

AETERNA



CAPTAIN - Vedran Andro Rakuljic

Croatian

Languages: English, Croatian
and German (professional working proficiency).

Vedran grew up in Krilo, a small coastal town in Dalmatia with a long maritime history. Over the last couple of decades, Krilo has evolved into the Croatian yachting capital. Inspired by his surroundings, Vedran began his maritime journey early. As a child, he spent his summer holidays on board with his dad and later joined the luxury cruise ship ROMANTIC STAR (46m) as a sailor in 2016. While not on board, he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in International Business, with a minor in Finance. His hard work and professionalism saw him promoted through the years, and in 2022, Vedran became a captain.

After two successful seasons as a captain, and eight years overall in superyachts, Vedran joined the AETERNA crew in 2024. His love and passion for his profession guarantee a safe and unforgettable time on board AETERNA. Vedran has insider knowledge of the beautiful bays, pristine coves, ancient ports, and activities in his country, and he looks forward to welcoming you on board.

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BOSUN – Vice Jurisic

Croatian

Languages: Croatian, English

Ever since childhood, Vice has had a special bond with ships and the sea—it's always felt like his natural calling. He joined the yachting industry in 2019 and now he can't picture himself doing anything else. The sea isn't just a workplace for him; it's his happy place, somewhere that he feels totally relaxed and fulfilled. Working aboard a yacht allows him to live out his passion every single day, combining professional responsibilities with something he genuinely loves.

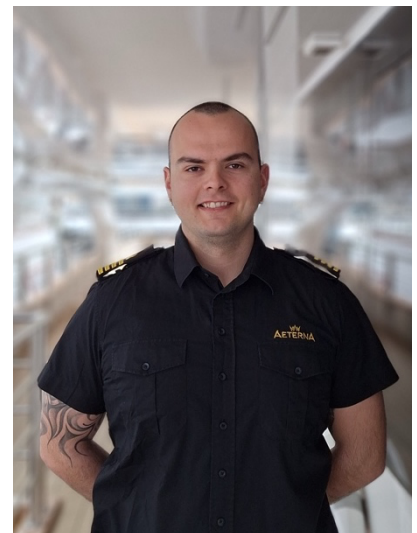
This job gives him the ideal balance of challenges, responsibility and excitement, continually pushing him to grow both personally and professionally. For Vice, being at sea is far more than just a career—it's a fantastic opportunity to learn new things, meet interesting people, and enjoy adventures that few other professions offer. Simply put, he's exactly where he wants to be, and is looking forward to introducing you to the joys of being on a yacht.

ENGINEER – Kristian Markovic

Croatian

Languages: English, Italian, Croatian

Born and raised on a beautiful island in Croatia, Kristian's love for the sea started when he was young and just never stopped growing. His maritime journey began early, shaping him into a seasoned professional through training at the Maritime School in Bakar. Following his graduation, Kristian gained extensive experience aboard various cruise boats and yachts ranging in size from 25m to 55m. s a highly skilled tender driver who knows yachts inside out, Kristian's a steady hand onboard and a welcoming presence, fluent in Croatian, English, and Italian—perfect for connecting with guests and crew from all over.



Away from deck duties, Kristian is energetic, driven, and always active. He's spent over twelve years competing in water polo and competitive rowing, developing strong discipline and teamwork skills that shine through onboard. He's also a certified scuba diver, and whenever he gets some free time, you'll probably find him exploring underwater, as diving is definitely his happy place.

Kristian is the kind of crew member who tackles every challenge with enthusiasm, professionalism, and a friendly smile. He's hands-on, capable, and genuinely passionate about making sure your time aboard AETERNA is as enjoyable and relaxing as possible.



CHEF - Marino Dikic
Croatian

Marino comes from Split, Croatia. His passion for food came around the tender age of nineteen when he started working as a kitchen assistant. Quickly inspired by the quality and taste of fresh produce, he moved to Berlin to further his skills, working in fine-dining restaurants. Marino has completed internships at 2 Michelin stars restaurant with Tim Raue, Berlin. He was a chef de partie in the luxury five-star hotel Adlon Kempinski, and chef at Italian fine-dining restaurant Francucci. From there, Marino left Berlin and went back to Split, to run his own funky bistro.

His love of travel and discovering new cuisines led to him completing multiple summers on passenger ships and yachts as a permanent and freelance chef. Known as a workaholic, he prefers to keep cooking and after the summer, so he went to Austria (Sölden) to work as a Chalet chef in luxury villas. Marino is passionate about sea food and modern cuisine with a Mediterranean twist. Marino is very aware of different dietary needs and is an ambassador of zero waste and plant-based food.

SOUS-CHEF – Ivica Mazar
Croatian

Ivica is a 28-year-old chef with Croatian roots. From an early age, he felt a passion for cooking and after obtaining his professional qualification, as a chef at high school Jure Kastelan, he completed his training as a specialist chef in Split. At the age of 18, Ivica was employed as a sous chef in a high-end restaurant at Hotel Damianii, where he was a sous chef for 2 years, and then promoted to chef for a further 3 years.

For the last four years Ivica has been chef on the AETERNA and is a valuable member of the team. He is extremely hard-working, open, and always smiling, and welcomes you to come and peek into the galley. which is why you will always love to peek into the kitchen. There he is looking forward to being able to pass on his knowledge and passion for high-end cuisine. Languages: Croatian, English.



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CHIEF STEWARDESS (Rotational) – Melita Dukic
Croatian

Languages: Croatian and English,

Born and raised in the coastal city of Split, Croatia, Melita brings a wealth of experience and a natural flair for leadership to her role as Chief Stewardess on AETERNA. Since childhood she has always had a strong connection to the sea and a genuine passion for life on board. She began her career in 2019, working on smaller yachts whilst she gained her Masters in Maritime Management from Split university. This early practice in crewing and waitressing allowed her to realise this was the life for her. With a genuine love for hospitality, she

consistently provides outstanding experiences for guests onboard.

Melita is known for her enthusiasm, energy, and meticulous attention to detail, and she thrives in the busy, ever-changing yachting environment. When she is not onboard, she loves hiking in the mountains and keeping active through a range of sports and outdoor adventures. With her warm personality, dedication to excellence, and adventurous spirit, Melita will ensure that you and your guests have the best time on board.

CHIEF STEWARDESS (Rotational) – Helena Cukusic
Croatian

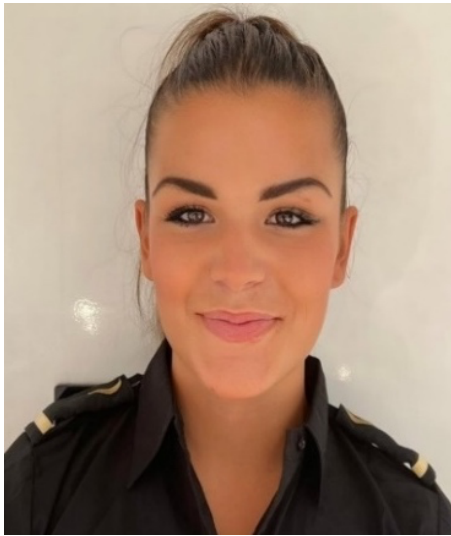
Languages: Croatian and English,

Helena grew up in the beautiful coastal city of Split, where she spent her childhood gazing out at the yachts in the bay, dreaming of a life at sea. After finishing Commercial Trade School, she went on to study locally while gaining early hospitality experience as a waitress. She quickly progressed to become a Sales Manager at a car rental company — all before taking the leap into yachting, where she's truly found her stride. Since joining the industry, Helena has worked her way up from Fourth to Chief Stewardess on a busy 60-metre charter yacht, thriving in a fast-paced, dual-season operation.



Helena is hands-on, organised, and seems to do everything effortlessly — always with a calm smile. She blends professionalism with a naturally warm and friendly approach. Whether she's managing day-to-day interior duties or stepping up to lead the team during guest trips, Helena ensures everything runs smoothly and guests feel at home. When she's not on board, you'll likely find her travelling, socialising, or most importantly, spending time with friends and family.

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2nd STEWARDESS (Rotational)– Ena Cabaravdic
Bosnian
Languages: Croatian and English

Ena is both dynamic and dedicated, with a background in tourism and hotel management. Born in 1997 in Antwerpen, Belgium, Ena moved to Sarajevo (Bosnia & Herzegovina) when she was five years old, after her parents decided to return to their homeland. Ena grew up there and went on to obtain her Bachelor's Degree in Tourism and Geography. She then pursued a Master's degree in Hotel and Tourism Management at Split University.

Since 2021, she has built on this experience working both as a Deckhand and a stewardess on superyachts such as M/Y KATINA. Ena's progression in these roles reflects her hard work, attention to detail, and genuine love for guest service. Her hospitality-driven approach ensures guests experience impeccable service and thoughtful touches throughout their time on board. She has excellent communication skills, an eye for presentation, and is always positive and willing to help. You will find Ena friendly, highly organised, and committed to ensuring you and your guests have the very best experience aboard AETERNA.

STEWARDESS – Jovana Gnjatovic
Serbian
Languages: Croatian, Serbian and English

Born in Croatia and now based in Serbia, Jovana brings a lovely mix of warmth, professionalism, and cultural insight to the team onboard. Over the last 12 years, she's combined her passion for helping others with her love for the sea—first training and working as a nurse, and then taking her caring nature onto ships, making sure guests always feel comfortable, safe, and well looked after.

Jovana's not only calm under pressure but has also put her skills to the test, having participated in peacekeeping missions around the world, where she provided critical care and support in often challenging environments.

Her relaxed yet professional manner and genuine kindness mean guests instantly feel at ease around her. Whether attending to guests' needs or offering a friendly smile, Jovana approaches every situation with compassion and expertise. Jovana's really looking forward to making sure your time aboard AETERNA is both memorable and comfortable.





STEWARDESS – Laura Rakuljic

Croatian

Languages: Croatian, English

Born and raised in Split, Croatia's largest coastal city, Laura developed her passion for the sea at an early age. After graduating with a degree in tourism management, she naturally moved into yachting, where she's spent the past three years refining her hospitality skills.

Laura is friendly, caring, and attentive, with a particular knack for looking after children and ensuring every guest feels comfortable on board. Her patient nature and genuine enjoyment of working with people make her a valued and trusted member of the crew.

SENIOR MASSAGE THERAPIST – Danijela Mijuskovic

Montenegrin / Serbian

Languages: English

Always with a warm smile on her face, Dani manages to create a positive and calm environment wherever she goes. She has over 15 years' experience as a licensed Massage Therapist and spent much of her career working on premium high-end cruise liners. For two years, she had the opportunity to practice at the exclusive wellness centre of Canyon Ranch in Tucson, Arizona.

Qualified in many different types of massage including Swedish, Hot Stone, Aromatherapy, Sports massage, Trigger point, Reflexology, etc., she especially emphasizes deep tissue massage to release muscle tension and promote a sense of well-being.

Highly successful and popular in all her posts, we are delighted Dani is on board to ensure that you have a relaxing and revitalising stay on board.





DECKHAND – Anton Vidovic

Croatian

Languages: Croatian, English, basic Italian and German

Anton, a 28-year-old sailor from the beautiful Island of Rab, welcomes his second season aboard Aeterna, where he has quickly proven himself as a reliable and dedicated member of the crew. With a deep-rooted passion for the sea, Anton began his maritime journey on a small tourist trawling boat, where he spent his youth learning the ropes of the boating world. His early years on the water have shaped him into a sailor who not only possesses strong technical skills but also an unwavering enthusiasm for life on the sea.

Known for his positive attitude, ambition, and infectious smile, Anton brings a vibrant energy to the team, ensuring that both guests and crew experience a welcoming and enjoyable environment. His upbeat demeanour and hands-on approach allow him to tackle any challenge that comes his way, and his commitment to excellence is reflected in his day-to-day work. With an eye for detail and a deep respect for the traditions of seafaring, Anton is always looking for ways to improve and grow in his craft, making him an invaluable part of the AETERNA team.

DECKHAND – Vicko Laporta

Croatian

Languages: English and Croatian

Vicko, known as 'Vice', hails from Split, Croatia, and has a lifelong connection to the sea. Growing up by the coast, he developed a natural affinity for the water, which eventually led him to a career as a deckhand. With two years of experience in the yachting industry, Vice is known for his calm and easy-going manner, always ready to lend a hand where it counts.

Before making the jump into yachting, Vice spent seven years working as a professional kayak guide, introducing guests to the spectacular Croatian coastline and guiding guests through its beautiful waters. He's also an experienced lifeguard so guests always feel safe and comfortable around him. Holding a bachelor's degree in Kinesiology, Vice brings a solid understanding of physical health and teamwork to his role. His blend of professionalism, adaptability, and passion for the sea makes him a valued member of the team. Whether he's assisting with guest services, maintaining the vessel, or leading water activities, Vice does his utmost to ensure that every guest has the trip of a lifetime.

