

Captain (rotation) – Chris Thomson, British

Born and bred on the South Coast of England, Chris learned to sail from a very early age, going on to race dinghies competitively around Europe and taking family sailing holidays around the Greek Islands. Life on the water is in his blood and whether it's spending a weekend on the family yacht, "Bright Oyster" or taking to the waves windsurfing, there's nothing he likes more than to get out in the elements during his time off. And when the conditions aren't quite right for any of the above, then Chris is more than likely to be enjoying a round on the local golf course or a game of squash. Having worked in a marina during weekends at college, Chris's professional yachting career officially began at the age of eighteen when he joined his first yacht as a deckhand. A year and a half later, he returned home to start his BSC in Marine Technology and after completion in 2005, went straight back to yachting. Destined to work on yachts long term, Chris continued his studies to obtain an 'MCA Master of Yachts up to 3000GT License'. Having lost count of the times he has crossed the Atlantic, Chris has cruised both the Mediterranean and Caribbean extensively, as well as the Baltic, Indian Ocean and West and East Coasts of the United States. Chris's extensive knowledge and experience mean that he can easily recommend many exciting destinations. His passion for the water reinforces his desire to see others enjoying the pleasure of a holiday at sea. You can be guaranteed that Chris will put his all into making your stay on board LADY JOY the holiday of a lifetime.

Captain (rotation) – Simon Alway, British

Simon grew up on the southwest coast of England, becoming quite the sailor as a teenager during holiday trips on the family boat. From then on, there was not a doubt in his mind that he wanted to turn his passion into a career and live life at sea. After studying Yacht Manufacturing at the Southampton Solent University, Simon worked for a boat building company in the UK, soon realizing that he would rather work on yachts than build them. He then spent the Winter from 1999-2000 sailing in and around the English Channel before taking the big leap in 2000 and joining his first vessel, a fifty meter motor yacht. Ever since, Simon has been developing extensive cruising experience in the Mediterranean as well as the Bahamas, Caribbean, US East coast and many Atlantic crossings. With his knowledge, expertise and his love of the ocean, Simon always makes sure that guests are provided with an enjoyable and unforgettable cruising experience.

Chef – Danny Davies, British

Chef Danny is culinary trained with a 'Master Craftsman in culinary arts' qualification along with several other professional cookery qualifications. He has gained a great deal of experience in all areas of the hospitality industry during his diverse career, including working at Rosette and Michelin starred restaurants around the World. Chef Danny also served 10 years in the British Army as a class 1 chef, with his final year in the Household Cavalry in Windsor, catering to HRH Prince William and Prince Harry. Whether it is French, Italian, Mediterranean or Asian, it will be his pleasure to show our guests his wide array of expertise or cater to any requests you may have. Rest assured, you will not be left disappointed by your gastronomic experience on board *Lady Joy*!

Chief Stewardess – Radka Janeckova, Czech

Radka, a native of Prague, Czech Republic, has spent many years living in both London and Sydney while pursuing her studies in Business and Marketing. After completing her MBA, she returned to Prague where she worked as an Event Manager organizing fine dining events ranging from private corporate dinners, wine and cognac tastings, to wedding receptions. Her passion for traveling eventually lured her to yachting, and she has been cruising the world for the past four years. She is a trained butler, barista, and bartender who will be happy to make you one of her signature cocktails or delicious cappuccinos. Radka is thrilled to join LADY JOY! Her multicultural background and her attention to detail ensure an unforgettable experience for all guests on board.

Second Stewardess - Daniela Breban, Romanian

Daniela hails from Bucharest, Romania. Despite growing up in a big city, she loves nature and the countryside, and since childhood, always felt drawn to the sea. Daniella moved to Spain six years ago and became fluent in Spanish, adding to her knowledge of Latin languages. While living in Palma De Mallorca, she watched yachts come and go and knew that she would enjoy combining her love for travel with meeting new people through work. Daniela began her yachting career four years ago and has travelled most of the Mediterranean and the Bahamas. She enjoys trying new hobbies, has recently taken up surfing, and is currently completing a diving course. She enjoys Yoga, golf, hiking, skateboarding and pretty much anything that gets her outside.

Stewardess - Tenielle Conner, South African

Originally from South Africa, Tenielle grew up in a quiet community just outside of Cape Town. At the tender age of fifteen, she began working as a waitress at the local Farm Restaurant & Store while pursuing a degree in textile design at the Cape Peninsula University of Technology. She continued honing her service skills by moving on to a high scale restaurant owned by one of the most revered chefs in the country. After completing her studies, and with a desire to discover the world, Tenielle left home to join her first yacht four years ago, sailing the seas to the delight of all who have met her.

Stewardess - Jenny Bu, New Zealander

Jenny grew up in the beautiful city of Auckland, New Zealand. While completing her Bachelor of Business degree, she worked as a part-time waitress for the prestigious catering company, Austins of Auckland. Jenny's love for traveling and her desire to see more of the world, led her into the yachting industry. She has spent much of her career sailing the Mediterranean and looks forward to discovering more of the Bahamas and the Caribbean.

Chief Engineer – Brian Bell, American

Brian comes to LADY JOY well equipped with over sixteen years of yachting experience. Originally from New Orleans, he traveled the United States with a military family and thus his desire for discovering new places was ignited. Throughout his yachting career, Brian has traversed nearly every ocean on the planet including the Pacific, Mediterranean, Caribbean and the Aegean. In contrast to his many hours spent at sea, Brian's spare time is enjoyed with recreational activities in the sky, as he is both an accomplished pilot and avid kite surfer. You can rest assured that during your time on board LADY JOY, the vessel is in the hands of an experienced and capable engineer.

1st Officer – Marguerite Hoepfner, South African

Marguerite is originally from the picturesque Garden Route on the South African seaside. Her love of watersports developed at a young age, and she represented her country playing under water hockey in the world championships in New Zealand. Marguerite studied marketing and photography at Stellenbosch University and has an eye for capturing fun-filled moments. After graduating, she managed her own marketing company, and in 2010, a passion for travel and photography encouraged her to explore the world and to enter the yachting industry. She is never one to say no to a challenge and will stop at nothing to keep others smiling. Marguerite is a dedicated hard worker, but also knows how to have fun, and these qualities have enabled her to swiftly rise to the rank of First Officer. Her love of outdoor sports, including skiing, snorkeling, and scuba diving is infectious. Marguerite is an avid wakeboarder and will happily coach you until you are looking like a pro, and she will ensure that your holiday on board LADY JOY is one you will never forget.

Bosun – Dylan Lenard, South African

Dylan was born in Cape Town, South Africa, but grew up in Bahrain, where he has spent most of his life. At age thirteen, he moved to England to complete his studies abroad. After graduating, Dylan found himself eager to explore the world, and decided to go on a six month journey throughout Europe. During his travels, he

realized that his love for the water would lead him to a yachting career. Returning to England, Dylan obtained the appropriate qualifications necessary to work on a yacht and is continuing his studies to further his career. He received most of his diplomas by March 2015 and joined LADY JOY soon afterwards. A well-rounded sport enthusiast, Dylan enjoys all water sports, as well as snowboarding and motorbike riding. He is very excited to share his passion with the guests, both in the water and on land.

Deckhand – Anthony Ham, South African

Anthony comes from a magical town named George in the beautiful Garden Route of South Africa. George is sandwiched between a mountain range and the rugged southern coast. This is where Anthony found his love for the ocean and has been drawn to it from a young age. His yachting career began in 2012 in Florida and he has enjoyed it ever since. His extensive travels include the east and west coasts of the States, both the Atlantic and Pacific crossings, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and many spectacular areas in the Mediterranean. Anthony is eager to share his enthusiasm for discovering new and exciting destinations with our guests and making sure that they have an unforgettable time.

Deckhand – William Mulrine, British

William, who was born in England, spent seven years in Brazil and is fluent in Portuguese. While in college studying Marine Engineering, he decided to join the yachting industry, following in his elder brother's footsteps. William's passion for sports and outdoor activities, along with his outgoing personality will be sure to provide a fun filled memorable stay on board LADY JOY.