

# AMARYLLIS



Crew Profiles

**Charlie Rowlands (British)**  
Captain (Rotation)

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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.

He has a 3000gt license and is a trained rescue diver. Charlie has circumnavigated the globe 3 times.

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.

**Jeán Paul Kleyn (South African)**  
Captain (Rotation)

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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 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.

12 years later he has now obtained his Master 3000Gt license and looking forward to building further on his experience in the coming years.

**Albie Kidd (South African / American)**  
Chief Officer (Rotation)

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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 and trail running.

**Matthew Couch (South African)**  
Second Officer (Rotation)

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Matthew is from the beautiful surfing town of Ballito in South Africa.

After leaving school, Matthew took a gap year and worked in a restaurant, before starting his yachting career in 2017 - and he hasn't looked back since.

Matthew loves being out on the water and has recently discovered a passion for scuba diving. During his career he has worked on a variety of yachts throughout the Mediterranean, Caribbean, Bahamas, America and west coast of Africa.

Humbled by these experiences, Matthew decided to further his maritime education gaining his Chief Mate 3000gt.

When he's not working Matthew loves cars, motorbikes and continuing his scuba diving training.

**Russell Ross (South African / British)**  
Bosun (Rotation)

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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.

**Justin Morkel (South African)**  
Bosun (Rotation)

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

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

Justin is an active, friendly and compassionate individual who loves working with the team onboard. When he is not busy on deck, Justin loves hiking, fishing and photography.

## Keagan Munro (South African)

Lead Deckhand

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Keagan was born in South Africa, having grown up around the water boating, this naturally led to his love of water sports and outdoor activities.

He feels at home when on the water and being the driven individual that he is, he looks forward to progressing with the industry and give all those onboard the Amaryllis an unforgettable experience.

## Cuan Vincent (South African)

Lead Deckhand

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Cuan considers his values make him a trustworthy, honest and well-mannered person.

Cuan is a fit, energetic and a motivated young man, who is not afraid of criticism, hard work or asking for help.

He is a quick learner and always tries to do things to the best of his ability, whatever it may be. He feels that his sporting background has made him into a good team player.

## Leo Gentil (Portuguese)

Deckhand

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Leo grew up between Portugal and Namibia, learning Portuguese, Afrikaans and basic German as he travelled with his family.

Having trained as a medic and completed his private pilot license, Leo set his sights on yachting, joining the industry in April 2022.

He is a friendly, kind and compassionate person who loves to work closely with the crew onboard.

During his free time, Leo can be found continuing his pilot training, wakeboarding and cooking.

## Luke Van Ryswyk (British)

Deckhand

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Luke is an outdoors enthusiast who enjoys a variety of activities such as fishing, surfing, skiing, hiking, and water sports.

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.

## Dylan Sircoulomb (Namibian / Irish)

Deckhand

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Dylan was born and raised in Namibia. During his time at school he was part of the Student Representative Council, he achieved national colours for hockey and was awarded an Honorary blazer for community activities.

In the Clifton Strengths assessment, Dylan's top five strengths were identified as – restorer, includer, developer, relator and competitor.

## Cameron Cundill (South African)

Deckhand

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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.

**Tom Checketts (British)**  
Head Chef (Rotation)

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Tom has over 12 years in the yachting industry and has been a Chef for 21 years.

He loves the career path he has chosen and finds passion in what he does every day.

Outside of the galley he has competed in 15 Ironman triathlons and maintains his fitness through dedicated running and cycling.

Other interests of his include reading, history, and restoring classic cars.

**Luke Owen (British)**  
Head Chef

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Luke has over 10 years in the yachting industry and has been a chef for 24 years.

He's 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.

Luke has extensive experience working on yachts, private Villas, Michelin Starred restaurants, large scale events and F1 Teams.

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

**Erin Trudgeon (South African)**  
Sous Chef

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Erin grew up in South Africa. From an early age, he had a passion for cooking, learning from his family.

He pursued this passion and began working in some of South Africa's best restaurants. Joining the yachting industry in 2022, he enjoys travelling to new places and learning new skills.

When not working, Erin has an interest in history and politics, he can often be found reading or watching Formula One.

## Laura Pearce (South African)

Purser (Rotation)

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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, where she spent all her time outdoors developing a natural love of the ocean.

Laura 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 readily began her career in yachting over 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.

## Rowena Garcia (German)

Purser (Rotation)

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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.

### **Charlotte Ettling (British)**

Chief Stewardess (Rotation)

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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 aims to provide an unforgettable and seamless experience for guests.

### **Elin Mellanmyr (Swedish)**

Chief Stewardess (Rotation)

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Elin was born in Stockholm, Sweden. She studied a Masters degree in Hospitality Business Management.

Elin joined the yachting industry in 2013 and has worked on a range of boats from size 50-80 m.

Prior to yachting she worked in a luxury hotel in the Austrian Alps. Elin has a passion for hospitality, service and aims to ensure guests have a memorable experience on board.

On her off time, she enjoys Pilates, yoga running, snowboarding and hiking.

### **Abigail Withers-Holmes (British)**

Second Stewardess

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Abigail grew up in a small countryside village in England, where she pursued a career in the beauty industry.

In 2020, Abigail joined the yachting industry. Her first position was as a Beauty Therapist and Masseuse, over the past four years, Abigail has progressed to the role of Second Stewardess.

In her free time, Abigail enjoys keeping fit, adventures and exploring what the local area has to offer.



## Ashleigh Rieder (South African)

Third Stewardess

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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, as Governess onboard Amaryllis, Ashleigh has returned to her true passion of childcare and hospitality.

She has a true passion for animals, water sports and motorsports in her free time.

## Jemma Taylor (South African)

Stewardess

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Jemma is a bubbly and sociable personality who enjoys having a laugh and spending time with friends.

With her prior hospitality experience, Jemma loves continuing to learn and develop her skillset onboard Amaryllis.

Caring and trustworthy to those around her and easily adaptable to situations and making the most of every minute. In her free time she enjoys reading and exploring new places.

## Maria Putinica (Romanian)

Stewardess

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Maria was born in Romania, raised in Spain and based in the UK for the last five years. After 9 years in the hotel industry, she has made the move to yachting.

As a keen and talented seamstress, Maria is the first to help with fixing and tailoring clothing. With her positive outlook and strong hospitality skillset, she loves her role within the interior team onboard Amaryllis.

She is passionate about the outdoors and sea, and a curious person by nature. In her free time, she loves sewing, reading and explore new places.

## Tanaé Ruddin (South African)

Stewardess

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Tanaé grew up in Durban, South Africa and has always had a love for the ocean.

From doing lifesaving at a young age and being involved in all water sports throughout her school career, she always found a reason to be in the water.

Tanaé has previously worked through the Mediterranean on a busy motor yacht. With a strong eye for detail, and a passion for her role she is thrilled to be a part of the Amaryllis team.

She is a spontaneous person who enjoys adventures as well as spending time in nature.

## Jana Rabie (South African)

Stewardess

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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 and on super yachts.

In her Spare time Jana enjoys training and she has been active and in to 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.

## Eve Kenmuir (Scottish)

Stewardess

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Eve grew up in Glasgow, Scotland. Eve Studied Civil Engineering at university while simultaneously taking on the role of an assistant at a hospital.

Her academic pursuits were complemented by a strong work ethic and a sweet personality. Eve has a big passion for the ocean and decided to start working on Yachts.

She enjoys sports such as Running, Pilates and Hiking.

## **Gregory Hinks (British)**

Chief Engineer (Rotation)

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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.

## **Robin Newsham (British)**

Chief Engineer (Rotation)

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Rob was born in Ethiopia, moving to the UK at the age of 4. After over 26 years working on various vessels throughout the world.

With a background working on a variety of commercial ships and yachts, Rob is thrilled to have joined the Amaryllis crew.

When not working, he loves cycling, hiking and spending time with his family in England.

## **Mark Baptiste (British)**

Second Engineer (Rotation)

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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.

## **Brendan Ferec (French)**

Second Engineer (Rotation)

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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.

## **Michael Stephens (British)**

Third Engineer

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Michael is from Cornwall, England.

He grew up within a family of keen sailors, racing a range of dinghies and yachts, and Michael frequently takes part in local yacht races when he is at 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.

## **Mile Forgan (Australian)**

AV / IT Technician

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Miles has been in the yachting industry for many years. He has travelled around the world three times on a variety of sailing and motor yachts.

As an experienced AV/IT Technician, Miles loves combining his skillset with his love of the ocean.

In his time off, Miles loves climbing, having climbed many mountain peaks and volcanoes, whilst collecting some incredible memories and friends along the way.

