

ST. DAVID

CREW PROFILES





BOGDAN CHOLAKOV

CAPTAIN
BULGARIAN

After delving into the realms of maritime navigation and nautical science, Bogdan embarked on his professional mariner journey in the merchant Navy back in 2006. Commencing with his cadetship and assistant officer practices on general cargo and supply vessels, he swiftly transitioned to the yachting industry. Since 2008, he has navigated various vessels, traversing global cruising itineraries. Bogdan, a polyglot fluent in five languages, extends his passion beyond the sea. He finds inspiration in economics, champions human rights, and values critical thinking. Off-duty, he immerses himself in the intellectual pursuits of chess and reading. Bogdan is also a dedicated family man, proudly fulfilling the role of a father to a young boy and a baby girl.



JOSHUA MARTIN

CHIEF OFFICER
BRITISH

Originally from the Isle of Mull, Joshua spent much of his youth exploring Scotland's Inner Hebrides on board his dad's fishing boat. This early experience inspired a passion for adventures at sea, and he now joins ST DAVID as the Chief Officer. When not on board, Joshua loves running and competes in as many events as time allows.



FRANS-HUGO SMIT

2ND OFFICER

SOUTH AFRICAN

Frans joined yachting in 2017. He has travelled to 5 continents & completed many crossings. Hailing from South Africa, Frans brings energy, skills & professionalism to every charter.





ALAN MAHIOUT

HEAD CHEF
FRENCH

Originally from France, he lived in Switzerland for long time. He had the privilege of exploring various industries. Alain delved into restaurants, event catering, the yachting sector and even served as a personal home chef. Through these experiences he have developed strong organizational skills, a disciplined approach, and a genuine commitment to personal growth. When it comes to his cooking, Alain focus on engaging our natural senses like smell, appearance, taste, and texture. This ensures a delightful and memorable dining experience for his guests.

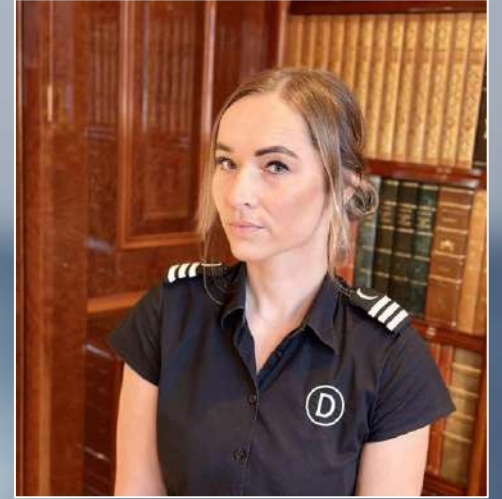


DAN OWENS

SOUS CHEF

BRITISH

I'm a 23-year-old sous chef from South Wales with seven years of experience in high-end hotels and restaurants. After earning my culinary degree in Birmingham, I now bring my passion for fresh, flavourful food to life at sea, creating memorable meals for guests on board.



ADELA LUPIKOVA

CHIEF STEWARDESS

CZECH

Adela was born and raised in Czech Republic. After her first hospitality experience in Scotland and studies in the USA, she came across yachting and saw the perfect opportunity to combine her hospitality skills and passion for the sea. After years of experience, she truly enjoys all aspects of her job and cares deeply for her guest and fellow crew members. A fair team player, Adela is professional, hardworking, reliable. She loves organisation, interior design and wine. When not working, she loves to discover new destinations and doing yoga, horseback riding and surfing.



BRADY SNODEY

2ND STEWARDESS

SOUTH AFRICAN

Growing up on the coastline of South Africa Brady naturally developed a love for the ocean and the natural world around me. She has always been adventurous and decided to combine her love of travel with the organization and hospitality skills. Brady loves animals and being anywhere tropical. Her hobbies include reading, going for walks, scuba diving, collecting seashells and spending time with friends or family when given the chance.





MEINKE OLDE-OLTHOF

SERVICE STEWARDESS

SOUTH AFRICAN

As soon as Mienke had broadened her horizons traveling across the world, she became hooked on discovering, from places and people to languages and cultures. Mienke is from a rural area in South Africa, love putting smiles on people's faces with her creative flair and passion for service excellence. Now she strive to fulfill her ambition as a service stewardess onboard ST. DAVID.





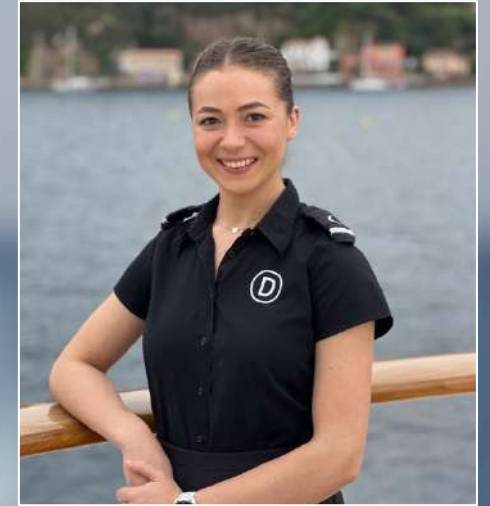
EMMIERENTIA HARMSE

LAUNDRY & HOUSEKEEPING

SOUTH AFRICAN

Emmie is here to keep things pressed, fresh and wrinkle free! She is the one behind the scenes and here to wash your worries away. Passionate about life at sea, Emmie works on the boat where she combines her love for people, travel and exploration. Whether creating memorable guest experiences or seeing new coastlines Emmie thrive on adventure and the endless beauty of the ocean.





EMILY UNSWORTH

SPA THERAPIST
SOUTH AFRICAN

Hailing from South Africa, Emily is a qualified Spa Stewardess with a three-year Somatology education from a globally recognized institution. Inspired by her love for travel and the ocean, she curates refined spa experiences that embody balance, luxury, and serenity on board.



KYLE VAN ZYL

DECKHAND
SOUTH AFRICAN

Kyle is from the west coast of Cape Town. He grew up around the ocean and have been surfing since he was a kid, so the sea's always felt like home. For the past three years Kyle has been working as a deckhand in the superyacht industry.

He has a real passion for watersports and enjoy creating memorable experiences for the guests we have onboard. It's a lifestyle that keeps him close to the ocean and constantly learning.



BRAD TAYLOR

DECKHAND
SOUTH AFRICAN

Experienced deck crew member from South Africa in yachting since 2022, recently serving as Bosun, with strengths in tender driving, water sports, and safety coordination on private and charter vessels





ALEC SMIT
DECKHAND
SOUTH AFRICAN

I am dedicated to the sea above and beneath, exploring shipwrecks and sea life. In my free time, I sail, enjoy diving, and spend time off-roading.



ROSEN ZLATINOV

CHIEF ENGINEER

BULGARIAN

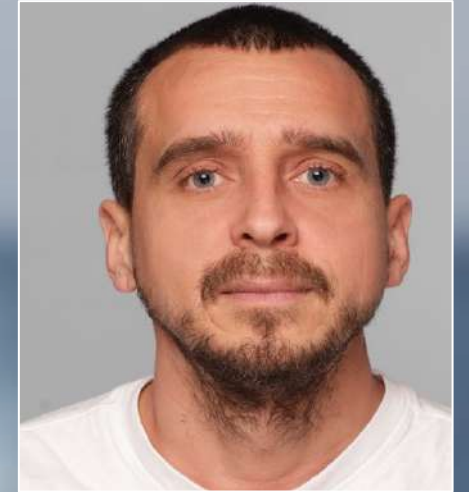
Rosen is enthusiastic experienced and easy-going person who loves his job. He has a vast background in yachting and commercial vessels. In his free time, he enjoys biking, motorsports, working out at the gym, and eating healthy food.



VARBAN VARBANOV

CHIEF ENGINEER
BULGARIAN

Varban was born in Varna, Bulgaria. He enjoyed and finished Naval Academy there. Varban has more than 20 years at sea and more than 10 as Chief engineer onboard various type of vessels.



SVETOSLAV LYUBENOV

2ND ENGINEER

BULGARIAN

Svetoslav was born in the maritime capital of Bulgaria, Varna. Since childhood, he has been deeply drawn to the sea, which inspired him to pursue a maritime-related field.

Svetoslav holds a Master's degree in Marine Engines and Machinery, where he combined theoretical knowledge with practical experience throughout his education. In addition to his professional interest in the maritime industry, Svetoslav enjoys spending his free time engaging in water sports, playing football, and fishing.