

CREW PROFILE

SHALAWATY



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.



GARY YOUNG

CAPTAIN

NATIONALITY: SOUTH AFRICAN

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH



Gary was born and raised in South Africa but now resides in Melbourne, Australia with his wife and young daughter. He grew up around water from a young age. Previous Yachts include: Calixe, Thundergulch, Passion, Lionheart, Steel and Solemar and 7.5 years on Victoria Del Mar, a busy charter vessel, he spent a seasonal med summer on Trident 65m Feadship and recently finished up on a 67m Amels cruising the Mediterranean and the Caribbean. His prior work experience includes : Gary has a Naval background as a diver, he continued to follow his passion for the water and joined yachting in 1998. Waters Cruised: Mediterranean, Caribbean, Bahamas, Indian Ocean, Middle East and the UK.

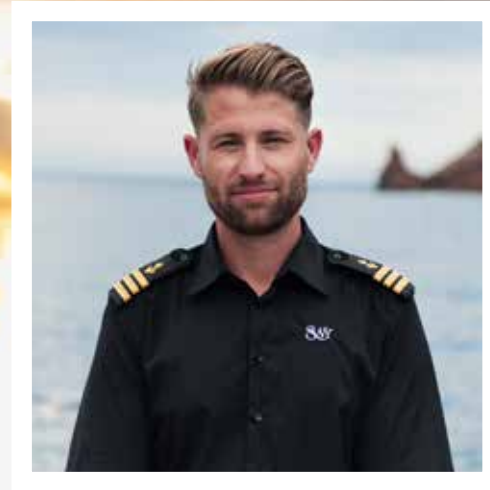
Education and Job-related licenses and Certificates: Gary has a degree in Human Movement and Psychology and Master Yachts 3000gt. Gary is also a qualified fitness instructor and scuba diver instructor. Gary's hobbies include kite boarding and scuba diving, he loves the outdoors and with these attributes hopes to encourage guests to enjoy the vessels numerous toys and have a good time.

ALBAN WEST

CHIEF OFFICER

NATIONALITY: BRITISH
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, FRENCH

Born in St Albans, UK, and raised in the South of France, Chief Officer Alban developed a deep connection to the Mediterranean coast—an area he knows intimately. With over a decade of experience aboard both charter and private yachts across the Mediterranean, Caribbean, and Asia—including Thailand, Singapore, the Maldives, and Sri Lanka—he offers a wealth of operational expertise, delivered with calm precision and professionalism. After earning a degree in Economics and traveling extensively, Alban committed to a full-time career in yachting, steadily building his experience and leadership at sea. An experienced Chief Mate 3000, he also serves as the vessel's Security Officer, upholding the highest standards of safety and efficiency on board. Known for his approachable nature and keen attention to detail, Alban is dedicated to creating a memorable guest experience, and looks forward to welcoming you on board.

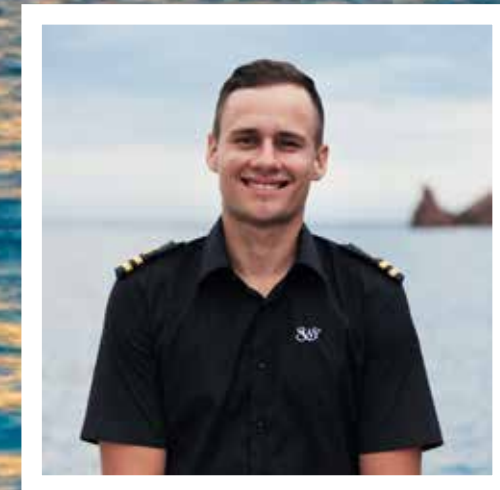


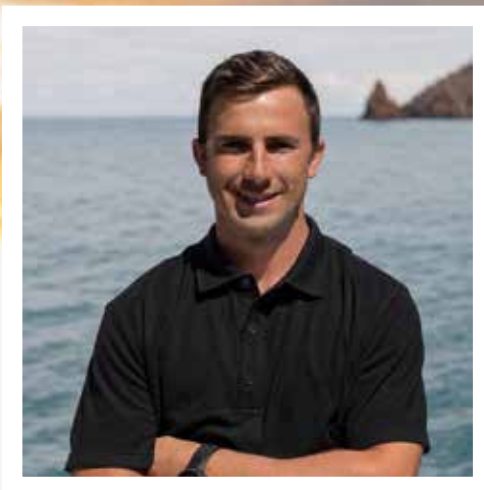
BRENDAN HAUPTFLEISCH

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NATIONALITY: SOUTH AFRICAN
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Born and raised in South Africa, Brendan brings over five years of yachting experience to Shalawaty, with cruising experience across the USA, Caribbean, Bahamas, Canada, and the Mediterranean. Having built a strong foundation on private yachts, he has developed expertise in deck operations, tender driving, watersports, and guest activities, with extensive knowledge of Sardinia and Mediterranean cruising grounds. With a degree in Economics and International Trading, Brendan combines practical leadership with strong operational discipline. Passionate about fishing, rugby, golf, padel, and life on the water, Brendan is also known onboard for making his own traditional South African biltong, proving that while you can take the South African away from home, you can never take home out of the South African.





CARRICK SAUNDERS

DECKHAND

NATIONALITY: SOUTH AFRICAN

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Carrick grew up in South Africa, where a sports-focused upbringing fostered his energy, competitiveness, and strong teamwork skills. With a background in education, he is a natural teacher who combines his passion for the ocean with a love of sport and adventure. Whether helping guests master waterskiing and wakeboarding or encouraging children to get involved, he creates memorable experiences with patience, enthusiasm, and good humour. His approachable teaching style helps guests of all ages feel confident on the water, and he takes great satisfaction in seeing them leave with lasting memories of their time on board. Away from the yacht, Carrick enjoys mountain biking, dirt biking, running, and exploring new places with the same adventurous spirit he brings to life at sea.



ERIN DEVERY

DECKHAND

NATIONALITY: BRITISH

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

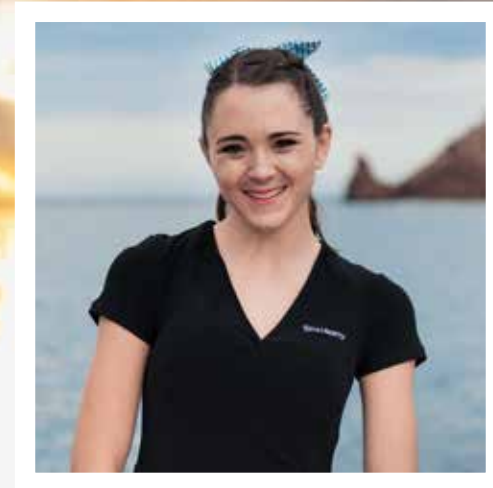
Born and raised in Cornwall, UK, Erin is 21 years old and has spent her life by the sea. With experience across recreational, competitive, and instructional water sports, she has developed a strong passion for the ocean and a natural confidence on the water. She is now dedicated to building a career in the yachting industry, with a clear focus on progression. Driven, enthusiastic, and hardworking, Erin enjoys both guest interaction and supporting operations behind the scenes. She recently transitioned into yachting from roles as a water sports Instructor and as a Sports Coordinator and Community Lead within a school environment. Erin has a passion for an active lifestyle and especially enjoys surfing, her favourite sea sport, alongside continuously learning new skills. She is excited to begin her journey in the industry.

KELLY HAUPTFLEISCH

CHIEF STEWARDESS

NATIONALITY: SOUTH AFRICAN
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Born and raised in South Africa, Kelly is an experienced Chief Stewardess with five years in the yachting industry, including two years in a leadership role on yachts ranging from 45m to 56m. Passionate about hospitality and creating exceptional guest experiences, she is known for her warm nature, calm approach, and strong attention to detail. Specialising in high-end service, elegant tablescaping, themed nights, and guest relations, Kelly takes pride in creating an atmosphere where guests feel cared for, comfortable, and truly special. Her background as a licensed beautician and entrepreneur has refined her eye for presentation, luxury standards, and personalised service. She is equally passionate about leading and mentoring junior stews, ensuring the interior runs seamlessly while maintaining the highest standards onboard. Outside of yachting, Kelly enjoys travel, wellness, beauty, and sourdough baking — a passion she carries with her around the world.

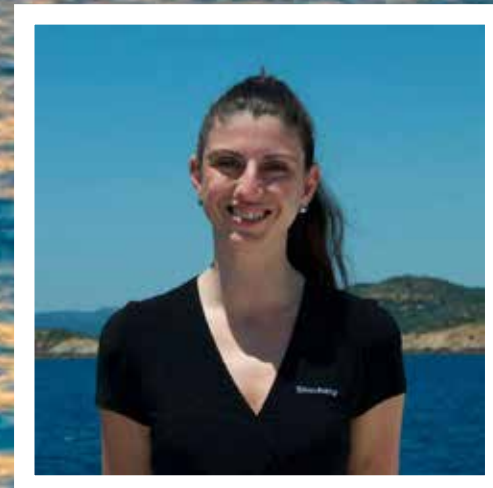


MARCELLE DU PLESSIS

SECOND STEWARDESS

NATIONALITY: SOUTH AFRICAN
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Marcelle grew up fishing, bodyboarding, and swimming in the Indian Ocean along the Southern Coast of South Africa. She began her hospitality career working at private and commercial events after school. Her passion for wine led her to conduct in-depth wine tastings at prestigious South African wine farms. Combining her love for the ocean with her hospitality experience, she naturally transitioned into yachting. Her interests include outdoor sports and activities, music, Formula 1, and exploring new places. Marcelle is excited for the season and looks forward to creating exceptional experiences for guests aboard Shalawaty.





CONNIE FITZGERALD

THIRD STEWARDESS

NATIONALITY: BRITISH

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Connie is 21 years old, born in Kingston, England, and raised in the south of Spain from the age of 12. Having grown up in a multicultural environment and attended an international school, she brings an open-minded outlook and a natural ability to connect with people from diverse backgrounds. With a strong background in hospitality, including a recent winter ski season in Austria and hands-on yachting experience, Connie is confident supporting the interior team across housekeeping, laundry, and service. She is calm under pressure, and takes pride in maintaining high standards in all aspects of her work. Creative and energetic, Connie enjoys painting, cooking, and making cocktails. She brings a positive approach to service and enjoys creating a smooth and enjoyable atmosphere for guests. Her love for travel and the outdoors reflects her active and upbeat nature. Friendly, reliable, and guest-focused, Connie is committed to creating a warm and memorable experience onboard.

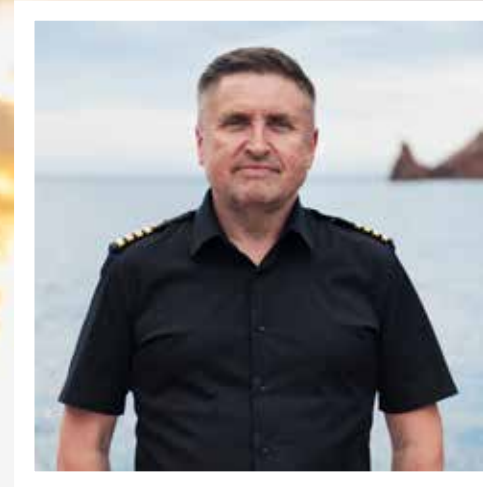
SLAVA OKOLO-KULAK

CHIEF ENGINEER (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: LITHUANIAN

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, RUSSIAN, LITHUANIAN

Born in the former Soviet Union and originally from Lithuania, Slava brings a lifetime of maritime knowledge and engineering expertise to Shalawaty. Fluent in English, Russian, and Lithuanian, he has spent 33 years working on commercial vessels before transitioning into the yachting industry 12 years ago, building extensive experience on vessels ranging from 49 to 66 metres. Having studied marine engineering, Slava combines strong technical knowledge with decades of practical hands-on experience, making him a highly skilled and dependable Chief Engineer onboard. A proud father of three and grandfather, family is at the centre of his life, while his passion for yachting and travel continues to fuel his career. Known for his dedication, calm nature, and problem-solving mindset, Slava is an essential part of ensuring the vessel operates safely, efficiently, and seamlessly.



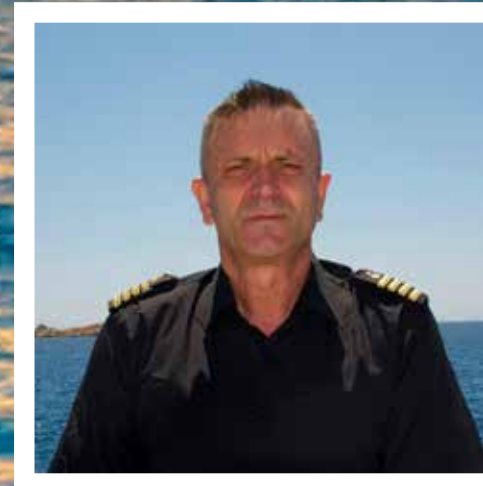
MARIN DZHINGARSKI

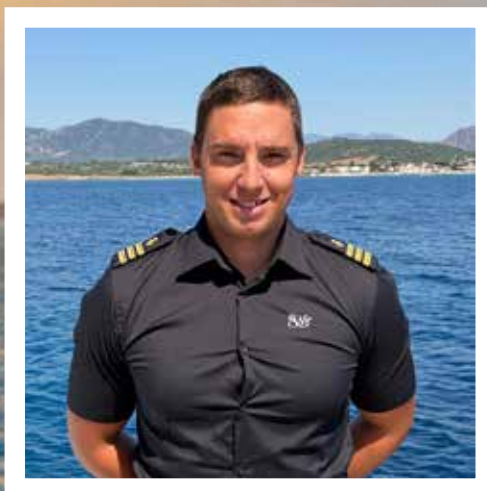
CHIEF ENGINEER (ROTATIONAL)

NATIONALITY: BULGARIAN

LANGUAGES: ENGLISH, BULGARIAN

Born in Bulgaria, Marin brings extensive maritime expertise to his role as Chief Engineer. Before entering the yachting industry, he spent 15 years in the Merchant Marine, serving aboard both cargo ships and passenger vessels and developing a strong technical foundation across a wide range of vessel operations. Marin joined SHALAWATY (formerly The Wellesley) in March 2015 and has played a key role in maintaining the yacht to the highest engineering and operational standards. Throughout his career, he has worked on vessels ranging from 49m to 86m, including cruise ships, cargo vessels, and luxury superyachts. Known for his determination and problem-solving abilities, Marin thrives on challenges and is committed to delivering excellence in every aspect of his work. He is fluent in English, Bulgarian, and Russian, making him a valuable asset within an international crew environment. Outside of his professional responsibilities, Marin enjoys football, table tennis, swimming, and motorsports. During the winter months, he spends his free time snowboarding and hunting.





RADOTA DAŠIĆ

DECKHAND / ENGINEER

NATIONALITY: MONTENEGRIN

LANGUAGES: MONTENEGRIN, ENGLISH

Radota joined the yachting industry after building a strong foundation in commercial shipping and marine engineering. Most recently, he worked on board Nord, Alfa Nero, and Axioma, gaining valuable experience in machinery maintenance, refit projects, and the operation of complex engineering systems on some of the world's most prestigious yachts. Originally from Montenegro, Radota studied Marine Engineering and is currently continuing his education at the Faculty of Maritime Studies in Kotor. Holding an EOOW Certificate along with a comprehensive range of engineering and safety qualifications, he is known for his strong work ethic, positive attitude, and hands-on approach to problem-solving. A keen sportsman, Radota played competitive football and handball for many years and continues to enjoy an active lifestyle. Friendly, motivated, and dedicated, he takes pride in ensuring the yacht operates safely and efficiently while contributing to a positive atmosphere on board.

COLIN MCSHERRY

CHEF

NATIONALITY: IRISH
LANGUAGES: ENGLISH

Born and raised in Ireland, Colin McSherry culinary experience, passion, and precision to the galley. Having trained in some of the world's most respected kitchens, Colin refined his craft as Chef de Partie at the renowned The Fat Duck under Heston Blumenthal, as well as at The Ledbury and Murano under Angela Hartnett, gaining Michelin-star level experience and developing a strong foundation in precision, creativity, and high-end dining. Before entering the yachting industry, Colin also showcased his culinary talent on the acclaimed Great British Menu. With previous experience onboard a 76m HPC vessel and a passion for travel, his cooking style has been heavily influenced by his love for Asia and Japanese cuisine. Colin's philosophy is cantered around honoring quality ingredients, combining refined technique with creativity to create beautifully presented, guest-tailored dishes. His passion for live-fire cooking adds depth and character to his menus, while his artistic eye ensures every plate is as visually striking as it is delicious. Outside the galley, Colin enjoys running and exploring new destinations, bringing the same discipline and energy into his personal life as he does to his cooking.





NOEMI MOSCATELLI

PASTRY CHEF

NATIONALITY: ITALIAN / DUTCH

LANGUAGES: ITALIAN, ENGLISH, FRENCH, DUTCH

Born and raised in Italy, Noemi brings a refined pastry background and a passion for exceptional guest experiences to life onboard. With Michelin-star level experience gained in some of Italy's most respected fine dining establishments, including La Speranzina and La Stua de Michil, she has developed a strong foundation in precision, creativity, and high-end hospitality. Her culinary style combines elegant presentation with a detail-driven approach, influenced by both contemporary pastry techniques and luxury restaurant service. Having worked across pastry kitchens, guest experience, and reservation coordination, Noemi offers a well-rounded understanding of ultra-high-end hospitality and enjoys creating memorable experiences tailored to each guest

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