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Your Crew

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CAPTAIN – **CALIN BUJGOI** (Rotational with Sonia Doucet)

Originally from Romania, Calin decided to trade in a degree in psychology for a life at sea twenty years ago and also chose New Zealand as a new base. His experience includes crossings of Pacific & Atlantic oceans as well as exploring parts of the Tasman, Caribbean, Mediterranean, North, Norwegian and Barents seas.

Calin is an avid sailor and owns a sailing yacht which he loves taking to more remote and unique destinations.

With over ten years experience on superyachts alone and a Master's 3000 GT license he now can't wait to welcome you on board Pure Bliss and together with the rest of the team make your holiday an unforgettable one.



CHIEF STEWARDESS – **SONIA DOUCET** (Rotational with Calin Bujgoi)

Sonia was born and raised near Paris but set out to discover the world at an early age and worked her way around the globe, including Ireland, USA, Australia and New Zealand. A born nomad and explorer by nature, she joined the superyacht industry 10 years ago after several years in the hospitality and tourism sectors.

Home is her 47ft sailboat that she enjoys taking off the beaten track. In her spare time, she enjoys the outdoors particularly hiking. When not keeping active, she loves learning new skills or simply dig into a good book.

Sonia has extensive experience on yachts ranging from 35m to 80m, in both the Mediterranean and the Caribbean. She is thrilled to welcome you onboard and look after your every need!

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CAPTAIN – **ZAYN SCHONKEN** (Rotational with Maritza Murray)

Zayn has been working professionally in yachting for the past ten years. Growing up in coastal city of Cape Town South Africa, Zayn started sailing dinghies as a youngster then keelboats in Table Bay during high school. He studied as a zoologist at the University of Cape Town for a few years before realizing that his passion was for the sea and started delivering catamarans out of Cape Town to various destinations worldwide before joining the super yacht industry. His sailing experience includes 11 Atlantic crossings and 2 Pacific crossings. He has cruising experience in the South Pacific, New Zealand, Caribbean, US and the Mediterranean.

Zayn got his MCA Master 3000 ton license two years ago and has worked as a captain ever since. Zayn is very safety orientated and strives for 100% efficiency and order in everything he does.

Hobbies include most things water related from surfing to diving and time spent on the water. When not on the water it's into the bush for game spotting, bird watching and insect catching. Future plans will include the refit of a 40 foot ketch, and building strip wood surfboards and kayaks.

Zayn looks forward to exploring exotic locations with you.



CHIEF STEWARDESS – **MARITZA MURRAY** (Rotational with Zayn Schonken)

Born in Wales, to a Scottish father and Peruvian mother, Maritza discovered the ocean at a young age. Her father built a sailing yacht and sailed his family to the Caribbean eventually settling in St. Barts.

She has ten years of experience in the yachting industry working around the world on both sail and motor yachts. Egypt, Sri Lanka and Thailand among her favourite of exotic places.

When she is not working, she enjoys yoga, exploring food and culture of places visited, reading, sailing, diving and hiking as well as spending time in the South African bush.

Maritza looks forward to welcoming you onboard and providing you with a unique and memorable experience!

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CHEF - **FERNANDO JEFFREY** (Rotational with Captain Calin)

Fernando joins Pure Bliss as a highly experienced Chef both on and off the water! Originally from Argentina, he now made residence in Mallorca. With 15 years of experience in the culinary world, he has worked in multiple 5-star hotels and restaurants across Europe and South America.

He joined the superyacht industry in 2013 first on private yachts and subsequently on busy charter yachts. Gifted with excellent cooking skills and a natural inclination to please, he loves adapting to your culinary wishes. With his gentle personality and the English humor of his father, you will want to take him home with you!



CHEF – **ANTONIO ARGUETA** (Rotational with Captain Zayn)

Born in Guatemala, Antonio traveled to Europe at the age of 19 in search for inspiration and fell in love with the art of gastronomy. After training alongside famous chefs, he set out around the world including Italy, India, South-East Asia and China to learn local cuisines.

Upon his return to Spain, he developed a passion for wine and became a professional sommelier. He embarked on a European tour working his way around famous vineyards and Michelin-star restaurants. After expanding his travels to Australia, New Zealand and America, he returned to his homeland in Guatemala and founded a catering company and his own restaurant.

Combining his passion for food, wine and traveling the world, Antonio naturally stepped into the superyacht world and is looking forward to fulfilling

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CHIEF ENGINEER – **GERARDO VACCA**

“Gerry” is originally from Buenos Aires, Argentina where he studied Electronics before joining the superyacht industry in 1999. Since then, Gerry worked with well over 7 different yacht manufacturers and his knowledge of Italian yards makes him a valuable asset onboard Pure Bliss.

Yachts took Gerry all over the world, from the west coast of the US to Hong Kong, from the Maldives to Thailand, Singapore and beyond. He currently resides in the Northern Beaches of Sydney, Australia.

Gerry enjoys most sports, reading, flying and being surrounded by Nature. He loves to stay active so he’s always keen to go for a swim!

With a Y3, Yacht Master, PADI rescue diver, Industrial Automation, mechanical skills and Jet Ski instructor certification, Gerry aims to ensure that the vessel and all her associated systems are kept in perfect functioning condition to best accommodate your stay on Pure Bliss.



MATE– **EDWEN GOMEZ**

“Ed” is originally from the vibrant and fascinating country of Honduras. With rainforests, ancient Mayan sites, and a Caribbean coastline it was easy for Edwen to join the tourism industry after completing his Business degree. Fascinated by the underwater life and driven by his sense of adventure, he developed into a competent diver and held many roles leading diving excursions and dive training programs. With over 5000+ dives and over 12 PADI certifications under his belt, he became an expert at introducing adventure-seekers to the magic of the underwater world.

After having worked in marine tourism for 8 years, he decided to transition into yachting where he knew his hard-working mindset, enthusiastic personality and fascination for the sea would be appreciated.

Edwen loves meeting new people and truly enjoys helping them step out of their comfort zone to enjoy the water and all her beauty.

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2nd STEWARDESS - **TARUNA ASWANI**

Taruna was born and raised in India, where she graduated from Physical Therapy school. Over the years, she worked as a Physical Therapist in different parts of the world. Taruna is full of warmth and excitement when it comes to meeting people from all corners of the planet. Her love for travel and adventure naturally brought her into the world of yachting.

Taruna loves to interact with our guests and puts all her energy in making their experience memorable. When not working, her perfect day would include sun, sand and water with her loved ones around!



3rd STEWARDESS – **DIANNE VARGA**

Dianne is from Toronto, Canada where she studied journalism. It wasn't long before the cold winter sent her away to the warm waters of the Mediterranean where she joined the world of superyachts. The corporate world called her back and she spent the past 6 years working for large companies as an Executive Assistant.

However, her passion for travel led her right back to yachting and with no regrets she left it all behind to join Pure Bliss.

Dianne loves meeting new people and always ensures that guests are truly enjoying their stay onboard. You will be enchanted by her kind ways and willingness to please – or perhaps more by her delicious Espresso Martini!

An ideal day for Dianne includes nature walks, hot yoga and enjoying the sunshine.

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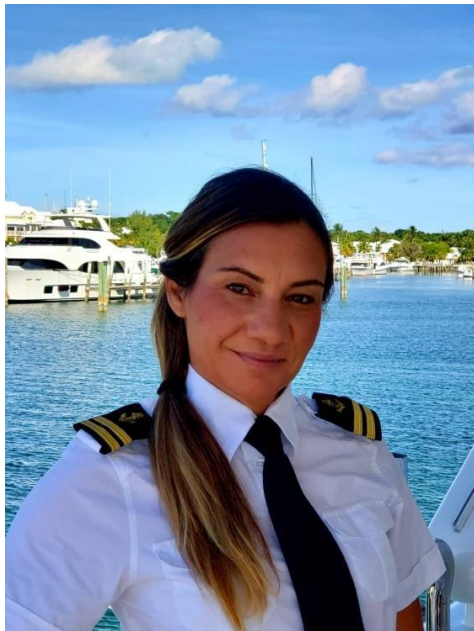
BOSUN - **NUNO PADRÃO**

Originating from the coastal city of Porto in Portugal,

Nuno grew up spending most of his spare time around the ocean and nature. When it came to

choose a profession, the yachting industry ticked all the rights boxes for him and he's now working towards his officer of the watch (OOW). Other than Portugal, he has lived in three different countries including France, England and Spain for

over 9 years. These experiences have allowed him to learn English and Spanish fluently. Nuno enjoy a wide range of sports and truly loves travelling. You will always see Nuno with a smile on his face and ready to assist in any way he can.



DECKHAND - **EMANUEL LIBRA**

"Manu" is originally from Italy. Growing up in a city between an explosive volcano and an intense Ionian Sea, she loves being surrounded by mother nature's smells and sounds. She enjoys hiking, skiing, cycling and of course sailing.

Manu was a self-employed business woman when in 2012, her passion for sailing led her to cross the South Pacific Ocean. It is during these 8 months that Manu decided to spend the rest of her life on the sea and consolidated her career in yachting, taking her across Polynesia and Australia to the Middle East and Europe.

She qualified as a yachtmaster offshore as well as a second engineer, assisting in many refits and rebuilds. With her wonderful and natural personality, Manu is looking forward to assist you in having the best "Pure Bliss" experience!

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DECKHAND/STEWARD – **DANIEL BURKUŠ**

Daniel grew up in a small country in the heart of Europe, Czech Republic, where he studied to become a doctor. Half way through his studies he could no longer ignore the world's call for adventure and decided to follow his dreams. Daniel then joined an international airline and travelled far and wide, high and deep, only to add more and more "need to see" places on his list.

After 4 years soaring through the skies, Daniel decided to change the means of transportation and take on the seas. Daniel is a passionate photographer, drone flier, an overall adventurer and lover of the great outdoors.

He enjoys high-altitude hiking, cave exploration, scuba diving, trying out new cuisines and meeting new cultures.

Daniel likes a cup of good coffee, a glass of excellent wine, or a piece of great dark chocolate. On board Pure Bliss Daniel helps whenever needed and using his eagle's eye for detail ensures for a delightful and comfortable stay on board.