

ANTARES 

CREW PROFILES





CAPTAIN

Cuan Odendaal

Cuan is from Cape Town South Africa and holds a Diploma in Tourism and Tour operations. He began his career as a Marine Logistics Supervisor in East Africa which originally equipped him with the skill set to lead yachting programs off the beaten path. In the past 10 years Cuan has crewed on various private and charter yachts ranging from 120-160ft. Once he became captain, cruising areas have included; South East Asia, the Pacific, the Bahamas, New England, the Caribbean and the USA. Cuan takes pride in his work and is always willing to lend a hand wherever necessary. Leading by example, yet learning at the same time, Cuan is able to offer his knowledge and enthusiasm to crew and hopes to enhance the guests experience on board. "Safety and effective communication are key to a successful charter program". Cuan is hands on, hardworking and strives for longevity from crew and securing repeat charters. Always upbeat, Cuan enjoys leading a winning team and has assembled a group of professional, fun, and team-oriented individuals that will surprise and entertain guests at every turn. In his free time Cuan enjoys kite boarding, free diving, surfing and fishing.



FIRST MATE

James Speed

James is also from South Africa and comes from a farming background where team work and self-discipline values are paramount to get the job done. After completing school, James joined a sailing vessel on delivery from Durban South Africa to Fort Lauderdale. He skippered many day sails from Dania beach to Miami and this opened up an opportunity to work on a large charter yacht in the Mediterranean. James began as a deckhand and quickly learned how to drive tenders, operate Jet skis and maintain all of water toys and assist with the engineering and mechanical projects on board. James still enjoys helping in the engine room as this brings fond memories of fixing motorbikes and cars back home. After a few seasons in the Mediterranean James advanced to the first mate position on a private yacht. This yacht was based in Moscow and Germany for the winter allowing him to experience another new country. In his time off James enjoys canoeing, trail running, mountain biking, surfing, any kind of water sports and anything adventurous and outdoors.





ENGINEER

Raiarii (Rai)

Rai (Chin Ah You) is French and obtained a Degree in Mathematics and Informatics at the University of French Polynesia. He joined the industry as a deckhand and has cruised the Mediterranean, Caribbean, South Pacific and United States on large charter yachts including M/Y Legacy and Helios 3. Rai is a qualified engineer as well as a team player and helps on deck and anywhere else he can showcase his positive energy and a can-do attitude. Rai is very organized and keeps a meticulous engine room and is also in charge of the AV and IT systems. Rai is a certified rescue diver and enjoys driving the tender, going fishing with the guests and participating in all kinds of water sports. You will always see him with a smile and ready to help ensuring that all guests have lasting memories from their charter on board Antares.



CHIEF STEWARDESS

Sierra Storm

Sierra's goal is to provide guests with an outstanding level of service while on board Antares and she always has that welcoming smile and every detail covered for fun and relaxation. Sierra is a certified Yoga teacher, advanced mixologist, licensed Esthetician and ex owner of her own cold pressed juice company. After completing school Sierra started out as a team leader for a cleaning company. Soon thereafter her creative side and desire to advance plunged her into opening her own juice company. After two successful years as a business owner, she was introduced to the yachting industry and found a way to combine her love for traveling and hospitality. In 2015 she joined a yacht as junior stewardess and gained further knowledge and experience in service, people skills, and all aspects of yachting. Her determination and a positive attitude quickly advanced her to working on board private jets and busy charter yachts such as M/Y Sweet Escape. Sierra is passionate about what she does, attentive and in tune with all the finer details that ensure guests are comfortable, happy and their expectations are exceeded with their charter experience. Sierra is optimistic, energetic and brings a positive and welcoming vibe to Antares. She enjoys hiking, yoga and various water sports in her free time.



2ND STEWARDESS

Karly Dowsett

Growing up on the Gold Coast of Australia, Karly has always had a love for saltwater and the seaside. She has an outgoing, fun personality with a zest for life. At 18 Karly moved overseas to experience life in London. Karly then went on to join the yachting industry and chase her passion for ocean. She is passionate about her job, loves to meet new people and is grateful for the adventures life in yachting brings. Karly strives to provide top notch service and professionalism for guests on board Antares. Karly has always enjoyed the outdoors and loves to lead a healthy and active lifestyle. She is genuinely excited to be chartering and looking forward to providing guests and unforgettable experience on board Antares.





DECKHAND

Scotty Nethersole

Scotty is originally from Zimbabwe and grew up on his family farm in Lake Kariba. From an early age Scotty loved the water and was an avid fisherman. As soon as he could begin working he was leading fishing trips and working with all kinds of water sports. This led him into the love of Scuba diving and he worked at one of the most prestigious dive companies in South Africa. At only 20 years of age, this young man is a certified dive instructor with more than 500+ dives under his belt. He has certified dive groups of up to 11 people and can arrange for this on-board Antares as well. Scotty truly enjoys every dive as if it is the first time in the underwater world and looks forward to introducing guests on board Antares to this as well. In addition to his love of the water, Scotty has also always been into all kinds of sports and was an international field hockey player for Zimbabwe. Scotty loves the outdoors and is friendly by nature, adventurous and always smiling.



CHEF

Michael Machado

Michael is from Toronto and graduated with honors from the Canadian Food and Wine Institute. Chef Michael has over ten years' experience working in various 5-Star restaurants, hotels and wineries. These have included Peller Estates Winery and Queen's Landing in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Michael has experience in managing large scale catering events, creating high end tasting menus, and new dishes to leave your palette begging for more. Chef Michael has worked on board various private and charter yachts ranging from 130-260 feet. During Michael's time in yachting he has freelanced for numerous charter vessels and cruised the Caribbean, Central America and the Bahamas. His favorite culinary styles include; Japanese, French, Italian, Vegetarian, and Mexican. Michael is thrilled to be on board Antares full time and looking forward to doing many charters. He aims to provide a memorable experience for guests on board and is knowledgeable in regard to any dietary restrictions and special requests. Chefs Michael's passion for food is easily seen and enjoyed once you are on board Antares and can experience and enjoy. For a peak at what you can expect from Chef Michael please look into his on-line portfolio at: <https://michaelmachado.info>

