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No. Crew: 11

Captain's Name: Kyriakos Vgenopoulos

Crew profile

Name: Kyriakos Vgenopoulos



Position: **Captain**

Nationality: Greek

Description:

Kyriakos was born and raised in Elefsis (the outskirts of Athens). In 1995, he entered the Merchant Marine Academy where he followed a model of sandwich courses (12 month sea service on Merchant vessels) up to his graduation in 1999 as 2nd Officer. Since then he realised his unconditional love for the sea and developed his skills as Deck Officer on Merchant Vessels (Cargo/Tankers) travelling worldwide. He then decided to join the yachting industry in 2004 when he joined his first charter yacht as second and then first mate, navigating in the Mediterranean Sea, Atlantic and Indian Ocean. In 2007, he obtained his Master 3000 and has since been at the helm of various yachts including his last Captain's position onboard M/Y MABROUK and M/Y ROSPIA. During those years, he deepened his knowledge of the industry as well as strengthening his managerial skills allowing him to better look after his crew.

Kyriakos speaks fluent English and he has a vast knowledge and experience of the Mediterranean Sea. Very sociable, he enjoys looking after his guests and sharing his knowledge with them. In his free time, he likes watching and playing basketball, sailing, practicing aikido, cycling and reading books. Kyriakos is a family man, married with an 8 year old daughter.

Name: Josh Ryan

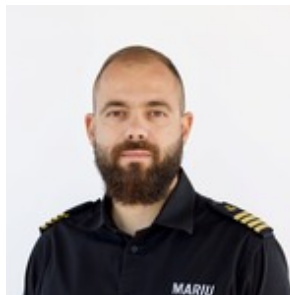


Position: **Chief Officer**

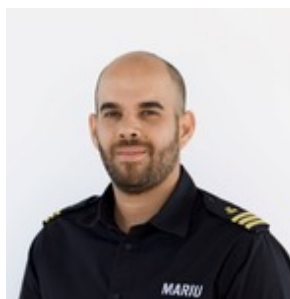
Nationality: British

Description:

Josh is from Edinburgh, UK which is where he started sailing at a young age, competitively racing in dinghies. During this time is when he began forming an interest for a career at sea. After graduating he became a sailing instructor and delivery skipper based in Spain, before gaining his first position on a large yacht in 2012. During this time he has cruised extensively the Mediterranean including trips further afield to the Caribbean and the high Arctic. During his free time, he cruises his own sailing yacht with his partner. His other interests include fishing, scuba diving, rugby and rock climbing.

Name: Anargyros Potirakis**Position: Chief Engineer****Nationality: Greek****Description:**

Argyris graduated from the Hellenic Marine Academy in 2002. From the age of 18 he was sailing on big tanker ships around the world. Coming from a sailing family, his love for sea through the years guided him to join the yachting industry and his first superyacht in 2008. His strong educational background and his professional experience made him become a chief engineer at the age of 29 years old. He's the person that captain and crew completely trust and rely on, to ensure the smooth operation of the yacht. Argyros loves travelling, scuba diving and any kind of music.

Name: Frantzeskos Balopitas**Position: 2nd Engineer****Nationality: Greek****Description:**

Frank was born and raised in Athens, Greece. In 2007, he started a five year cadetship based from the Greek Island Chios. After earning his qualification as an unlimited 2ND engineer he entered commercial shipping, working aboard tankers, during which time he has travelled all over the Mediterranean. Since 2015, Frank has started to make the transition from tankers to yachts, so he can dedicate his career to the luxury yachting industry. As Frank has grown up in Athens, with all the beautiful Greek Islands at his disposal, he spends his free time doing various water sports including Jet skiing, and is a keen fisherman.

Name: David McCulloch



Position: **Bosun**

Nationality: British

Description:

David was born and raised in Manchester, UK. He first started working on pleasure craft on the Manchester Canals which later lead to him joining the Merchant Navy at 16 years old working on deep sea Container and Bulk vessels to become a qualified OOW. He later worked onboard different types of vessels such as; Ferries, Warships and Tugboats. Whilst working on Tugboats he heard about the Yachting industry which he has now been working for the past two and a half years. David loves travelling and has spent a lot of time backpacking around Asia and Europe. His hobbies include Swimming, Cycling and Football, mainly following his local team Manchester City.

Name: Lisa Fernandes



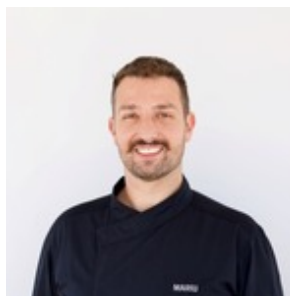
Position: **Deck-Stewardess**

Nationality: South African

Description:

Lisa is from Durban, South Africa. She decided to join yachting after seeing how much her two older brothers were enjoying the industry. A keen traveller, she knew she was destined for far-off shores. Now in her second year of yachting, she is looking forward to further progress in her career and to continue discovering new destinations. Her interests include keeping fit, swimming and yoga.

Name: Moreno Fontana



Position: **Chef**

Nationality: Italian

Description:

Moreno Fontana welcomes you on board and hopes to delight you with over 18 years of Chef experience. He began working as a Commis Chef in Venice after completing Culinary School, where he eventually became a teacher. After this, Moreno travelled the world, moving from Toto's in Knightsbridge, Casa Timbo in Brazil and the Grand Hotel in Gstaad, before opening Cipriani's in Abu Dhabi as the Head Chef. He then moved into private villas and luxury yachts as a private chef. Combining his passion for both travel and food has influenced him, developing a spontaneous style which allows him to offer a diverse range of dishes specifically catered for his clients. Expect fresh food with Mediterranean and Asian influences, created with passion, flair and fun! Outside of the galley, Moreno loves to ski, fish and scuba dive. When he is at home he lives on a farm, growing his own produce and keeping chickens and rabbits.

Name: Virginie Bizot**Position: Chief Stewardess**

Nationality: French

Description:

Virginie was born in the small fishing port of Sète in the South of France. She travelled from a very young age, and joined the yachting industry after working for cruise liner companies for several years. Her first contract was on the sailing yacht called Le Ponant, where she worked for one year. She then increased her experience and professionalism working on different sized yachts, both, private and charter since 9 years. She enjoys interacting with guests and will always try to anticipate their needs. She speaks English fluently and when not onboard, Virginie likes to scuba dive and do pilates.

Name: Gemma Gemma**Position: 2nd Stewardess**

Nationality: British

Description:

Gemma is from Grimsby England, however starting travelling at a young age. After an adventurous couple of years living and working as a Nanny in Australia, She joined a family who owned a yacht this is where her yachting career started. She is now in her 4th year in the industry and wishes to carry on progressing in her career. Her interests include running , hiking and diving.

Name: Nicole Bernstein



Position: **Stewardess**

Nationality: South African

Description:

Nicole studied corporate communications in Cape Town and spent an adventurous year travelling before getting started in the yachting industry. This is her first season as a stewardess; she loves meeting new people and is always happy to lend a helping hand. In her spare time she enjoys being outdoors, hiking and travelling.

Name: Flippance Sky



Position: **Deck-Stewardess**

Nationality: South African

Description:

Sky was born in Britain but has spent many years of her life in South Africa in a coastal town. Whilst in South Africa, she was part of the South African Sea Rescue Institute as rescue personnel. This, later, lead to her to pursue a career in the Yachting Industry.

She is a long distance open water swimmer with a large passion for watersports and diving.
