

LADY MICHELLE

No. Crew: 14

Captain's Name: Tom Versteeg

Crew profile

Name: Tom Versteeg



Position: **Captain**

Nationality: Dutch

Description:

Previous Yachts: M/Y BRAVELOVE ONE (44m), M/Y CAPRI (58m), M/Y BLADE (44m)

Interests: Golf, Cars, Boats

Languages: Fluent Dutch, English & German

Captain Tom has been in the yachting industry for over 20 years. He has worked on all kinds of yachts from busy charter yachts to high profile private vessels. He has worked his way through the ranks on yachts from 30m to 95 m in length, gaining his first command position at age 30. From the most beautiful anchorages to the most exclusive marinas; Tom is familiar with all the hotspots the world has to offer and can't wait to share them with you. He has sailed extensively in the Mediterranean, the Caribbean, US east Coast, Bahamas, Red Sea and the Indian Ocean. In his spare time Tom enjoys spending time with his family, cars and boating.

Name: Christian Strunk



Position: **Chef**

Nationality: German

Description:

At the early age of 15, Chef Christian started his culinary training in an International school in Germany. After completing his training, Christian began his career working in some of the world's top golf clubs in the United States and acquired a love for sharing his gastronomical prowess with the world. After his exciting journey in America came to an end he decided to make roots in the 5 star hotel industry in London and Dubai. In 2009, Christian followed his

dream and started working on a luxury cruise ship where he got to travel the world and explore all kinds of culture and cuisines. Christian thereafter landed his first position within the yachting industry in 2014. Chef Christian enjoys traveling and sports of any kind. In his time away from work he still enjoys cooking - especially for friends and family. Chef Christian is very excited to please you with his worldwide range of cuisine.

Name: **Natasha Serfontien**



Position: **Sous Chef**

Nationality: South African

Description:

Nicole was born in South Africa and her childhood consisted of lots of traveling and living all over the world. As a child, Nicole preferred sushi and foie gras to fish fingers and chips. Starting school in Hong Kong, growing up in the warm Indian Ocean in Durban, South Africa and ending high-school in Doha, Qatar under the Arabian sun. Exploring the world, experiencing cultures and tasting the best ingredients the planet has to offer became part of who she is. She studied Culinary Arts for three years at a prestigious academy, in the Winelands Stellenbosch, that has molded some of the best chefs in Africa. Becoming a chef in the yachting industry was the next obvious step for Nicole as she combined the two things she truly loves; food and travel. Growing up in a big family, a meal wasn't just about food, it was a complete experience and this is what Nicole bases her standards on. She doesn't want to just feed people, she wants to take them on a journey with every bite.

Name: **Daniela Bosch**



Position: **Chief Stewardess**

Nationality: South African

Description:

Previous Yachts: M/Y BOOK ENDS (47m), M/Y JOY (70m), M/Y ETERNITY (65m)

Interests: Diving , Hiking, Horseback Riding

Daniella, the youngest of her family was born and raised in East London, a city on South Africa's eastern coast. An

active childhood meant Daniella spent a lot of her time diving, snorkelling and kayaking. After graduating from school Daniella had the opportunity to work for Mercedes Benz which she cherished. After enjoying being involved in the service industry Daniella finally decided it was time to pursue her dream of working within the yachting industry. Her natural caring demeanour and ability to arrange the theme night of your dreams makes Daniella an invaluable part of the Lady Michelle team. Daniella is the perfect lady to get the party started - anticipating the needs of guests at all times and providing good chat and witty banter.

Name: Samantha Van Der Westuisen



Position: **Second Stewardess**

Nationality: South African

Description:

Samantha is a 28 year old energetic and driven South African stewardess with a genuine passion for pleasing others. She grew up on the southern coast line of South Africa in a small town called The Wilderness where the beautiful ocean lines connect with lush fields and forests. She holds a diploma in 3D Design and Digital Animation as she has a keen eye for detail. Samantha loves photography and being creative which allows her to share her unique perspective with the world. With 5 years experience as a stewardess, she takes pride in keeping guests happy and creates a fun environment for everyone. She enjoys staying active with outdoor activities like running, hiking, kite boarding, wakeboarding, snowboarding, cycling, surfing as well as loves to sketch and paint in her free time.

Name: Demi Mauvis



Position: **Stewardess**

Nationality: South African

Description:

Demi, a 22 year old, energetic, and creative young lady was raised in Durban, a warm city on the east coast of South Africa. After school she completed her degree in Interior Design - something she had always dreamt of since she was a young girl. While Demi was studying for her degree, she worked part-time at a busy restaurant, which taught

her a lot about the hospitality industry. Demi has a huge passion for hospitality and satisfying the needs of others. Her creativity also enables her to have a keen eye for detail. After working a year in the Interior Design industry, she made the decision to enter the yachting world while she is still young and energetic enough to do so. Demi believes that an optimistic view of the world and a simple smile can make all the difference.

Name: Katie Nilson



Position: **Stewardess/Personal Trainer**

Nationality: New Zealander

Description:

Katie is an enthusiastic and passionate 21 year old New Zealander who was born in Zimbabwe and raised in a small coastal town on the North Island. She has been an active and outgoing individual throughout her life, having a love for the outdoors, the ocean, people and adventures. She is also a Les Mills Fitness Instructor and loves keeping fit, exercising, running and swimming. Katie holds a Bachelor of Science and Psychology and has natural determination, focus and very good work ethic. She has over 6 years of customer service and hospitality experience, working on a gym reception, waitressing at an Italian restaurant and Cruising Yacht Club. She enjoys being part of a team and decided to pursue her career in the service industry. She has a very outgoing nature and works hard to provide guests with the most memorable experiences, fun and laughs.

Name: Craig Wilkinson



Position: **Chief Engineer**

Nationality: British

Description:

Craig, a Yorkshire Man born and bred. From a young age Craig has had a natural curiosity for engineering. At the age of 7 he took apart the new microwave oven to see how it worked. Unfortunately, when he put it together again it didn't work and he was in the bad books with his parents for some time. Craig has come a long, long way since then and has become an accomplished engineer. At 16 Craig left school to study mechanical engineering from where he naturally progressed into the marine industry. Working as Chief Engineer he has enjoyed the fantastic challenges of

running yachts all over the world. Craig is outgoing and likes to socialize and meet new people. He has a love for the mountains and keeping fit and can usually be found mountain biking or hiking.

Name: Jake Baker



Position: **Second Engineer**

Nationality: New Zealander

Description:

Jake is a 25 year old adventurer from a small town in New Zealand called Whakatane. He is a relaxed kind of guy with an exciting sense of humour. In Jake's spare time he likes to keep fit where he can, if this means running, swimming, water sports or anything that is available to him. Jake is no stranger to breaking a sweat, he has completed multiple half ironman triathlons and running events in his past, while looking forward to his next physical challenge.

Name: Brad Armstong



Position: **First Officer**

Nationality: South African

Description:

Previous Yachts: M/Y CONSTELLATION (90m), M/Y INCEPTION (50m), M/Y INVADER (50m)

Interests: Wakeboarding, Rugby, Mountain biking, Motocross, Snowboarding, Golf

Languages: Fluent Afrikaans

Born in a small inland town of Kwa Zulu Natal, his family Holidays were always associated with the ocean or lakes - fishing, water sports or sailing there was always water involved. Being brought up in Africa, he enjoys most outdoor activities and always enjoys a new challenge or thrill. He decided to join yachting in 2011 as he was interested in seeing the world whilst putting his skills to use. He knew from the beginning that this was going to be his career. With 6 year's experience in the yachting industry he has grown to where he wants more and needs more from his

day-to-day activities. This is evident in his work ethic and how he portrays himself amongst others, making sure that his guests have an unforgettable experience. Having being lucky enough to have sailed the Indian, Atlantic, and Pacific Ocean on yachts ranging between 45m & 80m Brad has gained some valuable knowledge of the waters that surround your next vacation!

Name: Matt Betts



Position: **Second Officer**

Nationality: British

Description:

Previous Yachts: M/Y KIBO (82m), M/Y LADY S (93m), M/Y VAVA II (93m)

Interests: Fitness, Cooking

Matt has been in yachting for 8 years and is continuing to work towards getting his Master Mariners ticket over the next couple of years. As well as enjoying time on the water, Matt can be found in the French Alps enjoying winter sports activities with his family who moved over to France 5 years ago. As well as being a very active outdoor person and always looking for that next adventure, Matt enjoys helping out in the galley, learning new cooking skills, and is also building up a property portfolio back home in the UK.

Name: Nick Rupert



Position: **Bosun**

Nationality: Zimbabwean

Description:

After leaving a prestigious school in South Africa, Nick set sail for Australia where he did a series of backpacking jobs such as sheep shearing and fruit picking. During his time living the wandering lifestyle, he also took a job

working on pearl diving boats where he quickly found his sea legs. Yachting proved to be a smooth transition for him to carry on his career at sea. In his spare time Nick is a keen fly fisherman and loves being outdoors away from the bright lights and the big city. Nick is very approachable and with three years of experience in the industry he has had a lot of practice in making sure all guest's wishes are catered to.

Name: Paul Dean Oelofse



Position: **Deckhand**

Nationality: South African

Description:

Previous Yachts: M/Y BLADE (44m), S/Y MIRAGE (53m)

Interests: Diving, Kite Surfing, Running

Languages: Basic Dutch

Paul was born in one of the worlds most beautiful cities, Cape Town, South Africa. In his hometown his studies had pointed him in the direction of an Electrical Engineer, however this was never enough for Paul. Paul then began diving and kitesurfing in his spare time and soon these hobbies became more than just that. He went on to obtain his instructor licence for both, allowing him to travel and work abroad. Yachts then became that extra stepping stone to incorporate these hobbies into his career. He has been in yachting for 3 years and is not looking back. Paul brings a very energetic demeanour and creates a happy environment for everyone around him. This adventurer also loves to go exploring in and out of the water on plenty different modes of transport namely skateboards, and one wheel sling backs!

Name: Tayne Morgan

Position: **Deckhand**

Nationality: New Zealander

Description:

Previous Yachts : M/Y ARTIC P (87m)

Interests: Water polo, Surfing , Rugby

Languages: Fluent Maori

Tayne born and raised in Auckland and joined the yachting industry a little over a year ago. His love for the outdoors drove his decision to work on deck where he is excited to develop his skills and grow his knowledge. Tayne brings a young and enthusiastic vibe to the LADY MICHELLE crew, and is always ready to lend a hand wherever needed. In

Tayne's spare time he loves to surf and go fishing, but only if he gets bites! He is a positive fella who loves a good laugh and will never miss an All Blacks Game.
