



CREW



CAPTAIN

Russel Strang

Russ comes from Sydney, Australia and his father and grandfather were both Naval Officers, which pre-destined him to a career at sea.

Russ travelled extensively before finding yachting as a career, and he has built up vast experience on many well known charter yachts while working his way up the ranks over the past 15 years. He has held the Master 3000t license for over five years and is proud to be the build Captain of M/Y Heeus.

He has a great charter knowledge and has sailed extensively in the Med, Caribbean, East Coast US, and Indian Ocean.

His favourite charter destination is Croatia where the clear blue waters and secluded bays provide the perfect backdrop, and is looking forward to taking Heeus further afield with plans for the vessel to cruise the Northwest passage, Alaska, Baltic Sea and Seychelles.

Russ loves to dive, play golf and has taken up CrossFit, and looks forward to welcoming you on board MY Heeus.



FIRST OFFICER

Maxime Favre

Maxime is Australian-born and raised and has worked in the industry for 12 years.

His experience and warm Aussie personality puts guests at ease from the minute they step on board, and makes it clear that nothing is too much trouble to ensure a memorable charter experience.

His favourite place to charter in is Italy, with its gorgeous coastline and food made with simple but delicious fresh local ingredients. While on charters through Europe he loves cycling through the anchorages, discovering beautiful architecture and hidden gems along the way.

With a wealth of nautical experience, Maxime is a true asset on board Heeus, from seamlessly securing her in port and secluded anchorages, to maintaining Heeus' brilliant list of water toys and passing down seafaring knowledge to junior crew members. He is always willing to go above and beyond to ensure guests have an amazing charter.



CHIEF ENGINEER

Slava Andryuhkin

Slava comes from Odessa, Ukraine where he trained at the Maritime Academy, and began his career as a merchant navy engineer, but always admired the yachts sailing by.

He decided to become part of the yachting family in 2004 and has absolutely no regrets about this change in the career path.

His most interesting and exciting job was on his first yacht, an expedition cruise ship between 2005-2007 where he cruised unforgettable places such as the Marshall Islands, Tosca, the Coral Sea, Peru, Tahiti, Fiji, Australia and even made trips to Antarctica.

He enjoys travelling, underwater hunting with or without SCUBA, and cruising on his previous boat's submarine! His huge maritime experience guarantees a safe voyage for our guests. He promises to be available 24 hours a day if required, and becomes an owl at night and a lark in the morning.



CHIEF STEWARDESS

Lyz Desjardins

Lyz comes from Quebec, Canada. Her interest and curiosity for travelling has had her exploring all the regions of the world for the past 17 years. Some of her favourite countries that she has visited are Indonesia, Fiji, Australia, South Africa, Ecuador, Hawaii, and she loved her time in El Salvador so much that she has moved there permanently.

Since the beginning of her travels she has developed a true passion for surfing which she has now embraced as a lifestyle. She is pursuing her lifelong dream of exploring the world through the oceans as yacht crew.

Lyz is very friendly and easygoing, reliable and adapts easily to many different environments thanks to her extensive travel. She speaks fluent English, French and Spanish, and has a keen interest in world cuisine, business/real estate investments and development, animals and wildlife, gardening and human psychology!

She is a very experienced Chief Stew and the perfect leader for the interior team.



STEWARDESS

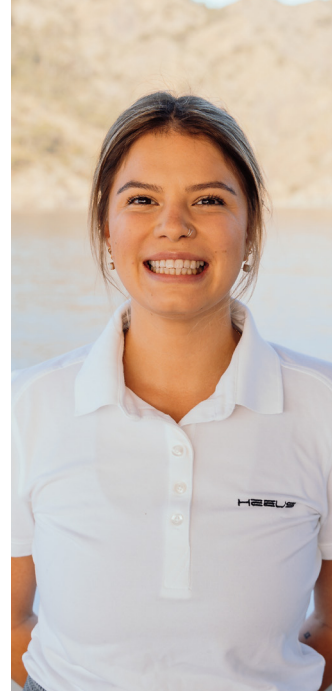
Dominique de Kock

Dom is originally from Durban, South Africa. Her interest in becoming a stewardess comes from her passion for travel and meeting people from different cultures.

After earning her degree in Marketing, she worked in Vietnam as an English teacher for two years and thereafter as a Yoga Instructor. She set up a yoga class structure during her time at university, and has completed her 200 hours of Yoga Teacher Training.

Some of her hobbies include hiking, travelling, exercising and swimming. The place Dom would most like to visit is Fiji for its abundance of sea life, spectacular reefs and the crystal clear waters.

Her experience in the service industry allows us to say with confidence that she is ready to make your dream vacation come true. She is of course happy to offer yoga classes in the fresh air and sunshine of the Heeus sundeck.



2ND STEWARDESS

Dominique Bouchier

Dominique is from Durban, SA where she grew up with a passion for interior design. She sees every detail as an opportunity for excellence and brings the same yearning for perfection into her current role as 2nd Stewardess on Heeus.

After studying at university where she obtained a Bachelors degree in Arts and Interior Design, she felt her Mauritian roots calling her away from land, and has been part of the yachting community since 2018.

Dom is a fun and happy ocean lover, with a can-do attitude. Nothing stops her, not the weight of damp clothes or the wet sand in her toes, so set sail alongside her on the experience of a lifetime.

She is proud to provide Heeus with immaculate interiors and classy cocktails.



CHEF

Chaim Simmons

Chaim was born just outside of Cape Town, South Africa. With a Thai mother and South African father he was destined to enjoy a diverse and varied range of cooking! Fresh and healthy food with Western and Asian influence is shown in the delicious meals Chaim presents to the table.

He first joined the yachting community about eight years ago and has worked on many successful charter yachts, predominantly in the Caribbean region, but most recently on a world-cruising vessel. He has used this experience to broaden his knowledge of different cuisines and is flexible to suit the needs of your pallet, or any dietary preferences you may have.

The other side of Chaim is very musical. He is a talented saxophonist and DJ who is more than happy to pop up after dinner service to set the evening tone with some groovy sax numbers. Let him take you on a journey...



BOSUN

Thoma Cloitre

After successfully completing his Bachelors degree in Real Estate Management in Belgium, Thoma decided to take a turn and pursue his passion for adventure and the ocean.

His enthusiasm for yachting has burgeoned, clearly as a result of growing up active in a lot of water sports, diving and boat activities from a young age. He has great experience on charter yachts both in the Med and the Caribbean, and has recently joined the team on Heeus.

He is excited about the potential of this new yacht, with an exciting program and friendly crew melding perfectly into a fantastic onboard environment.

In his free time, Thoma enjoys spending time with his family and friends. Thoma is the kind of person who will find any excuse to be in the water so he will be the smiling face of the watersports activities on Heeus.

He looks forward to making your time on board the most joyous and memorable experience!



DECKHAND

Benjamin Jack

At 25 years old, Ben is an active and energetic South African with a passion for all things water-related.

After studying business, he quickly realised that his heart was elsewhere - on the water, fishing, wakeboarding, or snorkelling.

He is a positive and happy individual, and this is sure to radiate from him at all times. He has been yachting for almost two years and is thrilled to be able to share his love for the ocean with you.

Whether you're a seasoned pro or a first-time adventurer, Ben will ensure you have an amazing experience on Heeus. Let's create some unforgettable memories together out on the water!

