming guests onboard.





CHLOE GRIFFIN

CHIEF STEWARDESS (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: BRITISH

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Chloe is from the small British town of Romsey and studied a degree of Events Management in Bournemouth, a sunny seaside town further along the coast of the UK. Chloe has grown up as a well-seasoned traveller, which led her to take her work abroad. She lived in Singapore for six months, working at the Marina Bay Sands Hotel, before her thirst for adventure led to the decision to work at sea and begin a new lifestyle in yachting. Having been in the industry for eight years now, Chloe likes to balance a high level of service with a personable approach to the guest experience. Outside of work, Chloe is a very keen skier and loves all outdoor activities. She is also a confident diver and is often found exploring oceans at an underwater level.



NIKOLETT SIMON

CHIEF STEWARDESS (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: HUNGARIAN

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, HUNGARIAN

Niki grew up in Hungary and discovered the world of yachting by chance after relocating to the Côte d'Azur at 19. This serendipitous career move has evolved into a fulfilling lifelong pursuit. With a decade of experience in the industry, she has traveled to over 60 countries and climbed many mountains, all while enjoying every moment. Passionate about staying fit both on land and at sea, she loves high-altitude trekking, surfing, and diving, and thrives on meeting new people. Nikolett looks forward to welcoming you onboard and sharing her love for yachting and adventure with you.

KAREN DAVEY

HEAD OF HOUSEKEEPING (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: SCOTTISH
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Karen is from the seaside county Cornwall in the UK, living in the countryside on her family run cow and sheep farm. Karen studied art but went on to work in finance and education on land before joining the yachting industry where she's been for the past 8+ years. Karen loves making guests feel at home, wanting their trip to be cherished by all those who come on board. You can always find her smiling whilst ensuring the boat remains sparkling. Outside of work, she's enjoying the travel, hiking in the country or finding boutique shops and a good coffee spot in the city.



JADE MORRIS

HEAD OF HOUSEKEEPING (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: SOUTH AFRICAN
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Jade is from Port Elizabeth, a coastal town in South Africa. She became a qualified nail technician at 14 and later earned her Level 2 and 3 diplomas in beauty therapy while successfully running her own business for seven years. Wanting to travel the world while continuing her passion for beauty, she decided to join the yachting industry and has never looked back. When she's not working, Jade enjoys staying active through hiking, running, sea swims, and cycling. Her love for adventure and beauty has led her to a fulfilling career and a life of exploration.





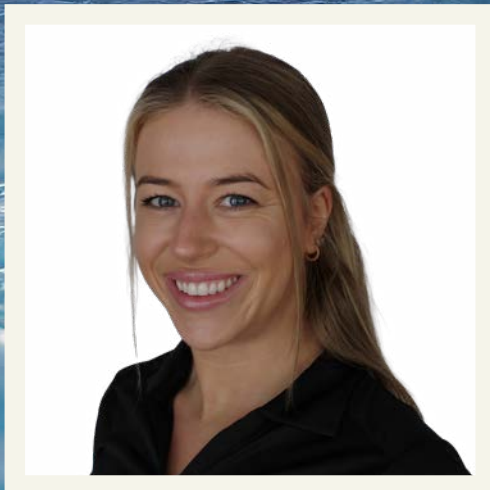
JADE WUNDER

HEAD OF SERVICE (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: SOUTH AFRICAN

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Jade was born in Cape Town, South Africa, and has a unique blend of Swiss and Greek heritage. Her upbringing exposed her to diverse influences, shaping her quirky and adventurous nature. Jade has always been active in sports, including horse riding, surfing, tennis, netball, diving, and her recent passion for padel. Her love for travel has been constant throughout her life. While at university, she worked as a waitress in London and Cape Town, where her passion for service began. Jade enjoys creating memorable guest experiences through her unique cocktails and extravagant themed parties.



BRONWYN CLARK

HEAD OF SERVICE (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: CANADIAN

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Bron is a native of Montreal, Canada. She has accumulated two bachelor's degrees: one in international development and one in criminal forensics. To support herself through university, Bronwyn worked at a luxury resort, sparking her passion for the hospitality industry. Paired with her love for travel and adventure, she discovered the yachting industry, pivoted from academia, and has now been happily embracing the industry for the past four years. Bronwyn's focus lies in the art of mixology and learning about different wine cultures in yachting. Beyond the bar, she has embraced new adventures such as hiking, diving, and is attempting to learn to surf.

JOY PONGKAR

SPA STEWARDESS

NATIONALITY: THAI
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, THAI

Originally from Thailand, she brings over 10 years of experience in the hospitality industry, with a strong foundation in Thai massage and wellness. Her career includes roles aboard yachts such as Flying Fox and Sakura, where she skillfully combined massage therapy with stewardess responsibilities to enhance guest comfort and relaxation. Her passion for travel and holistic care led her into the yachting world, where she thrives in its dynamic environment. In her spare time, she enjoys meditating, listening to nature sounds, and exploring new destinations. Friendly, calm, and positive, she consistently brings uplifting energy to every team.



SOPHIE WEBBER

SPA STEWARDESS

NATIONALITY: NEW ZEALANDER
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Sophie is from New Zealand and is a qualified beauty therapist with genuine passion for wellness and guest care. Sophie takes great pride in ensuring every guest leaves their treatment feeling relaxed, rejuvenated, and truly cared for. Her love of travel and beauty therapy naturally led her to a career in yachting, where she combines her strengths in hospitality with her expertise in spa services. In her free time, Sophie enjoys pilates, spending time outdoors hiking, running, or skiing, and unwinding in the kitchen cooking and baking for friends, and creating nourishing dishes inspired by travels.





ROCHELLE HENEGAN

HAIRDRESSING STEWARDESS

NATIONALITY: SOUTH AFRICAN

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Rochelle is from Pretoria, South Africa. She is a qualified hair stylist with over 13 years of experience in the hair industry. During this time, she spent five years working onboard cruise ships in the spa as a hairdresser and barber, eventually working her way up to a management role. Rochelle always aspired to join the yachting industry and enthusiastically embraced the opportunity when it arose. Over the past three years, she has developed her skills within the interior department, particularly in housekeeping, maintaining high standards and attention to detail. In her spare time, Rochelle enjoys travelling, reading, watching movies, hiking, and taking part in crew activities.



LIZA HIDING

HAIRDRESSING STEWARDESS

NATIONALITY: SWEDISH

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, SWEDISH

After completing her studies back home, she started her hairdressing career at 18 and built experience over the years. Eventually craving a change from the cold, she discovered yachting and quickly fell in love with life at sea. She has now been in the industry for four years, gaining valuable experience and developing a strong passion for guest service and onboard life. Originally from the north of Sweden, Liza has always been a true winter soul, with a strong passion for snowboarding and all kinds of winter sports. More recently, she's added some summer-friendly hobbies to the mix, including hiking and surfing.

NATASHA MODLIN

SERVICE STEWARDESS

NATIONALITY: SCOTTISH
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Tash was born in Scotland where she grew up in the countryside learning to horse ride competitively until she was 18. She then joined the hospitality industry and focused the next 8 years of her life learning about high end hospitality and the fine dining culture which she completely fell in love with. Natasha's passion for this trade is what inspired her to join the yachting industry in March 2022. She has absolutely loved being a part of such a vibrant and exciting industry, as it has taken her all across the globe and allowed her to meet incredible, like-minded people all while doing what she loves doing.



EVE RATCLIFFE

SERVICE STEWARDESS

NATIONALITY: BRITISH
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Eve grew up in the heart of the countryside, where she developed a love for nature and animals. She competed in sports such as taekwondo, horse riding, and high diving while completing her A Levels. From the age of 13, she worked in hospitality, starting in a countryside Thai restaurant and later in a cocktail bar, while also assisting at a private estate catering for shooting parties. Her passion for travel led her into yachting at 19, where she has since developed a strong work ethic and love for the industry. Eve enjoys creating a positive atmosphere on board and looks forward to continuing her career at sea.





EDEN HARRISON

SERVICE STEWARDESS

NATIONALITY: BRITISH

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Eden grew up in the Norfolk village of Stoke Holy Cross in the UK. As the youngest of a large family, she learned to keep up, often racing after her siblings while sailing, exploring the countryside, or visiting the Swiss mountains, where her love for the outdoors began. She started her yachting journey onboard Spirit and Rahal, gaining experience across all areas of the interior over three years. Eden enjoys welcoming guests and creating memorable moments through attentive service. In her spare time, she loves skiing, hiking, diving, and learning to kitesurf.



GLADYS FACTON

LAUNDRY MASTER

NATIONALITY: FILIPINO

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, FILIPINO

Gladys grew up in the laid-back, traditional western part of the Philippines. She began her career as a massage therapist on cruise ships, where she gained valuable experience in customer service and communication, with the opportunity to travel and meet people from around the world being a highlight. In 2019, Gladys transitioned to the yachting industry and quickly developed a deep love for it. She now resides in Manila with her two daughters, aged 20 and 18, and enjoys sharing her sea adventures with them. Her long-time partner, who is also her childhood sweetheart and a yacht chef, introduced her to yachting. Passionate about reading and history, Gladys finds joy in visiting the places she's read about.

KYLE BENTLEY

HEAD CHEF (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: AMERICAN

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Kyle comes from the landlocked state of Kentucky. With a culinary science degree his path led him to the ultra-modern Restaurant of Alinea, in Chicago and Carbone, NYC. Kyle's extensive restaurant experience in the States and in Norway has provided him with a vast array of knowledge which has been invaluable since making the transition to yachting in 2017. Kyle has an infectious smile and thrives off creating delicious cuisines from all over the globe for his guests. Kyle is a keen cyclist and if he isn't on his bike, you will probably find him on the golf course.





DAN HIRSCHBERG

HEAD CHEF (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: BRITISH / SOUTH AFRICAN

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Dan was born in Johannesburg, grew up in Knysna and Port Elizabeth, and now lives in Cape Town. He began his yachting career as the sole chef on a 32-metre sailing yacht, which he found both fun and challenging. He later moved to Abu Dhabi, where he worked on a “floating villa” — and that’s where he met his wife! The two went on to work together for four amazing years on their last two vessels and had the best time. In his spare time, he loves cooking (no surprise there), going to the beach, and spending time with his family.

DEON LUBBE

SOUS CHEF (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: SOUTH AFRICAN

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

With over 16 years of professional culinary experience, including six years in the yachting industry, Deon brings a refined and adaptable approach as Sous Chef. Originally from George, South Africa, he trained locally before building an international career aboard yachts ranging from 30m to 90m. His cuisine focuses on clean, flavourful dishes, with a passion for Asian fusion and Mediterranean flavours inspired by seasonal ingredients. Known for his expertly prepared steaks and calm, organised nature under pressure, he excels in creating personalised dining experiences tailored to each guest, destination, and occasion.

JACOB BURKE

SOUS CHEF (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: BRITISH

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Born and raised in Yorkshire, Jacob developed a passion for cooking early on and studied at culinary school in Leeds, UK. After completing his training, he travelled to Australia, spending several years refining his skills in award-winning restaurants. He later returned to the UK, relocating to London to work in top Michelin-starred kitchens alongside renowned chefs including Marcus Wareing and Jason Atherton. Prior to joining Yacht Whisper, Jacob worked within a high-profile fleet aboard the 127m sailing yacht Koru and her support vessel Abeona (75m), before continuing on the 90m Phoenix 2. When not onboard, Jacob is based in Thailand, where he enjoys boxing training, exploring local food markets, and immersing himself in different cultures.





LEWIS SHARMAN-DODD

THIRD CHEF (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: BRITISH

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Lewis is from Cranfield, a small village in the United Kingdom. He has been a chef all his life and studied at Catering Collage in the UK for 3 years. Lewis has worked in many establishments from wedding venues to Michelin guide restaurants. Lewis turned to yachting 7 years ago after a conversation with a family friend and has loved it ever since. Lewis is a keen traveler in his spare time and has visited over 75 countries worldwide, taking inspiration from different cultures and cuisines so he can implement them in his cooking.



SADHIR THAPAS

THIRD CHEF (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: NEPALESE

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, NEPALI

Sadhir is originally from Nepal, a country renowned for its rich culture and dramatic mountain landscapes. He studied Hotel Management, with a clear goal of becoming a chef, and gained early experience working in restaurants in Nepal before entering the yachting industry in 2017. Since then, Sudhir has worked on four yachts, primarily private vessels for royal families, as well as a charter yacht. Yachting allows him to combine his passion for cooking with travel around the world. Outside of the galley, Sudhir enjoys weightlifting, playing guitar, riding dirt bikes and whenever home in Nepal, spending time exploring and admiring the mountain ranges.

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