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CREW PROFILES

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Michael

CAPTAIN

NATIONALITY

American

LANGUAGES

English, Spanish (basic)

Dog sledding in Skagway. Ice climbing. Fishing until the last light fades. If you want to understand Captain Michael, Alaska tells the story better than anything else could. As he puts it, it's about fitting in "all the nature you can squeeze in." Off the water, that same passion guides him—whether he's riding motorcycles, hunting, or finding any excuse to spend time outdoors.

None of it was part of a grand plan. Thirty-six years ago, a friend returned from crewing on a small cruise ship with stories too good to ignore. Michael signed on for a season and was instantly hooked. Decades later, that experience has shaped a simple philosophy: arrive with a wishlist and share it early. "Let the captain and crew know in advance so we can set things in motion," he says.

What he values most, however, comes at the very end of the journey: "When hands are shaken, hugs are given, and new memories are shared."



Gönül

CHIEF STEWARDESS

NATIONALITY

Fethiye/Turkish

LANGUAGES

English, Turkish

Born and raised in Turkey, Gonul studied English Language and Literature and was a teacher before she stepped into yachting. Gonul has now been in the industry for over 15 years and brings a huge amount of experience to her role aboard ABOUT TIME.

Gonul loves seeing guests with smiles on their faces and collecting incredible memories from their time onboard. Known for her beautiful tablescapes, she creates memorable dining experiences for every charter.

When she has a moment to herself, you'll find Gonul in the galley quizzing the chef on how each great dish is prepared.



Rumano

BOSUN

NATIONALITY

South African

LANGUAGES

English, Afrikaans

There is a particular satisfaction, Rumano says, in putting in the work to prepare a yacht for charter and then hearing owners or guests remark on how good it looks. That sense of pride is reflected in his favourite days on board—staying productive while exploring somewhere new with guests.

Italy has a hold on him that he finds difficult to explain beyond the obvious: "I love all the historical buildings—and the food." When he's off duty, he enjoys exploring wherever he happens to be and staying active.

Given a free afternoon in port, he would seek out a quiet spot to watch the sunset with a drink in hand. His advice to first-time charterers? "Plan your days ahead so you can make the most of your time."



Chané

SECOND STEWARDESS

NATIONALITY

South African

LANGUAGES

English, Afrikaans

The moment Chané recalls most readily is a simple one: guests stepping off the yacht feeling "refreshed, happier, and healthier." It is a small detail, but one that says everything about the experience she hopes to create. Her introduction to yachting came almost by chance, after hearing about the industry in passing. "It changed my life," she says, and grateful hardly seems a strong enough word.

Given the choice, she would head straight to the British Virgin Islands—drawn by the island hopping, white-sand beaches, and easygoing pace of life. She would encourage every guest to explore the water by seabob, gliding alongside stingrays and taking in the islands from a different perspective.

When she's off duty, her own requirements are simple: a frozen cocktail and the nearest beach. Her advice to guests reflects the same appreciation for life's quieter moments: "Wake up early, watch the sunrise with a coffee in hand, and have a morning swim and snorkel."



Nathan

DECKHAND

NATIONALITY

South African

LANGUAGES

English, Afrikaans

"Try everything we have to offer. Don't hold back. Have fun—we'll take care of you."

That is Nathan's advice to charter guests, and, in many ways, the philosophy he brings to life. The South African deckhand found his way into yachting through friends and family already working in the industry. For him, joining felt like a natural next step.

He thrives on structure: a crew meeting to start the day, a clear plan in place, and every task ticked off by the end. Away from the yacht, he keeps things simple—training, socialising, and making the most of his time off.

Ask him where to find the best food, and he'll point you straight to South Africa. "We specialise in all our food!" he says, with the pride of someone who knows exactly where home does it best.



Christopher

ENGINEER

NATIONALITY

Mexican

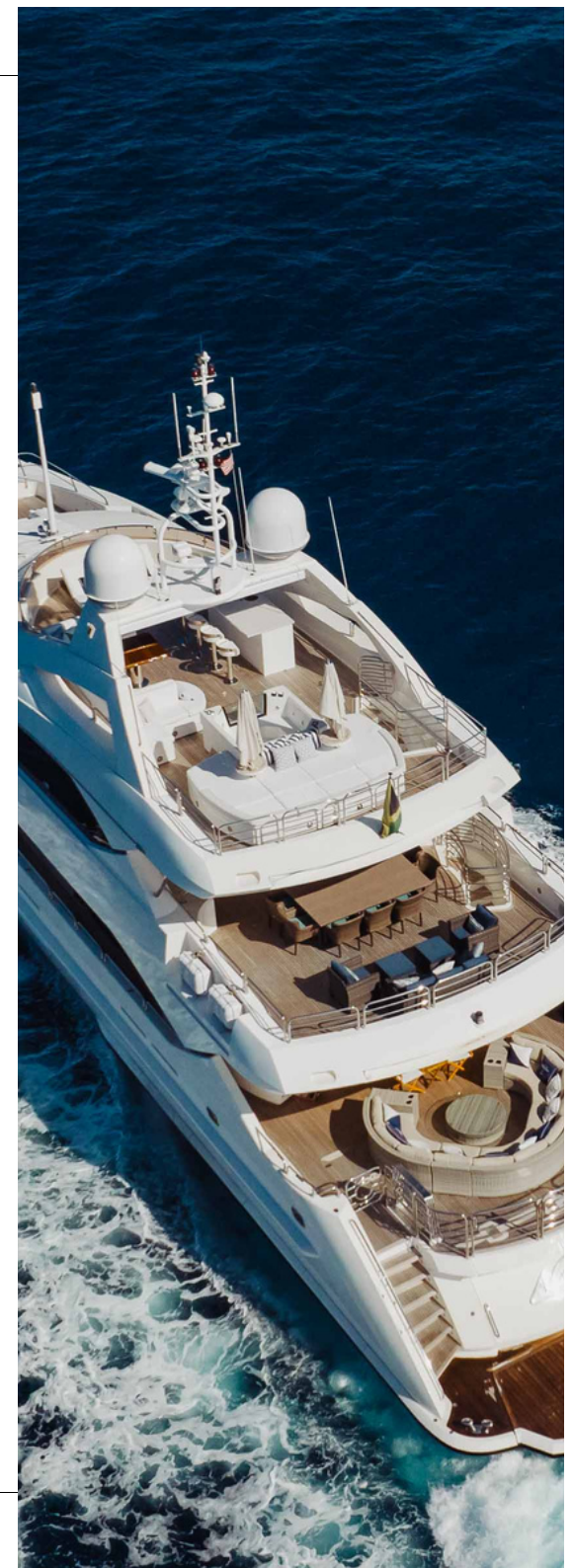
LANGUAGES

Spanish, English

When the oil industry contracted in 2016, Christopher had already spent 14 years building his career within it. His move into yachting was less a leap into the unknown than a change of course—trading one engine room for another while bringing the same precision, discipline, and problem-solving mindset with him. He has been on board ever since. His definition of a successful day is straightforward: objectives achieved, owners and guests happy. Away from the yacht, he enjoys long walks, swimming, and watching films.

If asked to recommend a destination, Christopher points to his home country of Mexico—for its food, culture, and rich history. His advice to guests is equally revealing: "Enjoy every minute of your experience on board, feeling as if you were at home."

It is a philosophy that reflects his own approach to hospitality: creating an environment where every guest feels comfortable, welcomed, and fully immersed in the experience.



We look forward to welcoming you onboard

