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## Captain - Julian Sincock / UK

Following a short commission as an Officer with the British Army, Julian has served for over 25 years in the yachting industry in both sailing and motor yachts; having nurtured his childhood love of sailing over 35 years ago where Julian started by sailing Contessa 32's in the Baltic in his teens, he has been lucky enough to develop his passion into a lifelong career. During the last 25 years he has captained both Motor and Sailing Yachts of all sizes in many different locations, including enjoying ten successful years running his own Swan charter yacht, building up a highly successful charter business and competing on both sides of the Atlantic on the regatta circuit and Transatlantic ARC. Julian chalked up a wealth of triumphs, often with new crew members on board and has completed 27 transatlantic crossings as Captain - he enjoys a challenge and more recently has extensively sailed the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean, Mediterranean, Gulf waters and the Indian Ocean.

As a Master, 3000 tons, Julian has overseen and commissioned new builds at both Princess and Sunseeker Yachts including the impressive Princess Hull number 1 the 40m superyacht Imperial Princess and the newest and largest superyacht built by Sunseeker; Princess AVK.

When he's not busy tending to Princess AVK and her guests, Julian enjoys indulging his passion for sailing, enjoying French wine and cuisine and taking on the challenge of period property restoration.



## First Officer - Marti Morris / UK

Marti was born and raised on the Isle of Wight so grew up never being far from the sea. He enjoys a variety of water sports, having developed a real passion for the water from a very young age.

Having joined yachting in 2010, Marti has spent an extensive amount of time cruising the Mediterranean Sea, including the Riviera, Italy and Balearics, the Adriatic Sea with time spent in Croatia, as well as more recently the Indian Ocean and the waters of the Gulf.

He has worked on a variety of boats and been involved with some major projects, from new builds in the Heesen shipyard in Holland to major refits in La Ciotat in the South of France.

Marti is also a qualified jet-ski instructor.

When he's not busy on board, Marti can be found scuba diving, running or participating in motorsport track days.



### <u>Chef - Martyn Cutler / UK</u>

During his childhood years in Verwood, Dorset, Martyn could always be found in the kitchen.

Aged 18, he took the decision to follow his passion for all things culinary and headed to Beuvron en Auge, France to learn the finer details of the art of haute cuisine under Michelin-starred chef Jerome Bansard.

Martyn has a real passion for the dishes he produces and has developed a creative flair in his cooking. He has managed several high-end, low cover restaurants, focusing on bringing out the very best of locally produced ingredients.

Most recently, Martyn has been plying his trade as a private chef in Alpine Escape, a luxury ski chalet in Courchevel, France, followed by an adventurous culinary-inspired backpacking trip through Asia to learn more about their local dishes and delicacies. He is passionate about raw cooking and perfecting his techniques in changing protein textures without heat.

When not creating culinary delights in the galley, Martyn enjoys travelling and has a keen interest in classic cars is an avid cyclist. He speaks English and French.

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## Chief Engineer - Dinuka De Silva / Sri Lanka

Dinuka ventured into the yachting world over three years ago when he joined Princess K after her launch. Having previously worked within the commercial shipping industry, he has expanded his knowledge having closely followed the build of Princess AVK.

Dinuka always had aspirations to head into marine engineering after being inspired by several family members who had served in the Merchant Navy. Dinuka moved to New Zealand in 2007 in order to study mechanical engineering before heading home to finish his studies in Sri Lanka and qualifying as a chief engineer.

When he's not engaged in maintenance tasks, Dinuka can be found playing cricket, indulging his passion watching Sri Lanka in test match internationals or being an armchair referee at football or rugby matches.



## 2nd Engineer - Taylor Bond / UK

Since a young age, Taylor has always had a keen interest in pursuing a life at sea and a passion to follow in his father's footsteps and become a Chief Engineer.

At the age of 18 this drive led Taylor to sign up for a Marine Engineer Officer Cadetship program. The three year course which took place in South Shields, UK - one of the world's leading marine engineering schools - took him around the world, gaining valuable experience working on both cruise ships and merchant ships.

After completing the cadetship, and having gained a Higher National Degree in Marine Engineering and an Engineer Officer of the Watch certificate, Taylor started volunteering at his local shipyard to gain as much experience as possible before entering the yachting industry.

During his free time Taylor enjoys a number of sports ranging from golf to kite surfing. Taylor also has a keen interest in travelling, experiencing new cultures and experiences and making new friends.



### Purser-Andrea Lock/ UK

Andrea grew up in Wiltshire, England and spent a large part of her life running the administration of a 2,000 acre mixed farm in and around Salisbury, England. Andrea joined Princess K (the Owners previous yacht) at the beginning of 2014 with her partner Julian and cruised extensively in the Seychelles and crossed the Indian Ocean to the Arabian Gulf. After a busy charter season 2015 in the Western Med and having been involved in Princess AVK's build, Andrea is now proud to continue playing her part in Princess AVK's success. On board Princess AVK Andrea is responsible for the day to day administration of the boat and crew and making sure that the accounts make sense.

Andrea's passion is photography and the arts; as well as having worked as a professional wedding, lifestyle and commercial photographer over the years; she is a keen player of the clarinet and was a member of her local orchestra for many years. An extremely talented artist, Andrea can turn her hand to calligraphy, gilding and is a toleware artist in her spare time.



## Chief Stewardess - Karen Nixon, UK

Born in the UK, Karen has always had a keen interest in travel and being outdoors. In 2011, the lure of the yachting industry persuaded Karen to leave the confines of her office job to follow her dreams and pursue a new career working on yachts in the Mediterranean, Caribbean and South East Asia.

With a keen eye for detail, excellent organisational and hospitality skills, Karen proved to be a natural in the position of stewardess on board. Her wide ranging skills and experience include silver service and she is a trained barista and cocktail guru ensuring our guests are well looked after whilst on board. For the more demanding guests, Karen's skills at event planning and organising themed nights on board ensure that all the right ingredients are present for an evening that surpasses our guests' expectations!

When not busy ensuring that the interior of Princess AVK looks immaculate for our guests, Karen enjoys keeping fit, reading and travelling.

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### Stewardess - Emily Nielsen, UK

Emily grew up in the 'Garden of England', in Gravesend in the glorious county of Kent. Having spent several years working within land-based service industries honing her service skills, she developed a keen eye for detail and an excellent rapport with her customers. This is Emily's second season with the crew, having already spent a successful season on Princess K.

Emily is no stranger to the world of the superyacht stewardess; her sister has worked within the industry for the past five years and Emily hopes to follow in her sister's footsteps as she works towards her ultimate goal, that of becoming a Chief Stewardess.

When she isn't busy on board, Emily loves to explore bustling markets and local culture in the countries that she visits. Having trained as a gymnast for 5 years, Emily enjoys following the sport whenever possible.



## Stewardess - Nellie Washington, Australia

Nellie grew up in her home country of Australia, spending her childhood living in Sydney. Having a love of anything water-based from a young age, Nellie loved to spend her time swimming and was a volunteer lifesaver at the famous Bondi Beach. Nellie enjoyed various educational and career paths prior to entering the yachting industry, including working in public relations in the entertainment and music industry. Upon deciding that she wasn't ready to settle down in Australia, Nellie moved to France and began a new life, working on yachts throughout the Mediterranean, Central America and the Caribbean.

Nellie strives to provide the highest level of service possible for our guests and enjoys ensuring they have a relaxed and memorable time whilst on board.

When she's not busy on Princes AVK, Nellie enjoys spending her free time cooking, reading and travelling and taking part in watersports.



### Lead Deckhand - Steven Davies, UK

Growing up on the south coast of England, Steve had a love for keeping fit and exercising which led him into a career of Personal Training. It wasn't long before his desire to travel took hold and he decided to combine the two and continued his career as a Personal Trainer on board cruise ships.

After a couple of years on various prestigious cruise liners working with high end clientele, his love of the sea became even greater than his love of training so he decided to pursue a career in yachting and began to work his way up the officer ladder.

Now 4 years into his chosen career path, he has worked his way up to the position of Lead Deckhand. When he's not working hard detailing the exterior of the yacht or assisting guests, Steve enjoys exploring the local areas that he visits whilst travelling with the boat. Steve also enjoys spending time in the gym.



## Deckhand - George Gillingham, UK

Being born so close to the sea in Poole, George has always had a natural connection with the sea and with the yachts being built at Sunseeker. George could be found honing his sailing skills from the age of 4 out in Poole Harbour.

George's natural sailing skills saw him progress to racing dinghies in Poole Harbour with the local yacht club. From the age of 12, he spent his spare time racing on yachts from Poole Yacht Club, racing along the South Coast and across the Channel, Cowes Week, and Round the Island races with great success! In 2015, George was announced the RYA Yacht Master of the Year at the London Boat Show - quite an achievement! George entered the world of super yachting at the age of 17, following in his Uncle's footsteps. Now entering his 3rd season, George is looking forward to the forthcoming season as a crew member on Princess AVK. Given George's love of all things sea-based, when he's not busy looking after the exterior of the yacht, George enjoys travelling and exploring the areas that Princess AVK visits or can be found taking part in any water-based activity he can find in the vicinity!

## Mediterranean Menu

Goats Cheese and Walnut Truffles, Half Hour Pickled Vegetables, Carrot Syrup, Beetroot Shoots

Lamb Fillet, Stuffed Roasted Chilli Peppers, Ricotta and Sun Blushed Tomato Tortellini, Smoked Red Pepper Purée

Ginger Honeycomb Waffle, Whisky Ice Cream, Bitter Chocolate Crumb

## Seafood Menu

Hot Smoked Halibut, Pea Purée, Parsnip Vanilla Velouté

Sea Bass, Celeriac Black Radish Remoulade, Fennel Orange Salad, Saffron Champagne Fondant Potato

Dark Chocolate Fondant, Burnt Orange Sorbet

## Asian Menu

Steamed Beef Dumplings, Hot Sour Sauce, Ginger Spring Onion Purée
Filet Mignon, Yakiniku Sauce, Wasabi Mash, Sesame Bean Salad
Hot Coconut Lime Jelly, Mango Purée, Smoked Dried Pineapple

## Raw Menu

Chilli Lime Cured Salmon, Cucumber Gel, Crème Fraiche, Saurkraut

Courgette Taglietelle, Pomodoro Sauce, Air Dried Ceps, Caramelised Onions,

Tapenade, Basil Cress

Fermented Mocha Cheesecake