

# ROBBIE BOBBY

POSITION: Captain  
NAME: Alexandre Fournet

NATIONALITY : French  
DATE OF BIRTH : 12 December 1979

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## BACKGROUND

Alexandre is originally from the iconic Champagne region in the North-Eastern area of France. From an early age, Alexandre spent much time travelling with his family to many different places - and from this he grew an eager passion and interest in ocean activities such as sailing, diving and fishing. After completing his diploma in sales, Alexandre moved directly to the South of France to study his first degree in the maritime industry and continue a successful career in the yachting industry.

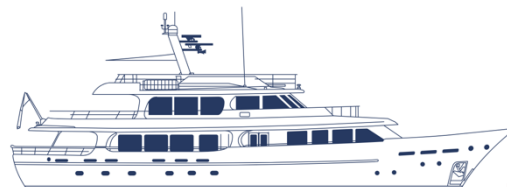
## INDUSTRY BACKGROUND

At 21 years old, Alexandre joined his first yacht in 2001 and begun his journey in the industry as a deckhand. From the beginning, he immediately knew he had a passion for the yachting industry. In 2003, he then completed his first Masters License and became Captain on a 20m classic yacht - he remained on this vessel for 3 years. In order to gain more maritime experience, Alexandre then became First Officer on several well-established yachts, ranging up to 60 meters. In 2018, Alexandre acquired his Master Unlimited license which then allowed him to become Captain on any size vessel. Alexandre has 20 years of experience, including almost 15 intensive charter seasons - all allowing him to obtain extensive knowledge of the Western Mediterranean, as well as become familiar with stunning anchorage spots and great restaurants.

Smooth operation, comfort and safety is held paramount to Alexandre. One can be assured that he has a keen attention for detail to ensure his guests have the best experience onboard.

## INTERESTS

Alexandre loves to spend his time ensuring everyone around him is happy. He also has a keen interest in sports, events and a real passion for cooking - particularly in Asian food. As Alexandre was brought up in a very strong wine-cultured community, Alexandre has a substantial amount of knowledge about wines and grape varieties. Further more, Alex has much interest for traveling, discovering new traditions and cultures, adopting new cooking skills and visiting historic monuments.



# ROBBIE BOBBY

POSITION: Chief Officer  
NAME: Franck Cirera

NATIONALITY : French  
DATE OF BIRTH : 22 December 1980

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## BACKGROUND

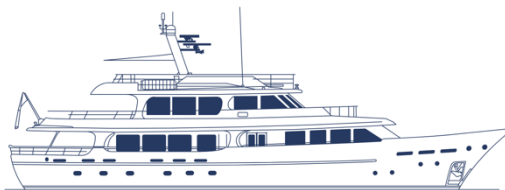
Franck was born in Marseille and raised in the picturesque coastal town of La Ciotat in France. His connection to the sea runs deep. Before joining the yachting industry, Franck owned his own company, where he grew his experience in entrepreneurial and leadership skills. Combined with a 12-year hospitality and customer services background, these experiences have given him a unique perspective on managing operations, fostering teamwork, and delivering exceptional customer service. He believes in creating a warm and welcoming environment for guests while anticipating their needs. His friendly and approachable demeanour makes him a natural at building rapport with guests, ensuring their comfort and satisfaction throughout their charter experience.

## INDUSTRY BACKGROUND

With five years of experience in the yachting industry working on motor yachts from 25m to 80m, Franck has developed a strong understanding of the complexities and demands of working on a charter motor yacht. He is well-versed in navigation, safety protocols, and maintenance procedures, ensuring a smooth and enjoyable experience for guests. As a team player, Franck collaborates closely with the captain and crew, ensuring seamless communication and efficient operations on board. He brings a positive attitude and strong work ethic to every task. Franck's love for the sea, combined with his extensive experience in yachting, entrepreneurial background, and commitment to exceptional customer service, make him an asset as the First Mate on a charter motor yacht.

## INTERESTS

Spending valuable time with his family and ensuring that they don't miss anything is his highest priority. He keeps active and fit through running, hiking, and skateboarding. Franck's love for the ocean led him to explore various water sports - in particular a keen interest in spearfishing. He even participated in spearfishing competitions, showcasing his skill and dedication to the sport.



# ROBBIE BOBBY

POSITION: Engineer  
NAME: Vadym Halushko

NATIONALITY : Ukranian  
DATE OF BIRTH : 15 November 1993

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## BACKGROUND

Vadym was born in the Mykolaiv region, south of Ukraine, not far from the Black Sea coast. After graduating from school the question arose about choosing a profession, and since he was interested in a variety of mechanical techniques as a child it came as no surprise that he looked to boat structures. Upon consulting with his parents, he decided to enter a maritime college to become a ship engineer. He then began working in his specialty once he graduated, but also took an interest in Economics and finally completed a degree in this field.

## INDUSTRY BACKGROUND

Vadym's maritime career began at the age of 18. Once he had completed his first contract on a cargo ship, he realised that he had made the best decision of his life. He showed great promise and success in his workplace and quickly rose to the rank of Engineering Officer. After working on cargo ships for many years, he went to work for the large global container shipping company known as "MSC". From here he gained valuable experience after working on the largest and most modern container ships - some with engine rooms the size of a 5-storey building! After a further 5 years of work at MSC, his interest to work in the yachting industry peaked. This change of industry would offer him a new challenge to learn. He soon after interviewed to work on Motor Yacht Robbie Bobby and has not looked back from his decision.

## INTERESTS

The nature of the seafarer industry has allowed Vadym the opportunity to travel and see many beautiful places in the world. Vadym also loves to spend time travelling with his family to share his experiences with them. When he is not travelling, he likes to follow a healthy eating program and follow a healthy lifestyle with light sport and running.



# ROBBIE BOBBY

POSITION: Chief Stewardess

NAME: Gabriella Gericke

NATIONALITY: South African

DATE OF BIRTH: 11 September 1996

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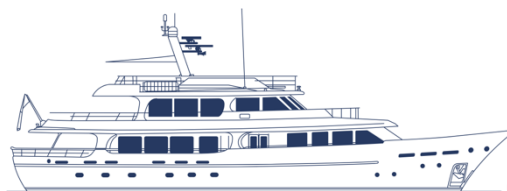
Gabbi was born in Cape Town and raised in Durban on the Eastern Cape of South Africa. She has a degree in Corporate Communication, Human Resources and Event Management, and also has spent a small amount of time as a small business owner prior to yachting. Alongside her determination and desire to be her best in every endeavour, you will find a humble and sincere individual who cares deeply for her fellow human beings and the planet. Gabbi's enthusiasm for hospitality and great admiration for nature as well as her desire to travel, have consequently attributed to her passion for yachting.

## INDUSTRY BACKGROUND

Gabbi started her journey in yachting early in the year of 2019, and has not looked back since. She has worked on four other vessels which have aided her in acquiring and developing the necessary skills needed to work in the yachting industry and fulfil her leadership role. She has experience as a deckhand, stewardess as well as the assigned guest chef and crew chef on her first and second boat respectively. Having worked on boats ranging from 23m to 87m in size (where she held the senior service stewardess ranking), she has increased her experience and strengths in the interior department and has been enjoying her role as the Chief Stewardess onboard Robbie Bobby for almost 2 years.

## INTERESTS

Since a young girl, Gabbi has always been passionate about health and fitness - always involved in extracurricular sports and guided by a healthy lifestyle. In 2015 she completed a local fitness competition where she placed third in her region. Previously she was also involved in equestrian sports, and to this day still remains passionate about horses. Gabbi aspires to one day own her own Bed and Breakfast, and oversee small scale businesses.



# ROBBIE BOBBY

POSITION: Chef  
NAME: Aymeric Roulier

NATIONALITY: French  
DATE OF BIRTH: 02 January 1993

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## BACKGROUND

Aymeric's love for and understanding of food developed from a young age. Having grown up in South Africa with his French father and Portuguese mother, Aymeric was exposed not only to a variety of flavours, but also the different values placed on food by each of those cultures. He was immediately intrigued by the possibility of creating new culinary experiences by mixing varying elements from each culture.

## INDUSTRY BACKGROUND

After graduating in both Hotel Management and Culinary Arts School, Aymeric took to traveling the world with his work and growing an even deeper interest in combining and creating his own flavours and flair. Through this period of travel, Aymeric developed a passion for Mediterranean cuisine. Today, he loves to create fresh, Mediterranean-inspired dishes, working with the freshest of ingredients and incorporating his French fine-dining skills.

## INTERESTS

With over 10 years' experience, Aymeric most recently found himself as the Sole Chef on Motor Yacht Robbie Bobby, where he works to create tailored culinary guest experiences.



# ROBBIE BOBBY

POSITION: Stewardess  
NAME: Amber Baumgarten

NATIONALITY: South African  
DATE OF BIRTH: 12 August 1998

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## BACKGROUND

Amber grew up in Port Elizabeth, South Africa but spent a large portion of time in Cape Town where she ended up moving after finishing high school to complete her degree in Marketing and Management Science. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, Amber had to wait out the travel ban and found herself working as a Junior Marketer for 2 years in a fintech company based in Cape Town. Although this experience taught her valuable lessons, she knew that she still really wanted to move overseas to start her yachting career and finally hopped on a plane to Palma de Mallorca to begin this journey.

## INDUSTRY BACKGROUND

Since joining the industry at the start of 2022, Amber has successfully completed one Mediterranean season and one Caribbean season and is now completing her 3<sup>rd</sup> season consecutively. She began as a sole deck/stew/cook where she learnt many valuable skills in all 3 roles but realised that she wanted to further her career as a stewardess on slightly bigger vessels. Amber has worked on yachts ranging from 23m to 50m and she now finds herself working with the bubbly crew here onboard Robbie Bobby.

## INTERESTS

Amber is an outgoing, friendly person who loves trying new things and creating new friendships in the process. As a child, she represented her province for synchronised swimming and maintains her active lifestyle now whilst still enjoying some downtime with a book on the beach. She hopes to spend some time in the near future travelling, exploring and experiencing different cultures around the world.



# ROBBIE BOBBY

POSITION: Deckhand  
NAME: Daniel Nicholson

NATIONALITY: British  
DATE OF BIRTH: 03 August 2003

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## BACKGROUND

Danny was born and raised in Manchester, UK and spent a lot of time playing rugby at school. He assisted his mother in her sports coaching business that had been developed for children, and after school he went onto do his seafarer courses before booking a one-way flight to France in the hopes of finding a job on a yacht.

## INDUSTRY BACKGROUND

Danny started his career in yachting on a 65m private boat in 2022, based mainly in the South of France. Danny remained on the vessel as a deckhand for 10 months. He realised that he wanted to further his qualifications in the yachting industry and decided to head off to Gibraltar for 7 weeks to complete his YachtMaster Offshore certificate which would aid him in finding better positions as his experience grew.

## INTERESTS

Danny is a big football fanatic and is an avid supporter of Manchester City, and shows a great interest in Formula 1. He enjoys spending his free time skiing and travelling to new places around the world.

