

CREW PROFILE

JEMASA



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.



JUAN KOEGELENBERG

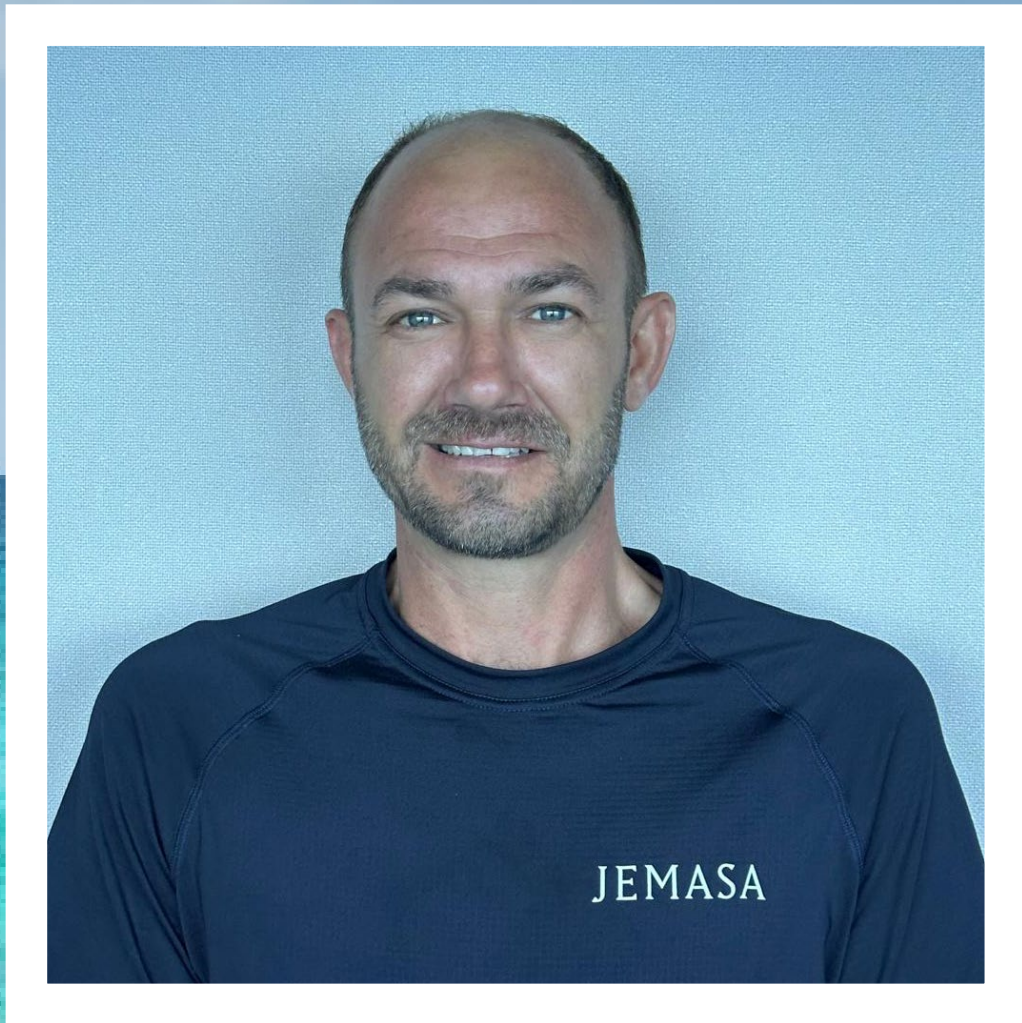
CAPTAIN (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: SOUTH AFRICAN
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, AFRIKAANS

Our illustrious leader’s career began in 1987 when he joined the South African Military Services, where he excelled as an Officer and Instructor at the Meganized Leaders Wing. After leaving the military, he ventured from Johannesburg to Cape Town, where he honed his skills as a Commercial Diver before transitioning to the yachting industry in 1993. By 1999, he assumed his first captaincy aboard the 114ft yacht “Mitsea,” eventually becoming the build Captain of the 164ft yacht “JeMaSa” at Hakvoort Shipyard in Holland. Notably, JeMaSa was previously owned by SuRi’s former owners and has now returned to the new JeMaSa with the same family, solidifying Juan as the longest-standing crew member.

With over 30 years of experience, Juan’s expertise shines brightly, fuelling his boundless enthusiasm for JeMaSa and its remarkable operations. Embracing the spirit of teamwork, he relishes exploring lesser-known, adventurous cruising destinations. Having logged more than 750,000 nautical miles and completed four circumnavigation trips, Juan’s global cruising experience informs his ability to make yachting enjoyable for guests and crew. His reputation for longevity among his crew attests to his seasoned and exceptional seamanship. Welcoming and amiable, Juan’s presence exudes politeness, friendliness, and flexibility to accommodate guest preferences, demonstrating competence in all facets of his role as captain.





MARTIN RAUBENHEIMER

CAPTAIN (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: SOUTH AFRICAN
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, AFRIKAANS

Martin grew up in the small coastal town of Hermanus spent his childhood surfing, fishing and water-skiing. He started his career in yachting in 2002 aged 19, his first job taking him across the Atlantic to the Caribbean for the winter season and then back to the Mediterranean for the summer. It is safe to say his passion for the industry was born and he had found his career path.

In the last 23 years Martin has circumnavigated the world twice and been to some incredible and remote places including Alaska, the Pacific and Northern Europe and has acquired a broad range of skills and knowledge of the ocean. During his time on board various yachts, he gradually made his way up the ranks and completed his Master 3000 in June of 2020. He then went on to Captain two vessels, Motor yacht Marina Wonder based in the Mediterranean and more recently Motor Yacht Calliope where he spent his time cruising both the Eastern Coast of America and exploring The Bahamian Islands.

In his spare time Martin likes to restore classic cars and bikes. He also enjoys outdoor pursuits such as camping in his off-road camping trailer with his wife and dogs.

GILES FRANCOUIS HARMSE

CAPTAIN (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: SOUTH AFRICAN
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, AFRIKAANS

With several years of experience in the yachting industry, Giles brings a calm, professional presence shaped by a deep love for the ocean and a passion for leadership. Before transitioning into yachting, he worked as an Operations Manager in a large gym franchise in South Africa, a role that strengthened his organizational skills, team management, and ability to perform under pressure—qualities that now translate seamlessly to running a successful yacht operation.

Throughout his career, he has worked on a variety of yachts, each with its own character and challenges. He values the uniqueness of every vessel and believes that each one offers new lessons, experiences, and opportunities for growth with his favourite vessel being Motor Yacht SuRi, where he started his yachting career and worked onboard for 9 years. Giles acquired his Master 3000 license in 2025 and started his first role as Captain straight after as he has been working with the owners of the yacht JEMASA for 11 years.

Drawn especially to the Pacific Ocean, Giles has a strong connection to the Tuamotu Islands, where he's had his best moments onboard a yacht and on land due to the remote life and anchorages that perfectly reflect his appreciation for nature and adventure. His respect for nature is what keeps him connected to the ocean and the wilderness where he spends his free time hiking and camping as well as being busy completing a lap around Australia in his 4x4 camper.

Giles also has his Padi open water certificate and has a love for all watersports as well as fishing.





MATT RIXON

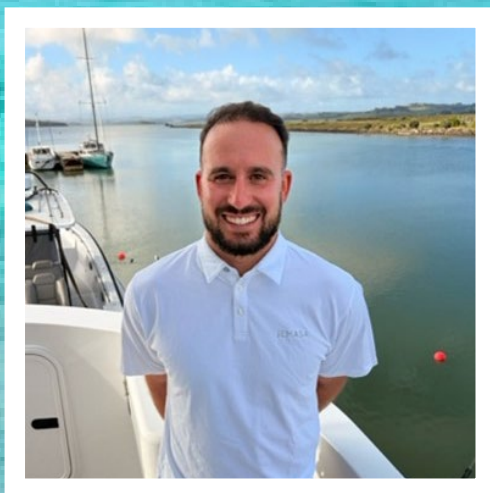
FIRST OFFICER

NATIONALITY: BRITISH

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

With over five years' experience as Chief Officer and a Master's License on the horizon, Matt Rixon brings a calm confidence and a passion for delivering unforgettable guest experiences.

Whether it's a relaxed, sun-soaked week or an action-packed itinerary, Matt takes pride in removing the stress and dialing up the magic. A former water sports instructor, Matt brings serious toy credentials—ensuring every tender run, wakeboard session, or jetski adventure is both safe and seriously fun. He's also a skilled drone pilot and video editor, often capturing the best moments from your trip in cinematic style. From remote waterfall hikes to sunset beach soirées, Matt is all about creating once-in-a-lifetime memories, tailored perfectly to each guest. He's the quiet force behind the scenes making sure every detail is just right—and every moment is one to remember.



JOAN MELICH ARAN

FIRST OFFICER

NATIONALITY: SPANISH

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Joan began his yachting career young, cutting his teeth on 20m yachts before spending four formative years aboard an 80m classic, rising through the ranks to Officer. Keen to broaden his experience, he went on to work on both 36m and 70m yachts before joining Jemasa. A graduate of nautical school, Joan holds both Captain and Officer tickets and brings solid seamanship with an upbeat, can-do attitude.

His love for the sea started at just eight years old, steering rowing boats in his hometown of Cambrils, a small fishing village in Tarragona. Sporty and adventurous, he enjoys hiking, cycling—having completed a four-day Pyrenees ride—and thrives on busy cruising days, especially when driving tenders and managing action-packed watersports.

RENATO DZONO

CHIEF ENGINEER (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: CROATIAN
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, CROATIAN

With more than 25 years at sea and a toolkit that's seen it all, Renato Dzono is a true powerhouse in the engine room. Starting his career in the merchant navy, Renato made the leap into luxury yachting over two decades ago—and hasn't looked back since. Renowned for his hands-on approach and deep technical expertise, Renato's calm, can-do attitude keeps things running smoothly below deck, no matter what challenges arise. He's been the lead engineer on two new builds, taking yachts from blueprint to open water with precision, care, and an eye for flawless performance. Whether it's fine-tuning propulsion systems or managing preventative maintenance like clockwork, Renato is all about operational excellence and team spirit. Off duty, you'll find him reeling in the catch of the day, smashing forehands on the tennis court, or diving into local culture wherever the yacht drops anchor. Solid, dependable, and endlessly experienced—Renato is the quiet force that keeps the show on the road.



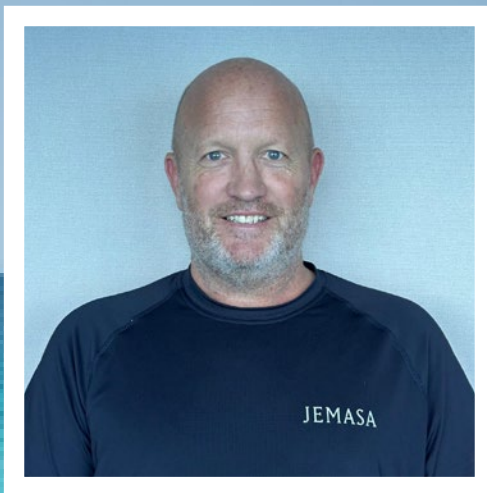
TOMISLAV TROJIC

CHIEF ENGINEER (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: CROATIAN
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, CROATIAN

With over 15 years of experience in the maritime industry, Tommi has worked on various vessels, including commercial cargo ships, sailing yachts, and motor yachts. He has had the privilege of serving the same family throughout the majority of his yachting career, starting with the first JeMaSa, followed by an impressive 13-year tenure aboard SuRi, and most recently returning to the new JeMaSa returning to the same family. Throughout his career, Tommi has circumnavigated the globe five times and accumulated over 500,000 nautical miles. Whether maintaining the vessel's systems or solving complex technical challenges, Tommi consistently demonstrates a hands-on approach to keeping JeMaSa in top condition. Besides getting his hands dirty and solving any engineering task thrown his way, Tommi's other passions include being at home in Dubrovnik, Croatia, with this growing family and watching any football game on TV.





SHAUN BRAY

ENGINEER (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: SOUTH AFRICAN
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, AFRIKAANS

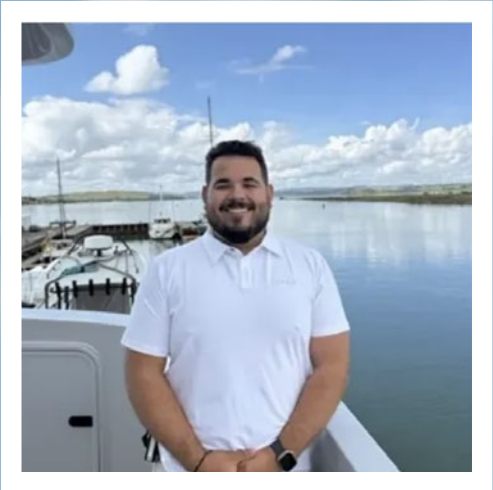
Meet Shaun Bray, a powerhouse of hands-on expertise with a no-nonsense attitude and over seven years of experience keeping yachts running smoothly at sea. Before swapping spanners for sea spray, Shaun spent nearly two decades in automotive body repairs, welded stainless steel like a pro, and even tackled the high-pressure world of oil and gas. In short — if it's broken, Shaun can fix it. Shaun's been the go-to guy aboard explorer yacht Plan B (now JeMaSa), where he brought his A-game to all things mechanical and operational. From precision welding to preventative maintenance, his cool-headed approach and deep technical know-how make him a vital part of the engine room. Off-duty? Shaun's all about adrenaline — whether he's carving waves on a surfboard, diving deep with a speargun, or conquering trails on his enduro bike. A true team player with a knack for problem-solving under pressure, Shaun is the kind of engineer who gets the job done — and has fun doing it.

EDURADO MARDEL

DECKHAND

NATIONALITY: VENEZUELAN
LANGUAGES: SPANISH, ENGLISH

Eduardo Martel is a Deckhand, certified Diving Instructor, and experienced fisherman who has been working in the yachting industry since 2019. Fluent in both Spanish and English, he brings strong seamanship skills and a genuine passion for life at sea. Before entering yachting, Eduardo worked with a dive operator in Los Roques, Venezuela, an experience that shaped his professional diving foundation. He holds a Scuba Diving Instructor certification, an AIDA 3 freediving qualification and has a lot of game fishing experience making him a valuable asset for guest water activities. When not onboard, he enjoys off-road 4x4 adventures in the countryside and spearfishing. What he enjoys most about yachting is sharing authentic ocean experiences with guests while working in a dynamic and adventurous environment.



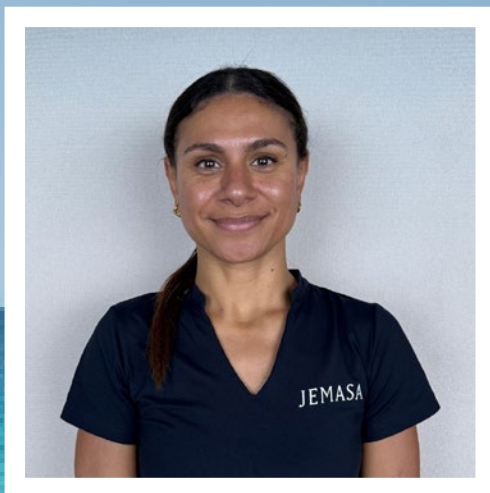
JOSHUA DU PLESSIS

DECKHAND

NATIONALITY: SOUTH AFRICAN
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, AFRIKAANS

A fifth-generation farmer from Limpopo, South Africa, Joshua Du Plessis grew up deeply connected to the land, spending his days harvesting macadamia nuts and granadillas while maintaining the family game farm. A lifelong outdoor enthusiast and fitness devotee, Josh has always thrived in hands-on, physical pursuits. After earning a medical law degree and gaining work experience, Josh realised the traditional office life wasn't for him. Drawn to the water, he recognised how his farming background's practical nature aligned with the demands of seafaring, inspiring him to pursue a maritime career. Known as the crew's "Chief Morale Officer," Josh's infectious positivity uplifts everyone around him, a quality that ensures guests have an exceptional experience onboard JeMaSa. With a strong work ethic and enthusiasm for this new chapter, Josh is ready to excel at sea.





ROXY TRASS

CHIEF STEWARDESS

NATIONALITY: AUSTRALIAN
LANGUAGES: FRENCH, ENGLISH

Roxy is the kind of Chief Stew who brings both soul and sparkle to the job. Now in her 10th year in the industry, she's not one for yacht-hopping — instead, she's built her career on long-term loyalty and top-tier service. Most notably, she spent 4.5 incredible years aboard the 138m Rising Sun, where private met prestige in a high-energy, high-profile environment that ran like a charter yacht on steroids. Think celebrity guests, world-class service, and attention to detail like no other.

Before diving into yachting, Roxy clocked in serious life experience — from Sydney's corporate towers to 4WD adventures across Australia, ski season hospitality in Queenstown, language-barrier-busting hotel work in Normandy, and chic concierge gigs in London and Guernsey. That grit and global exposure gave her the tools to thrive onboard, especially when it comes to anticipating guest needs and bringing a genuinely warm, all-rounded approach to service.

She holds a degree in Visual Communication Design, a hospitality certificate, an IAMI GUEST Purser certificate, and speaks conversational French from her time living in France. Artistic at heart and calm under pressure, Roxy's the one you want on deck when service needs to be seamless, guests need to feel at home, and good vibes are a must.

Her happy place? The Seychelles — especially La Digue. Her biggest adventure? A six-week solo journey across Europe mid-pandemic. Off-duty, you'll find her road-tripping, surfing, 4WDing, cooking up a storm or playing with clay.

Whether it's Christmas in Antigua, NYE in Sydney Harbour, or quiet magic moments between the madness of guest changeovers, Roxy knows how to find joy in the job — and deliver unforgettable service along the way.

ABBEY STUART

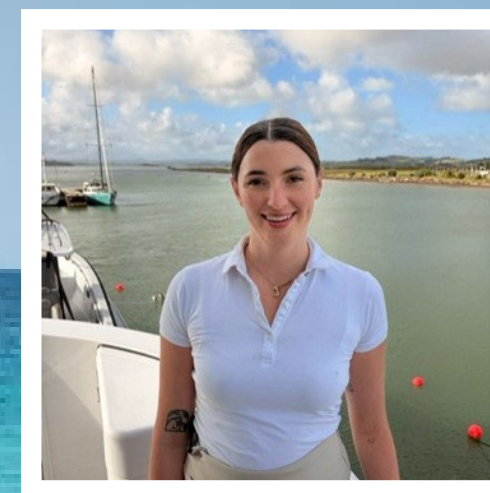
STEWARDESS

NATIONALITY: SOUTH AFRICAN

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Abbey is a highly skilled Butler, silver-service trained by none other than Kate Middleton’s personal butler, bringing elegance, precision, and warmth to every guest experience. With six years in hospitality, she began in high-end restaurants, mastering fine dining, cigar service, and refined beverage knowledge, before transitioning into yachting. Over the past five years, she has gained extensive experience across a wide range of yachts, from 40m vessels exploring remote Mexico and Costa Rica to 140m+ mega yachts serving royalty. She is also a certified rescue diver, reflecting her adventurous spirit.

A Bachelor of Arts graduate in English and Sociology, Abbey has long combined curiosity with compassion—volunteering at an urban wildlife rescue centre and exploring her home country on extended road trips. Yachting allows her to merge her passion for service with her love of travel and new cultures. Her favourite place in the world is Johannesburg, where her family and loved ones live, and her biggest adventure to date was chartering through the remotest parts of Baja, Mexico, reaching islands and coastlines few have ever seen. On JeMaSa, Abbey thrives in a tight-knit crew, sharing unforgettable experiences while exploring some of the world’s most stunning destinations.





HARRIET RIXON-BROWN

STEWARDESS

NATIONALITY: BRITISH

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

With five years of experience in the yachting industry, Harriet is a calm, organised, and detail-driven stewardess known for her impeccable standards and positive energy on board. She thrives on delivering top-tier service and takes pride in creating a welcoming, polished environment for guests and crew alike.

Harriet loves the ever-changing scenery that comes with life at sea—waking up in a new destination each day never gets old. She has cruised extensively through the Mediterranean and Caribbean, and is now thrilled to be exploring the South Pacific for the first time.

An adventurer at heart, Harriet makes the most of her time ashore with hiking, cycling, or horse-riding excursions—always on the lookout for her next great outdoor escape. But no matter how far she roams, one thing remains constant: her deep appreciation for a proper cup of Yorkshire tea. Wherever she is in the world, kettle on and teacup in hand is her favourite way to unwind.



JESSICA RIDDLE

STEWARDESS

NATIONALITY: SOUTH AFRICAN / NEW ZEALANDER

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Jessica is originally from Port Elizabeth, a small coastal town in South Africa, and later immigrated to New Zealand with her family. Outside of her professional pursuits, Jessica competes internationally as a full-bore rifle shooter, proudly representing New Zealand.

Inspired by her father's role as a sea rescuer and paramedic, Jessica developed an early interest in the maritime industry. After earning a Bachelor's degree in Commerce and gaining a year of experience in the corporate world, she chose to pursue a more adventurous career path in yachting.

In early 2024, Jessica joined JeMaSa. During a shipyard period, she has taken the opportunity to learn the intricacies of the stewardess role from her fellow crew members, furthering her skills and commitment to her role.

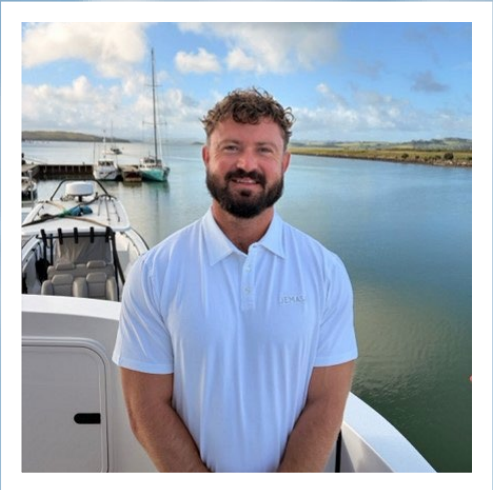
EDDIE HARRIS

PERSONAL TRAINER

NATIONALITY: SOUTH AFRICAN
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Eddie brings a strong people-focused background to yachting, having studied Sport Science and spent nearly a decade in the fitness and health industry before joining the maritime world. During this time, he worked closely with elite athletes, celebrities, and UHNW families—experiences that shaped his adaptability, professionalism, and genuine care for those around him. Now with over three years in yachting, Eddie continues to be drawn to the adventure, dynamic environments, and close-knit teamwork the industry offers.

He has worked on a select number of yachts, with Jemasa standing out as a career highlight thanks to its supportive crew and inspiring itineraries. Fluent in English and Afrikaans and trained in Coaching, Eddie is known onboard for his positive attitude, curiosity, and down-to-earth nature. When off duty, he's usually in the gym or behind the camera, with his standout adventure—and favourite onboard memory—being an unforgettable dive with bull sharks in Fiji.

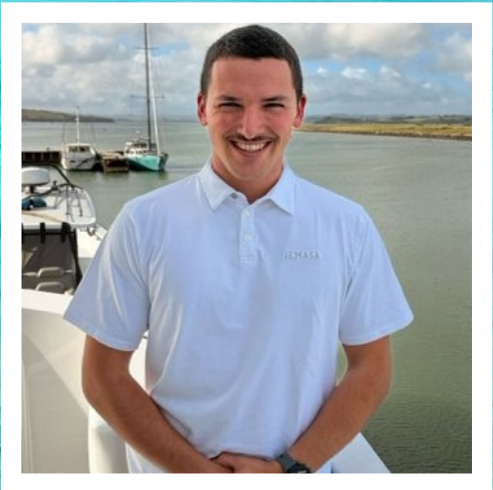


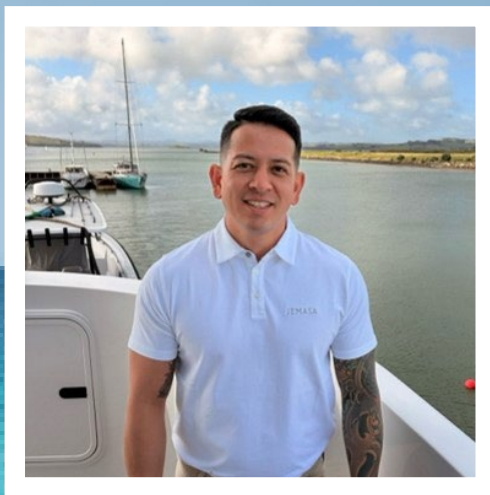
LOURENCO ARAGAO TERLIM

DIVE INSTRUCTOR

NATIONALITY: PORTUGUESE
LANGUAGES: PORTUGUESE, ENGLISH

Lourenço is a high-energy Deckhand and fully qualified Dive Instructor with a deep-rooted passion for the ocean and adventure-led yachting. A PADI and RAID Dive Instructor, he holds an impressive range of specialties including Night Diver, Deep Diver, Nitrox, DPV (Dive Propulsion Vehicle), Emergency Oxygen Provider, and Emergency First Response Instructor, alongside Scubapro Equipment Service Technician Level 2 certification. He also has extensive experience teaching and guiding kayaking and stand-up paddleboarding activities. With a background in professional diving, yachting was a natural progression—combining teamwork, high standards, travel, and hands-on work in remote locations. Lourenço has lived and worked abroad long-term as a Dive Instructor, leading daily open-water dives in demanding conditions while maintaining the highest safety and guest-care standards. He holds a Level 5 Higher Professional Technical Diploma in Adventure and Nature Tourism from Instituto Politécnico de Leiria and comes from a competitive sporting background, including national-level rugby and surfski (open-ocean kayak racing). When not on deck, he's rarely still—kitesurfing, surfing, freediving, spearfishing, fishing, skating, or camping in search of waves. His favourite destination so far is Mozambique, a raw, ocean-focused paradise that perfectly reflects his adventurous spirit and love for life at sea.





BRANDON CALLANTA

HEAD CHEF

NATIONALITY: AMERICAN

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Brandon's culinary journey began over 30 years ago in his family's restaurant, with his father opening the first Japanese restaurant in Central Florida—an early influence that shaped his palate and passion. This foundation led him to the Culinary Institute of America, followed by advanced training and internships in both the United States and Japan, including world-renowned kitchens such as The French Laundry and Ryugin. His pursuit of excellence eventually brought him into yachting, including time aboard Kismet.

A technically accomplished chef, Brandon is classically trained and highly versatile, with expertise spanning French, Italian, Mediterranean, Japanese, and contemporary American cuisines. His cooking is ingredient-driven, precise, and refined—balancing Japanese discipline with classic French technique to create thoughtful, memorable dishes. Most recently, Brandon has focused on private events and culinary consulting while based in Orlando, Florida, where he lives with his wife and two young sons. When not in the galley, he enjoys family time, traveling in search of inspiring restaurants, staying fit, and practicing martial arts, including Judo and Itosu-ryu.

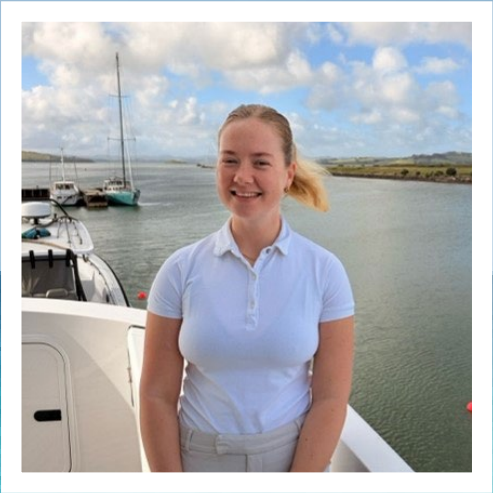
ZARA CHETWODE

CREW CHEF

NATIONALITY: BRITISH
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Zara brings energy, curiosity, and a genuine passion for food to her role as Crew Chef. With over two and a half years in the yachting industry, she has previously worked aboard motor yachts Naia and Idol, building a solid foundation in busy, high-standard galley environments. Trained in the French Alps as a chalet host, Zara’s culinary journey is rooted in hospitality, having spent several years working as a waitress and receptionist before stepping into professional kitchens.

She chose yachting to expand her culinary skills alongside exceptional head chefs, and her enthusiasm for learning shows in everything she does. When off duty, Zara enjoys tennis, chess, and getting lost in a good book. Her standout adventures include dessert safaris in Dubai and diving in Tahiti—perfect reflections of her love for travel, teamwork, and life at sea.



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