

Rotational Captain Charles Rowlands – British



Charlie has been sailing since he was 6, successfully racing dinghies, catamarans, keelboats and large superyachts.

He has been yachting professionally since 1996 and has been a Captain since 2002.

Charlie has a 3000gt license.

Charlie has circumnavigated the globe and extraordinary 3 times and is a trained rescue diver! With such an extensive career, he has accumulated some special memories, from diving with humpbacks in Tonga, to out-running pirates off the coast of Africa.

Rotational Captain Jeán Paul Kleyn – South African



Born and raised on the Wild Coast of South Africa, JP has been a keen sailor since the age of 14.

His dreams to sail all over the world and his love of the ocean propelled him to become a certified divemaster and passionate spear fisher.

When he turned 21, he made a natural transition into the yachting industry delivering a 44ft catamaran from Cape Town to Miami. Almost 15 years later, JP has gained his 3000gt license and an array of incredible experiences. Having joined the Amaryllis crew in 2021 as Chief Officer, JP has loved working onboard.

Now stepping up as rotational Captain, JP looks forward to continuing to lead his team onboard, build on his experiences and ensure all trips are memorable for guests.



Rotational Chief Officer Albie Kidd – South African



While working as a high school sports coach in Cape Town, Albie honed his sailing skills and delivered a 38ft catamaran to Annapolis, Maryland at just 20 years old.

This was officially the start of what was to become a ten-year career in the yachting industry. He has a passion for the education and wellbeing of others, which he demonstrates through his leadership style. When not at sea Albie spends his time working towards completing his private pilot’s license, tinkering on his airplane, and staying active through outdoor activities such as kitesurfing, trail running, swimming and cycling.

Rotational Chief Officer Nicholas Ruprecht – Zimbabwe



Nick was born in Zimbabwe before he moved to the Eastern Cape in South Africa for his education.

He has always had a strong passion for the ocean and started his career at sea on Pearl diving boats, in the Timor Sea, off the Northern coast of Darwin, Australia.

Having recently achieved his Chief Mate license he looks forward to a long career in the yachting industry and continuing up through the ranks.

Nick enjoys being outdoors submersed in remote National parks in Central and Southern Africa, fly fishing and bird watching.



Deck Department

Second Officer Joey Foster – Australian



Joey was born in Sydney Australia and has been around the water from a young age.

After school Joey moved to Newcastle in Australia where he studied Accounting and spent time working there.

In 2019 Joey started working on yachts based in Europe and since then has explored large areas of the Mediterranean, Bahamas, USA and Caribbean.

He enjoys Sailing, Fishing, Diving, and most of all exploring new places

Rotational Bosun Russell Ross - South African / British



Coming from Cape Town, Russell grew up on the beach, surfing, diving, and fishing.

It comes as no surprise that after a successful corporate career in London he decided to return to his roots and establish a life on the water.

With an accomplished background in leadership, Russell guides our Deck department with skill, confidence and fun.

Russell promises to surpass all your vacation expectations and provide memorable experiences that will last a lifetime.

Rotational Bosun Justin Morkel – South African



Growing up in South Africa, Justin has always loved to be close to the ocean.

Having previously worked in hospitality, he joined the yachting industry in 2019.

Since then, he has worked on a variety of yachts throughout the world.

Justin is an active, friendly and compassionate individual who loves working with the team onboard.

When he is not working, Justin loves hiking, fishing and photography.



Lead Deckhand Keagan Munro – South African



Keagan was born in South Africa. Having grown up close to the water and spending his weekends boating, this naturally led to his love of watersports and outdoor activities. Being the driven individual that he is, he looks forward to progressing within the industry and giving all those onboard Amaryllis an unforgettable experience.

Deckhand Miko Finkeldey – Namibian



Miko grew up in the coastal town of Swakopmund. He grew up playing a variety of sports and even represented Namibia at the Hockey World Championships in 2016 and 2017. Having previously worked as a personal trainer, Miko made the move to yachting in 2024. With a passion for fishing and watersports, he loves to spend time on the water and looks forward to exploring new places onboard Amaryllis.

Deckhand Luke Van Ryswyk – South African



Luke is an outdoors enthusiast who enjoys a variety of activities such as fishing, surfing, skiing, hiking, and watersports. He has been fishing from a young age, with extensive experience and knowledge in big game fishing all around Africa. Luke is also passionate about team sports such as rugby, water polo, and golf. In his free time, Luke loves to explore new places and spend time with friends.



Deckhand Luke Brummer – South African



Luke has grown up with a love for learning and the outdoors. Luke enjoys spending time in the mountains and when not on yachts, loves adventuring in nature. Prior to joining yachting, Luke was a CrossFit Gym Owner and Personal Trainer, helping hundreds of people fall in love with fitness and eradicate their pain. Luke enjoys testing himself and trying new hobbies, such as karate, chess, gardening, motorbikes and he is a rescue swimmer!

Deckhand Lewis Dixon – British



Lewis is originally from Southampton, UK. After studying a Tourism Management degree at the University of Bournemouth, he worked in the US as a tennis coach. Following his love of travel, Lewis has since worked in Melbourne, Australia and New York. Having seen his brother enjoying the yachting industry, Lewis decided to complete his Yacht Master Offshore course and transition to the industry in 2024. As a keen footballer and runner, Lewis loves to complete Strava challenges and keep fit.

Deckhand Cameron Cundill – South African



Born and raised in Johannesburg, South Africa, Cameron always had a yearning for a life of adventure. Having studied a degree in Law at university, he realised he wasn't suited to sitting behind a desk and decided to take the plunge into the yachting industry. Meeting new people and building lasting relationships has always been a priority of Cameron's. He's a friendly, chatty individual who is always on hand to lend a smile. In his free time, Cameron is a keen DJ and loves water sports.



Chefs

Rotational Head Chef Geoffrey Colombo - French



After finishing culinary school in the South of France, Geoff had the good fortune to work besides renowned Chefs Pierre Gagnaire and Marco Pierre. He gained valuable culinary skills and innovative techniques across the country, most notably working for the French President and his family. Geoff owns a restaurant, Mas des Faraches in the South of France.

Rotational Head Chef Luke Owen – British



Luke has over 10 years in the yachting industry, and a land-based Chef before that. His true love for cooking lies within the private sector.

Luke is a highly driven and motivated chef with a real enthusiasm for his job which translates through his food.

He has extensive experience working on yachts, in private villas, Michelin Starred restaurants, large scale events and F1 Teams.

Luke's personal interests are Snowboarding, Traveling and motorsports.

Sous Chef Rory Seifried – Canadian



Amaryllis is Rory's first boat in the yachting industry, but he has been a Chef for 15 years.

Growing up in a small rural town in Canada, Rory is an avid outdoorsman, who enjoys fishing, hiking, wild foraging and bird watching.

His local community at home is food centric and Rory enjoys cooking food from around the world, showcasing his passion for flavour through the meals he provides.



Interior Department

Purser Laura Pearce – British / South African



Laura was born in KwaZulu Natal, South Africa, she grew up in both England and South Africa. Holidays were always on the Transkei's Wild Coast, with her large family, where she spent all her time outdoors, in or on the water developing a natural love of the ocean. Laura naturally gravitated towards the industry due to her love of the coast, interest in travel, and large family all of whom have worked on yachts. Laura began her career in yachting 10 years ago, and has worked on a variety of diverse yachts. Prior to her career at sea Laura worked in Communications, Teaching, and the Fitness Industry. She always enjoys welcoming guests onboard and ensuring their stay is a memorable one.

Rotational Purser Rowena Garcia – German



Rowena was born in Spain and brought up in Germany. During her B.A. Tourism Management studies, she did an internship in a 5* luxury hotel in Mallorca, which is when she first found out about the yachting industry back in 2014.

Being a highly motivated, personable and dedicated professional, with a talent for detail, she figured it was the industry for her.

Rowena then progressed in her career from, Junior Stewardess, to Chief Stewardess and lastly to Purser.

In her spare time she enjoys going to spinning, doing yoga and is very interested in fashion and design.



Rotational Chief Stewardess Charlotte Ettlting – British



Charlotte was born in Dorset, England. After a Geography degree at the University of Exeter, Charlotte spent a brief time in maritime insurance and marketing before beginning a career in yachting. With a passion for travel and the ocean, Charlotte has worked across the globe on a range of motor and sailing yachts. Her life has always revolved around the ocean, she can often be found sailing or paddle boarding. Charlotte and the Interior team always aim to provide an unforgettable and seamless experience for guests.

Rotational Chief Stewardess Abigail Withers – British



Abigail grew up in a small countryside village in England, where she pursued a career in the Health and Beauty industry, working as a product trainer. In 2020, Abigail joined the yachting industry. Her first position as a Beauty Therapist & Masseur, moving towards service-based roles on various yachts, to now Chief Stewardess. Abigail has a passion for travel and seeing more of the world. In her free time, Abigail enjoys living a healthy and fit lifestyle, hiking, cycling, reading and exploring what the local area has to offer.



Second Stewardess Jana Warren – American



Jana was born east coast America in the town of New Bern, North Carolina and has always had a passion for being on the water.

After graduating University with a Masters in Accounting, she worked for nearly three years as a tax accountant before ultimately deciding it was time for a big change and transitioning into the yachting industry.

Jana has cruised the Mediterranean, Caribbean, Bahamas, and East Coast USA and is looking forward to exploring more. When she's not working, you can find Jana anywhere in the sun whether it's reading on the beach or trying out a new watersport.

Third Stewardess Ashleigh Rieder – South African



Ashleigh was born in the small town of Port Elizabeth along the southern coast of South Africa.

Ashleigh has a Human Resources degree, during which she first began working as an au pair. Following her degree, she worked as an au pair for 3 years.

It was during this time she discovered her passion for childcare.

Wanting to explore the world more, she worked in a luxury ski chalet in Austria as a nanny and stewardess. Now onboard Amaryllis, Ashleigh has returned to her true passion of childcare and hospitality. She has a true passion for animals, watersports and motorsports in her free time.

Stewardess Jana Rabie – South African



Jana grew up in the outer Cape town area, South Africa.

After school She decided to take a gap year which led her to opportunities in the beauty industry as a hairdressers, and then onto super yachts.

In her Spare time Jana enjoys training and she has been active and into sports from a young age.

She has a bubbly personality and a strong eye for detail. Jana Has previously worked temporary on two other yachts and has finally landed her first permanent position on M/Y Amaryllis.



Stewardess Phainapa Viduka – Thai



Phai was born and raised in northeastern Thailand. After university, Phai began working in popular hotels in Bangkok and Phuket. In 2005, she began her career at sea on cruise ships and transitioned to yachts in 2012. Having joined Amaryllis in 2024, Phai strives to offer the best possible experience for guests onboard. Phai loves to travel and meet new people. In her free time, she loves mountain biking, hiking and spending time with her family.

Stewardess Ellie Clark – British



Ellie joins us from a coastal city in England and has always had a passion for the sea. Joining the yachting industry she's been able to explore the world and carry on her passion for hospitality. Before joining the industry she attended Music school and wanted to pursue her passion for singing, however that has been put on hold whilst she travels the world on yachts. In her free time, Ellie enjoys exploring, yoga and reading.

Stewardess Allison Dillard - American

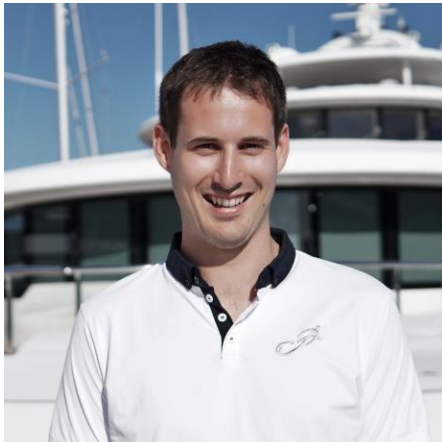


Allison grew up in Jacksonville, Florida. She's always had a real passion for the ocean and an active lifestyle. Having previously worked in varying industries including as a fitness instructor and nanny, Allison joined the yachting industry in 2022. Allison has a true passion for the industry, she loves to learn and be pushed out of her comfort zone. She enjoys spending time with friends, read about astrology and running.



Engineering Department

Rotational Chief Engineer Gregory Hinks – British



Greg hails from Poole, South of England. At the age of 16, he started a 4-year marine engineering apprenticeship constructing and testing various yachts. His knowledge and 12 years of experience in marine engineering make Greg a valuable member onboard. He leads the Engineering department to ensure systems and critical equipment are running smoothly.

Rotational Chief Engineer Soren Jensen – Dutch



Soren has been involved in ships his entire life. At just three weeks old, he experienced his first ship when visiting his father, who was Captain in a merchant fleet. Once he had gained his engineering degree, Soren briefly worked in a shipyard before joining a ferry as 2nd Engineer. After 20 years in commercial shipping, Soren transitioned to yachts. Having gained vast knowledge in numerous areas of nautical engineering, Soren looks forward to new challenges onboard Amaryllis. He enjoys football, wood work and has a real passion for classic cars.



Rotational Second Engineer Mark Baptiste – British



Mark served 18 years in the Royal Navy Submarine Service in various engineering positions, including two appointments as head of section. His unique marine background includes operating Critical Systems in extreme conditions, such as under the Arctic ice cap, and completing a Submarine Systems course which allowed him to gain nuclear certificates. His interests include astronomy, collecting watches and motorbikes.

Rotational Second Engineer Brendan Ferec - French



Brendan was born in Brittany in France. For generations his family has worked in the merchant navy, so it was natural for him to pursue a career as a marine engineer. For the past ten years he has worked on various yachts, obtaining his Y3 license and continuing to progress in the industry. In his spare time Brendan enjoys exploring new places and cultivating his interests in language and photography.

Third Engineer Michael Stephens – British



Michael is from Cornwall, England. He grew up within a family of keen sailors, racing a range of dinghies and yachts. Michael now frequently takes part in local yacht races when he is home. Having completed his Marine Engineering course in Glasgow, Michael began his seafaring career working on cruise ships, now joining Amaryllis he is keen to continue learning whilst visiting new destinations.



AV / IT Technician Thomas Wilkins – British



Tom joins Amaryllis from sunny Devon. With a degree in Civil Engineering, Tom began his maritime career in the Royal Navy before transitioning to yachts. He has since worked on a variety of motor and sailing yachts as AV/IT Technician. He is an active person who has collected many hobbies over the years. Tom loves surfing, playing guitar and practicing Jiu Jitsu. Tom enjoys spending time at home with his wife, daughter, dog and two chicken.

AV / IT Technician Craig Higgs – South African



Originally from South Africa, Craig now lives in France with his wife and two sons. Craig describes himself as an all-rounder, he enjoys nerdy things, but also loves playing any type of sport. Having joined his first yacht in 2018, Craig has enjoyed a variety of different boats and seeing the world by sea. He loves playing guitar, watersports and keeping fit.

