

CREW PROFILE

FIFTY



A dedicated team of superyacht crew are on hand to provide a charter experience to remember.

FIRST CLASS CREW

Seamlessly working together to provide levels of service that go beyond the realms of even the best hotels, they make sure that every last detail is covered whether it is the welcome drink, setting up water toys for a day of adventure, or organising the best on-shore excursions not to mention operating the yacht. And with an exceptional culinary experience that is designed just for you on top of it all, the crew are the architects of your perfect getaway.





MARK EVANS

CAPTAIN (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: BRITISH

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Mark was born in Rugby, England, he grew up on his Grandfather's farm in Warwickshire, and studied at the University of Hertfordshire near London gaining a degree in Law, before leaving the UK to travel Europe. He found work on a dive boat, staying two years before moving to yachts, twenty years ago. He has many Med, Caribbean and Asia seasons under his belt. Captain Mark has lived in Italy since 2001, his daughter was born on the island of Elba in Tuscany. He enjoys catamaran sailing, classic car and motorcycle restoration, and long walks with his family and three dogs.

ERNO BADENHORST

CAPTAIN (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: SOUTH AFRICAN

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Captain Erno Badenhorst brings over a decade of international yachting experience, commanding private and charter motor yachts up to 55m worldwide. Originally from South Africa, his passion for the ocean began at a young age through boating and sport fishing. Erno has captained yachts across the Mediterranean and on global voyages through destinations including the Arctic Circle, Asia, the Red Sea, and the Northwest Passage. His strong navigational expertise and attention to operational detail ensure every voyage runs smoothly, safely, and seamlessly. Known for his approachable leadership style, Erno works closely with his crew to create personalized charter experiences, helping guests discover the best of each destination—from hidden anchorages to unforgettable fishing trips. In his free time, he enjoys sport fishing and golf, interests he often shares with guests on board.





ZOE DEGAS

CHIEF OFFICER

NATIONALITY: NEW ZEALANDER

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Zoe comes from the wild South Island of New Zealand. Adventure and curiosity of the world led her to a life at sea; where she discovered the joys of learning, teaching and working on the water. Zoe has been in the yachting industry for over 7 years, in many parts of the world, both on sailing and motor yachts. Water sports and outdoor activities take up most of Zoe's free time; although she also enjoys cooking, art, travelling the world and meeting new people. Zoe owns a 38 foot long keel sailing boat which she currently has moored in Mexico.



MATTHEW GALLAGHER

BOSUN

NATIONALITY: SOUTH AFRICAN

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Born and raised in South Africa, Matthew brings to Fifty a youthful energy, a strong work ethic, and a genuine passion for the outdoors. At just 21, he's already packed with hands-on experience in fishing, water-sports, and adventure activities that make him a natural fit for life at sea. A true adrenaline junkie, Matthew's love for 4x4 off-roading and safaris speaks to his sense of exploration and confidence navigating both land and water. He's also a serious foodie—always up for trying new dishes and sharing stories around the table. Friendly, easy-going, and always eager to learn, Matthew is a valuable team member with a great sense of humour and a calm presence under pressure.

OLIVER ANDREWS

DECKHAND (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: BRITISH
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Ollie has earned a permanent place on the crew of Fifty after he came as a temp in 2023. In his 20's, from south Devon, he has surfed since a young age and has always been a lover of the sea. Waves big and small,

Ollie is just happy to be out on the open ocean. He used to work in London as a sports therapist and personal trainer. After many years in the busy city, Ollie found himself wanting to embark on a new journey, which took him to yachting. He has a keen interest in boating and will be happy to assist you in any water sports. He enjoys fitness training in martial arts, specifically Muay Thai, in his free time.



NEIL 'KIM' CASTRO

DECKHAND (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: FILIPINO
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

A vibrant and reliable team player, Kim brings both energy and dedication to every voyage. He is a proud husband and father of two, balancing his strong family values with a passion for the sea. His love for water-sports keeps him agile and adventurous, while his karaoke and dancing skills make him the life of any social event. Whether he's grilling up a storm at a beachside BBQ or leading a jet-ski tour, Kim thrives on creating memorable experiences for guests and crew alike. Always upbeat, approachable, and ready to lend a hand, Kim turns a trip into a story worth telling.





MARIA JAKUBASEKOVA

CHIEF STEWARDESS (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: SLOVAKIAN

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, FRENCH, SPANISH, SLOVAK, CZECH & POLISH

Maya is a highly experienced Chief Stewardess with over seven years in the yachting industry and a background in luxury hospitality. After earning her bachelor's degree in Legal Administration, Maya moved to the South of France to pursue her dreams. Over the course of a decade, she gained diverse experience in villa housekeeping, hotel management, and administrative roles in vineyards and restaurants, which laid the foundation for her seamless transition into yachting. A passion for travel has taken her to 85 countries, enriching her cultural awareness and interpersonal skills. Off-duty, Maya enjoys walking and hiking, diving, various sports, reading, and exploring new places.



ELEONORA SANINO

CHIEF STEWARDESS (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: BRITISH

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, SPANISH, FRENCH & ITALIAN

Driven by a lifelong passion for the sea, Eleonora brings an elite level of professionalism to her role as Chief Stewardess. She entered the superyacht industry in 2008, bringing with her a premium background in 4-star-plus hospitality. She is truly multilingual, speaking English, Spanish, French, and Italian. Eleonora excels at anticipating guest needs and curating a seamless, high-end environment on board, she is the newest member of the team and fitted in perfectly with the Fifty team and ethos. Outside of her interior leadership, she has a vibrant passion for water sports, particularly surfing, windsurfing, kitesurfing, and wing foiling.

KATIE HORNETTE

STEWARDESS (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: BRITISH
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Katie was born and grew up in the UK just outside of London. She has worked in hospitality for seven years, and after graduating from university, she began her yachting career. She loves to travel, see new places, and meet new people. She is hardworking, reliable, positive, and excited to assist guests with whatever they may need.



BLESITA MACTAL

STEWARDESS (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: FILIPINO
LANGUAGES: TAGALOG, ENGLISH, ITALIAN

Originally from the Philippines and now based in Italy, Blesita brings several years of yachting experience to the interior team. She has worked on motor yachts between 33m and 59m in both private and charter environments, gaining experience in guest service, housekeeping, and laundry. Fluent in English, Italian, and Tagalog, Blesita enjoys creating a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere for guests on board. In her free time she enjoys cooking and mixology, interests she loves incorporating into the onboard guest experience.





DANTE JENKINS

STEWARDESS (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: BRITISH

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Danté comes from a proud South African family of sailors, so life on the water is second nature to her. At 21, she brings a youthful energy paired with a naturally service-oriented mindset, thriving in dynamic environments where attention to detail and guest satisfaction are key. With a keen interest in shopping and interior aesthetics, Danté has a natural flair for presentation and décor, while her passion for photography allows her to capture the finer moments of life onboard. Outside of yachting, she loves hiking and exploring the outdoors—balancing her creative side with a love for adventure.

LLOYD KYTE-KNIGHT

CHIEF ENGINEER (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: BRITISH

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Lloyd is Cornish born and bred, lover of the outdoors and a sailor at heart. His apprenticeship at Princess yachts led him to our industry, he has sailed all his life and even skippered professionally all over the world, and in his spare time cruises the South of England in his own unique catamaran. But his technical mind changed the course of his career at sea and is what makes him an excellent engineer, he knows Fifty better than anyone as was involved with the project even at the build. You're in safe hands. In his spare time he can be found searching for the best surf in his classic Land Rover 88.



PETER KENNEDY

CHIEF ENGINEER (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: BRITISH

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Originally from York in the UK, Peter developed a fascination for the sea at an early age, beginning to sail at just eight years old in Whitby on England's east coast. After five years working as an RYA sailing instructor in Southampton UK, he joined the superyacht industry in 2007 and has since worked on a variety of large yachts as Chief Engineer. In his spare time he enjoys running, hiking, keeping fit, and has a keen interest in property development. He is always happy to share his passion for sailing and the sea with guests.





SAMUEL WEEKS

CHEF (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: BRITISH

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Samuel grew up in London, where early exposure to the city's diverse food culture sparked a lifelong passion for cooking and high-quality ingredients. At the age of 20 he gained his Yachtmaster Offshore qualification and spent several years sailing and exploring the Mediterranean. Living for extended periods in the Mallorcan countryside, he developed a strong connection to Mediterranean cuisine, local markets and seasonal produce.

He later relocated to Dartmoor in the United Kingdom, where he trained at the Ashburton Cookery School before joining Mediterranean restaurant Emilia as Senior Chef. Working closely with local farmers and producers refined his ingredient-led approach and deepened his commitment to seasonal, farm-to-table cooking.

Samuel's style is rooted in Mediterranean cuisine, drawing on Italian, Spanish, French and Greek traditions while incorporating Middle Eastern and Asian influences, creating vibrant, balanced dishes that highlight exceptional ingredients and local produce has worked for more than ten years, travelling the world. He looks forward to providing excellent cuisine to the most discerning guests.

PHIL BROWNING

CHEF (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: BRITISH

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Chef Phil began his career in Shropshire, England. At the age of 12, he worked as a part-time dishwasher after school. By the time he was 15, he was hired as a Sous Chef of a two Rosette restaurant. After training in England, Phil became a citizen of the world to explore different cultures and broaden his culinary knowledge and skills. After finally settling in Copenhagen Denmark, he was retained at the famous Café Victor, where he cooked for Royalty and celebrities daily. For two years, he worked as the Head Chef of a renowned Danish restaurant.

Eventually, while working in Denmark, he discovered the world of yachting and was on his way to his first yacht in Malta. Yachting has taken him all over the world. He has an immense passion for baking and desserts. He thrives to make every dining experience one to remember.



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