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Meet the Crew

Bridge



Paul Verry - Captain

Qualifications: MCA Master < 3000 GT, B-Commerce & Science in Business & Psychology

Paul grew up competitive sailing, representing New Zealand as a skipper at the World Championships. After graduating with a Bachelor of Commerce degree, he started his own successful sailing academy which led him to consulting and coaching at a similar academy in Boston, USA.

Paul joined the super yachting industry in 2009 and has worked on many 90m+ yachts whilst circumnavigating the globe, ice-navigating in polar regions and exploring the untouched islands of the Pacific Ocean.

In his spare time, Paul enjoys Tennis, Photography and keeping fit.

Additional Skills: Sailing Instructor

Benn Weatherseed - Chief Officer



Qualifications: MCA Master < 3000 GT

Born in England, Benn moved to the Gold Coast, Australia with his family at ten years old. Having spent his childhood on ski boats and after several jobs in the local marine industry, a career on superyachts beckoned.

Benn's hobbies include ice-skating, engine mechanics, water sports, keeping fit and exploring new countries. He enjoys building stand up jet skis and has competed in surf-freestyle competitions on a national level.

Languages: English

John Bisset - Second Officer



Qualifications: Officer of the Watch Unlimited, MCA Chief Mate < 3000GT

John grew up in the small coastal town of Mackay, Australia, surrounded by beaches and rainforests. With eight years of experience in yachting, he is a seasoned professional who thrives in the sun and ocean lifestyle, which feels like home to him.

His yachting adventures have taken him around the globe, from Asia to South Africa, the Bahamas, the Caribbean, and the Pacific. In his spare time, John enjoys hitting the golf course or wakeboarding.

Languages: English



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Oliwia Kondracka – Navigation Officer



Qualifications: MCA Officer of the Watch < 3000 GT, BSc. in Navigation, MSc. in Ocean Engineering and Ship Building

Born in Poland, Oliwia has recently finished her Master's Degree in Ocean Engineering and Ship Building. With a background in hospitality and a passion for the sea, she started her career in 2016 on commercial ships, which led her to join the yachting industry soon after. Oliwia has worked on various yachts ranging from 40-120m and has done many expeditions involving submarine operations around the globe, including the polar regions.

Outside of work she loves travelling and discovering new things, like paddling around the ice in Antarctica and diving.

Additional Skills: PADI Rescue Diver

Languages: English, Polish, Spanish (A1), French (A1)

Deck

Joshua Edwards "Staples" - Bosun



Qualifications: Yachtmaster Offshore 200GT, Diploma in Marine Studies

From Mandurah, Western Australia, Josh's connection to the water began with sailing, representing his state in national championships and later coaching. With experience in the maritime industry since 2016, starting on commercial fishing boats, Josh's passion for water activities extends to fishing and surfing with friends.

In his spare time, Josh enjoys DJing, Running, Surfing & Sailing

Additional Skills: DJ, Sailing Instructor

Languages: English

Max Marell - Deckhand



Max was born and raised in Perth, Western Australia where he worked as an electrician before venturing into the world of yachting. Beyond the glimmer of cables, his passion for surfing and love for adrenaline motivates Max to travel to new destinations in search of perfect waves to craft unforgettable experiences for guests.

In his free time, you can find Max Surfing, Training or working on his DJ Skills.

Additional Skills: DJ, Surf Instructor

Languages: English



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Ivan Tantalean – Deckhand



Originally from Peru, Ivan began his career as a Maître D'hôtel on a luxury cruise ship. However, it was during his extended stay in Bali, Indonesia in 2020 where he discovered his talent for Videography and e-commerce. In his transition to yachting, Ivan now utilises his hospitality experience on deck, anticipating guests needs and capturing memorable moments during their stay on BOLD. Outside of work Ivan enjoys Surfing and piloting small airplanes.

Additional Skills: Photography, Videography, Drone Videography

Languages: English, Spanish

Johan Van Stiphout Blom – Deckhand



Johan was born and raised in the scenic winelands of the Western Cape. He began working as a lifeguard at the age of 16, which fuelled his passion for competitive swimming. Beyond the pool, Johan is an avid runner and enjoys boogie boarding. Johan is passionate about giving back to his community and devotes himself to community service when the opportunity arises.

Languages: English, Afrikaans

Engineering

Nicholas Macnae – Chief Engineer



Qualifications: Y1 Chief Engineer, Refrigeration Engineer

Nick's early life on small sailboats sparked a profound connection with the sea. Joining the yachting industry at 21, he's built both qualifications and experience, driven by his passion for facilitating exceptional guest experiences onboard.

When not on M/Y BOLD, Nick enjoys countryside walks with his wife and dog, finding tranquility in the British outdoors. His commitment to maritime excellence and dedication to guest satisfaction make him an integral part of the crew, ensuring memorable journeys for all.

Leimy Rivas – Second Engineer



Qualifications: 3000 GT/9000 kW Small Vessel Engineer

Born in Caracas, Venezuela, Leimy attained her merchant marine officer's license in 2014 after 5 years of studies at the Maritime University of the Caribbean. She started her professional career as an Engineer on tanker vessels, and then she decided to jump into the yachting industry where she has served as a sole engineer and a second engineer.

Leimy is an incredibly dedicated and enthusiastic person, who is completely in love with her career, which she considers as her best life experience.

Languages: English, Spanish



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Interior



Stefan Offner – Head of Interior

Qualifications: Hospitality Degree in Food & Beverage, Certified Sommelier

Growing up in Steiermark, Austria, Stefan started his career as a butler on luxury cruise liners. As a lover of wine, he gained his Sommelier qualification at the 'Court of Master Sommeliers of America'. Stefan has worked at establishments such as Mandarin Oriental London, Crystal Cruises and Arlberg Hospiz Hotel. His most recent experiences were in Southeast Asia, at a luxurious privately owned resort "The Sanchaya" located in Bintang Indonesia and "Siri Panwa" Phuket, Thailand.

Stefan is a very caring and passionate person brings great excitement to BOLD. He looks forward to making your time on board special and unforgettable.

Additional Skills: Wine Pairing

Languages: English, German



Linda Nel – Chief Stewardess

Qualifications: IAMI GUEST Purser CoC

Originally from Nelspruit, South Africa, Linda's zest for guest satisfaction and adventure shines on BOLD. Since starting her yachting career in 2017, she has gained experience on various motor, sailing & explorer vessels, perfecting her cocktail craft and ensuring memorable experiences for all.

Linda's warm nature and attention to detail ensures that every guest feels truly welcomed. She finds joy in photography, trekking and practicing yoga.

Additional Skills: Crafting Cocktails, Photography & Sewing

Languages: English, Afrikaans, German(A2)



Maria Riog – 2nd Stewardess

Qualification: Degree in Economics

Growing up in Barcelona, Catalonia, Maria worked as a hostess at prestigious events before discovering her passion for travel and content creation. Seeking a job that would allow her to combine work and exploration, she found her way into the yachting industry.

In her free time, Maria enjoys sunset picnics, dancing to Spanish music, and relaxing at the beach.

Additional Skills: Creating Tablescapes, Great with Kids

Languages: English, Catalan, Spanish



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Taylor Cook – Head of Housekeeping



Qualifications: Degree in Visual Communication Design with Honours

Taylor was born and raised on the coast of New Zealand in Tauranga where she found a passion for adventure and the ocean. In her transition to yachting, Taylor's meticulous attention to detail, honed during her years as a training manager and fashion stylist, extends seamlessly to her housekeeping duties, ensuring a pristine and welcoming onboard environment.

Her hobbies include Running, Field hockey and Fashion.

Languages: English

Louise Yates – Stewardess



Qualifications: Diploma in Film, Television, Fashion and Special FX

Originally from Auckland, New Zealand, Louise is a talented individual known for her expertise as both a makeup artist and a model in the beauty and fashion industry. Growing up in the city of sails, she developed a profound love for the ocean, which continues to influence her life.

Louise's Māori heritage and connection to the sea serve as constant sources of inspiration in her makeup artistry endeavours.

Additional Skills: Great with Babies, Make-up & Hair Styling

Languages: English

Sofia Majer - Stewardess



Hailing from Sydney, Australia, Sofia enjoys keeping active and has a strong sense of discipline and teamwork. Growing up in a coastal city, Sofia finds solace in the sun, sand, and surf. Coming from a yachting family, she has cultivated an appreciation for the industry. Sofia is currently taking time off her medicine studies but aspires to work in the medical field someday.

Languages: English

Jenna Eales – Stewardess



Originally a farm girl from a quaint South African town, Jen loves spending time outdoors, from motorbike riding to water sports. Her diverse career spans from marketing and hospitality to DJing.

Driven by her passion for people and wanderlust, Jen's foray into yachting was a natural progression. Her warm hospitality and boundless energy ensure that guests have a memorable journey aboard BOLD.

Additional Skills: DJ

Languages: English, Afrikaans



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Galley



Daniel Isberg - Celebrity Head Chef

Qualifications: Diploma in Culinary Arts

With a culinary career spanning over 30 years, Daniel is a renowned Celebrity Chef and Culinary Artist from Sweden. His passion for travel and cooking led him to leave Sweden early on to fulfil his dream of exploring the world's diverse cuisines. Along the way, he has catered for and provided private chef services to some of the most famous A-listers in the world. His unique and multi-faced cuisine has graced prestigious events for brands like Rolex, Louis Vuitton, and over 700 luxury wedding celebrations across Asia.

After completing culinary school in Sweden, Daniel honed his skills in California, training under some of the world's top chefs and becoming a proud member of the "Californian Mercenary Chefs." He has even made appearances on several Cooking TV Shows, showcasing his talent and expertise.

For Daniel, being a chef is not just a job; it's a lifestyle. He takes great pride in tailoring exceptional menus for guests, using the finest products, and creating culinary creations beyond imagination.

Nelson Mendoza – Senior Chef

Qualifications: Diploma in Culinary Arts



Nelson was born in Venezuela and started his career abroad after completing his studies in the culinary arts. He first worked in various 5-star hotels and restaurants before his career took him to the sea where he joined the cruise ship, Crystal Cruise liner in 2019 and progressed to the yachting industry in 2022.

When Nelson is not in the galley or cooking, he enjoys sight-seeing and watching football games.

Languages: English, Spanish

Alessandro Poni – Chef

Qualifications: Degree in Culinary Arts



Alessandro was born in Bologna, Italy. At the age of 15 he started his culinary career working in five-star resorts. Fuelling his passion for gastronomy, he pursued and attained a degree in Italian culinary arts. His culinary skills took him to prestigious roles abroad. From the grandeur of Dubai's Burj al Arab, where he served as the second pastry chef, to the distinguished kitchens of Michelin-starred restaurants in Norway and France. Venturing into the yachting industry in November 2023 marked a thrilling new chapter in Alessandro's career.

Beyond his culinary craft, Alessandro finds solace on the tennis court, the excitement of football matches, and exploring new countries.

Languages: English, Italian, French

