

### **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**



JP has been a keen sailor since the age of 14. He is a certified divemaster and passionate spear fisher. At 21 he joined 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 now stepped up to 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.. 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. Nick 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. Nick joined Amaryllis in 2022. 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. His life has been around the water from a young age. After school, Joey moved to Newcastle, Australia, where he studied a degree in accounting. In 2019, he joined the yachting industry. Since then, he has worked throughout the Mediterranean, USA and Caribbean. Joey can be found sailing, fishing and diving in his free time. He loves to explore new locations with his fellow crew.

**Rotational Bosun Russell Ross - South African / British**



Coming from Cape Town, Russell grew up on the beach, surfing, diving, and fishing. After a successful corporate career in London, he decided to return to his roots and establish a life on the water. With a background in leadership, Russell guides our deck department with skill, confidence and fun. Russell promises to surpass all your vacation expectations and provide experiences that will last a lifetime. When not onboard, Russell loves spending time with his family and exploring new places.

**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 Luke Van Ryswyk – South African**



Luke is an outdoors enthusiast who enjoys a variety of activities such as fishing, surfing, skiing, hiking. He has been fishing from a young age, with extensive experience and knowledge in big game fishing all around Africa. Having joined Amaryllis in 2023, Luke has enjoyed working closely with the deck team to develop his maritime skillset.

**Deckhand Luke Brummer – South African**



Luke grew up with a passion 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. Cameron is a positive individual who is always on hand to lend a smile. In his free time, Cameron is a keen DJ and loves water sports.

**Deckhand Daniel Mills – British**



Originally from Devon, England, Danny joined the yachting industry in 2024. He grew up spending a lot of time in and around the water, loving watersports and time on the coast. As a keen footballer, Danny played for Plymouth Argyle until he was 18. Danny is a driven, passionate and friendly individual who looks forward to building a career in the industry. During his free time, he enjoys football, surfing and kitesurfing.



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 White, which lead to his success as Head Chef, for Marco Pierre White in a renowned London Restaurant. He has gained valuable culinary skills and innovative techniques from across the globe, 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

**Rotational Purser Laura Pearce – British / South African**



Laura was born in KwaZulu Natal, South Africa, but grew up in both England and South Africa. 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. Prior to working 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 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 Ettling – 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, paddle boarding or fishing. Charlotte joined the Amaryllis team in 2022. Alongside the Interior team, Charlotte always aims to provide an unforgettable and seamless experience for guests.

**Rotational Chief Stewardess Abigail Withers – British**



Abigail grew up in a small countryside village in the north of England, where she pursued a career in the Health and Beauty industry, working as a therapist & trainer. In 2020, Abigail joined the yachting industry as a Beauty Therapist & Masseuse, then transitioned 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, she 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 master's in accounting, she worked for nearly three years as a tax accountant before deciding it was time for a change. 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 water sport.

### **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. 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 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, Ellie has 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 loves to learn and be pushed out of her comfort zone. She enjoys spending time with friends, read about astrology and running.

**Stewardess Emma Moses – New Zealander**



Having grown up in New Zealand, Emma has always had a true love for the great outdoors. She loves to spend time at the beach, walking with friends, body surfing or just relaxing. Amaryllis is Emma's first boat in the industry after working in fashion. With a keen eye for fabrics and a strong attention to detail, Emma is excited to develop her housekeeping knowledge and explore the world.



### Stewardess Magda Rusin – Polish



Originally from Poland, Magda has travelled the world on a range of luxury cruise ships. With a strong background in housekeeping, Magda decided to make the transition to yachting in 2024. She is looking forward to continuing her career at sea in a new capacity and working with a varied team. Magda loves travelling, fashion and is a true animal lover.



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 – Danish**



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, woodwork 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 Ivan – Croatian**



Ivan has recently joined the Amaryllis team. Ivan has worked in the maritimes industry for 15 years, some of that on ships and oil platforms, the last 6+ years on luxury yachts. Ivan enjoys the technical challenges of working as an AV/IT Technician. When at home, Ivan enjoys spending time with his family, playing football and has a keen interest in motorbikes.

