

Blu 470

No. Crew: 11**Captain's Name:** Ian Garaty

Crew profile

Name: Ian Garaty**Position:** **CAPTAIN****Nationality:** British**Description:**

Ian started sailing from a young age where he discovered his fascination for boats. He studied yacht design and then went on to become a qualified Naval Architect. During Ian's extensive yachting career, he has built 2 sail yachts in Holland, captained several sail & motor yachts, including conducting a worldwide cruise. Ian has lived in Mallorca for the past 10 years with his wife and 2 children. Prior to this he lived in the Caribbean for 11 years. Throughout his years he has learnt Italian and Spanish! In his spare time Ian enjoys surfing, riding motor bikes, diving and is a passionate conservationist. Previous yachts: M/Y Plan B, M/Y Atlantic Goose, M/Y Diane, M/Y Element, M/Y June Too, SY YII.

Name: Travis McKendry**Position:** **CHIEF OFFICER****Nationality:** South African**Description:**

Born in the laid back coastal town of Durban, South Africa, Travis has always enjoyed the outdoors and adventure sport lifestyle. His father worked in the merchant navy as a young man, and his passion and love for the sea was passed on to Travis. With over 5 years in the Yachting Industry, he strives to make your holiday as memorable and exciting as it can possibly be. His hobbies include diving, golf, water sports and enjoying a beautiful hike in nature. Previous yachts: M/Y Scorpion, M/Y Were Dreams, M/Y Atlantic Goose, M/Y Oasis.

Name: Emm Millar**Position:** **CHEF****Nationality:** Australian**Description:**

Emm was born in Australia but grew up in a small town in New Zealand. Working in hospitality, Emm decided she wanted to cook and moved to Melbourne where she trained to become a chef. She spent several years working at award-winning restaurants and in 2001 she came into yachting. Emm has done many cooking classes all over the world, including Japan, India, China and Thailand. Emm studied nutrition where she has a diploma in integrated health. Emm also loves everything outdoors such as hiking, swimming and yoga. After travelling and cooking all over the world, Emm now bases herself in Mallorca, when not working. Previous yachts: M/Y Plan B, M/Y Odessa, MY Juna Too, M/Y Setai, M/Y Element, MY Lady Dahlia, M/Y Sea Century.

Name: Laura Britten

Position: **CHIEF STEWARDESS**

Nationality: British

Description:

Laura grew up in the quaint English town of East Grinstead West Sussex. At 17 she left school to pursue her career in hospitality, working full time in a family run coffee shop. As a young girl she was etching to stretch her wings which took her to the skies as an air stewardess. Combining this experience with her favourite winter sport (snowboarding) Laura thrived working in various top Chalets in the French Alps. Relocating to the Greek islands, she learnt about sailing. Her passion for the service industry merging with her love for the ocean could only lead to one outcome... working in the super yacht industry. 5 years of yachting and a total of 10 years in the hospitality industry, Laura will go out of her way to ensure your stay aboard M/Y Blu 470 is nothing short of spectacular. Previous yachts: M/Y Scorpion, M/Y Were Dreams, M/Y Aqua Marina, M/Y Brave Love One.

Name: Saskia Garea

Position: **SECOND STEWARDESS**

Nationality: New Zealand

Description:

Saskia was born and raised in Auckland, New Zealand. She grew up in the countryside where she developed her love for the outdoors, and the ocean! Saskia has a diploma in fitness and from this she has competed in a bodybuilding competition. She loves being active and is always happy to share her knowledge or take you for a workout. Saskia also has a background in childcare. This will be her third year in the industry and she is excited to make sure all the guests have fun. Previous yachts: M/Y Agata, M/Y Awatea.

Name: Emma Pullen

Position: **THIRD STEWARDESS**

Nationality: New Zealand

Description:

Emma grew up on the East Coast of Hawkes Bay, New Zealand, where she lived on a 2,000-acre farm. She loved to be outdoors horse riding, surf lifesaving and playing sport. Emma then went on to study Business. After Emma graduated from her degree, she spent four months travelling Europe where she discovered the yachting industry. Emma has always had a passion for the outdoors and travelling. Emma takes pride in her work and is exceptional in housekeeping and taking great care of guests. She is always happy to go the extra mile!

Name: Russel Croghan

Position: **CHIEF ENGINEER (rotation)**

Nationality: British

Description:

Russ was born and bred in Cornwall where he studied Marine Engineering through his family business. Russ grew up racing sail yachts, he did his first English Channel at the age of 12. His passion for racing and engineering went hand in hand to becoming a yacht engineer. Russ now has over 25 years in the marine industry and is very experienced in all services required to keep a yacht running smoothly, to ensure that all guests and crew are comfortable and safe.

Name: David Silva

Position: **CHIEF ENGINEER (rotation)**

Nationality: Port

Description:

David is from the North of Portugal. He studied civil engineering and worked in that industry for 7 years in between Portugal and the UK. David eventually moved to France where he discovered the yachting industry in 2013 and moved to marine engineering. David knows four languages including Spanish, French, Portuguese and English! When David is not fixing things, he's either watching sports, riding his motorbike or spending time with his family back in France.

Name: Louwrens Du Preez

Position: **SECOND ENGINEER**

Nationality: South African

Description:

Louwrens grew up in Mossel Bay, Western Cape, South Africa. Prior to yachting Louwrens studied to become a mechanic for Caterpillar. He spent 9 years traveling all over Africa with his trade. Louwrens decided to take his mechanical skill set into engineering as he loves fixing things and the sea! In his spare time, you will find him game fishing, spear fishing and being involved with sport. This is Louwrens' first experience on a charter boat and he is excited to travel to new places.

Name: Ben Marias

Position: **LEAD DECKHAND**

Nationality: Australian

Description:

Ben is from Perth in Western Australia. Growing up on the west coast comes with a love for the water and outdoors. Surfing, fishing and camping just to name a few. He also played state and national level indoor volleyball and touch rugby throughout his high school career. His passion for travel and the ocean inspired his move to the yachting industry in 2017 where he is making a career for himself.

Name: SARAH Bulman

Position: **DECKHAND / STEW**

Nationality: British

Description:

Sarah grew up in Horley Surrey in the UK. Sarah has been sailing most of her life which sparked her passion for water sports and being on the ocean! She also has spent time working with disabled children and learnt to do sign language. Sarah has completed her sail, windsurf and paddle boarding instructor licenses and is always keen to teach people the ins and outs of water sports. Sarah has also worked at the largest wine estate in England, where she gained lots of knowledge for wine tasting. With a sailing, wine and cocktail background she makes the perfect deck/stew. 2019 was her first ever season working on a yacht and she was thrilled to join Blu 470.

Name: Jean Niemann

Position: **DECKHAND**

Nationality: South African

Description:

Jean grew up on the west coast of South Africa right beside the beach. Jean has always had a deep passion for the ocean and the outdoors. He spent most of his life growing up surfing and sailing the South African coast. Jean is also an advanced diver specialising in deep and night diving. After High School Jean decided to take his water sport passion to the yachting industry. Jean enjoys teaching people the ins and outs of water sports and is always making sure guests are having fun!
