

Crew Profile - MY SEANNA



Captain: Todd Lee
American

Todd hails from sunny California, where he still calls home with his wife and three beautiful daughters. Todd got his first Captain's license at age 20 and has been running yachts ever since. 25 years later he is still enjoying his job like it is his first day.

Todd oversaw the building of the motoryacht 'Mr Terrible' from beginning to end, then proudly navigated her on its maiden voyage from Seattle, Washington on up to Glacier Bay and back and just completed a passage from California to Ft.

Lauderdale. He remained with Mr Terrible for 15 years and during that time, very proudly, received 'Yacht of the Year' in its class from Show Boats International and Boat International World Super Yacht.

Todd oversaw the refit of MY SEANNA from 2013 and is highly enthusiastic about this yacht being the best in luxury a yacht can be. And unsurprisingly, under his management, MY SEANNA was a finalist in the 2015 World Superyacht Awards.

Todd is a passionate, enthusiastic captain, who loves running yachts and showing people THE greatest time! He hand picks the crew who are delighted to work with him and his strong leadership skills. Captain CAN-DO – Todd is loved by guests, he is extremely resourceful and believes that there is no request too small or challenge too great that cannot be met.



First Officer: Jake Oberholzer
South African

Jake originates from South Africa where before diving into the world of yachting he worked as a metallurgical Engineers assistant in the biggest coal mine in the world.

Being land locked was not for Jake and fifteen years ago he began his career in yachting. As a chief officer for the past 10 years Jake has cruised extensively in the Mediterranean and Caribbean, Indian Ocean, as well as the US and South America. Jake is soon to complete his Master 3000 and is working towards being a

Captain.

Jake has a passion for WW2 warbirds which has led to Jake training for his private pilot's license, which he hopes to gain within the next few months. The next goal will be to participate in sports flying and acrobatics.

Jake has a born love of sports and loves to show guests on MY SEANNA how to use any of the sporting equipment.

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Chef: Michael Wilson
British

From a hotel and restaurant background, Michael moved to yachting in 1998 and has circumnavigated the globe twice, visiting many remote and unusual places onboard busy charter yachts. His repertoire of cuisine has been influenced by these travels and he has a passion for experimenting with different ingredients to produce a modern twist to dishes – from molecular to classic.

Michael formally trained at Salisbury College UK, then continued his training in Barcelona for textures, modifiers and molecular cooking. Always one to improve his craft, Michael also studied at the Tokyo Sushi Academy, the Sushi Academy of Singapore, Macaron Pastry Training Centre in Bangkok, The National School of Culinary Arts in San Diego and the chef Academy in London. He is also well versed in vegetarian, vegan, Thai, Gluten Free, Fusion, Fish Butchery and Game fabrication.

Michael only used healthy fresh ingredients and everything is made from scratch. From hors d'oeuvres to a formal dinner to a midnight snack, his culinary delights will tantalize even the most discerning taste buds. The love for his craft is apparent and infectious, and charter guests will 'eat this up' come on board and get to know this highly talented chef



Chief Stewardess: Rebecca Smith
British

Rebecca is from the Lake District in Northern England, where learning to sail was part of the school curriculum. Growing up next to Lake Windermere, Rebecca spent most of her school holiday's working at a wakeboarding school and doing whatever she could to be on the water all day, every day.

After gaining a Bachelor of Science degree at Newcastle University Rebecca spent a few years working in the pharmaceutical industry. However, having always had a strong desire to travel, and having always worked in the family hotel when growing up, she took an opportunity to join the yachting industry in 2008. Since then Rebecca has cruised from New England to the Caribbean and all around the Mediterranean including Croatia & Turkey.

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Second Stewardess: Heather Todd
South African

Heather was born and raised in the beautiful city of Cape Town, South Africa. After 21 years of living right next to the ocean, she found that her calling was to leave home and start working on board a yacht. After nearly four years of service on the seas, she has found her true passion, and will continue along this path for many years to come.

Heather grew up in a very sports orientated household, where any new activity would be learned and embraced. She spent much her younger years practicing the refined skills of golf, continuing in her parents' footsteps. More recently she has found her passion in the more extreme sport of kite-boarding. She also recently discovered another new favorite activity, in the underwater world of scuba diving.

The true love of Heather's life, however, is travelling, and combined with the love of meeting new people and learning different cultures, working on board MY SEANNA has been a dream come true.



Stewardess: Courtney TeWhiu
New Zealander

With a passion for the ocean and travel, New Zealander Courtney knew that yachting was definitely the career for her. She has been in the industry for 3 years and within those years has travelled the NE Coast of USA, Caribbean and Mediterranean.

Courtney comes from a background in hospitality, working in restaurants and at private functions throughout her high school years to being Senior Event Coordinator at the Stamford Plaza Hotel in Auckland, New Zealand. To support her passion in hospitality, Courtney studied a Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in Tourism at the Otago University.



Stewardess: Prudence Webb
Australian

Prue joins the yachting industry from an advertising background in Melbourne, Australia. She was born and raised near the sea and the lure of yachting was just too much for her to resist so she left Melbourne to find the perfect yacht! Prue joined MY SEANNA in 2015 and because of her 'can do' attitude and happy disposition, fitted straight in with the rest of the crew and the My Seanna way. She has proven to be a fast learner, a great team player and a great asset to us.

Sadly for Prue as she is the most petite, she is often the one to be found in the smallest places on board as she is the only one that will fit. Prue loves all watersports, has a real passion for travel and loves to keep up with current affairs. She looks forward to welcoming you for an unforgettable trip.

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Bosun: Jared Pavlik
American

Jared was born & raised in Vermilion, Ohio, USA and grew up playing on Lake Erie. The love of the water then took Jared to Charleston in South Carolina, USA where he attended the University at the College of Charleston. Whilst studying Jared worked as a deckhand on the yachts around Charleston.

Having finished college Jared moved down to Florida to continue his career in yachting.



Deckhand: Alexandra Mant
French

With an Irish father and an English mother who met each other in the yachting hub of the world in Antibes, Alex was destined for a life in the yachting industry. Growing up in the south of France in Cannes, she is fully bilingual in English and French. Alex was drawn towards a life on deck when she found herself helping her dad fix engines from a young age.

Alex has always enjoyed being outdoors, hands on, and never afraid of a challenge. She thrives when being physically active and is a natural on deck. She grew up sailing, climbing and competing in competitive pistol shooting, reaching a rank of second place in the country. With hobbies like these she is a natural fit in the MY SEANNA deck department.

Alex hopes to build her career and skills at sea to one day captain a large yacht. Having travelled to all corners of the world from the Caribbean to Europe to the Maldives, her worldly knowledge helps to achieve her aspirations to become an experienced captain.

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Deckhand: Andrew Seeque-Tout
Australian

Andrew hails from Newcastle, Australia – just north of Sydney. Growing up in Australia Andrew spent much of his youth surfing and on his bike. Eventually leading to riding his BMX bike to competition level.

Having trained and worked as a carpenter for 6 years, Andrew craved a new adventure and set off into the world of yachting in 2016.

Andrew is always excited by the exotic destinations My Seanna cruises to. Always smiling, Andrew is always around on deck and ready to assist guest with any activity.



Chief Engineer: Robert (Bob) Yates
American

Robert, known to most as Bob, grew up in the Washington DC area, where he claims one day he fell and bumped his head and decided a life as sea was for him.

Over the past 30 years Bob has worked on most types of sea going vessels including Dive Charters, Oil fields, Commercial ships, Sports Fishing and, of course, yachting.

Bob now calls Florida home, where he spends his free time indulging in horticulture, growing exotic flowers and tropical plant species.



2nd Engineer: Tian Van Zyl
South African

Tian hails from Paarl, just outside of beautiful Cape Town, South Africa. Tian all sports and was a keen Rugby player back in South Africa.

After studying International Business Law at university Tian got the itch to travel and hopped on a plane to Florida. Tian joined MY SEANNA team during the refit when he was an integral part of putting the boat together and getting it ready for the big relaunch in October 2014.

Tian has cruised across the Atlantic Ocean, around the Mediterranean, Greek Islands and Turkey. He loves exploring new places and is always happy to give enthusiastic advice to guests on local places to visit.