

CREW PROFILES

Captain, Carl Thomas Sputh (American, Age 37)



Captain Carl was born in Indianapolis, Indiana in 1974. He has one brother, Ryan, who is a 200 Ton Captain. His father, Ted, is also a Sea Captain; one family, three men of the sea, and over 550,000 nautical miles of combined experience.

Starfire's Captain spent a portion of his childhood on Water Island in the United States Virgin Islands, alternating with time spent in Indianapolis, Indiana. His recreational life was focused on water sports. He is a competitive, water and jet skier, a certified water ski instructor, and a certified rescue scuba diver. Captain Carl's other interests include all types of snow sports and flying helicopters. In 2004, he completed the hours for his private helicopter license—a hobby that gives him as much joy as driving yachts.

After graduating from North Central High School in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1993, he went to work in the yachting industry and became the Captain of a mega yacht at the age of 22. Three mega yachts later, Carl became the Captain of the prestigious M/Y Starfire. Captain Carl holds a 1600 Ton United States' Coast Guard License with a 3000 Ton British License. He is certified in Advanced Radar, Shipboard Fire Fighting, and STCW trained. He also completed a six month Emergency Medical Technician course, which gives him the knowledge to handle a variety of ship health emergencies. His medical expertise expanded with a MedAire Advanced Medical Certification.

Captain Carl was the individual winner as "Best Captain of a Mega Yacht in 2001" at the Ft. Lauderdale International Boat Show. This accolade was given for his ability to be a "can do" positive leader.

Starfire's Captain takes special pride in imparting his knowledge and love of the sea. In an effort to share his passion with others, he set up "The Captain Carl Sputh Seafaring Scholarship" at his Indianapolis high school alma mater, North Central. Each year, five fortunate students are sponsored to attend a sailing school course aboard the restored A.J. Meerwald Tall Ship in South New Jersey's Delaware Bay. The scholarship recipients receive full tuition, all travel expenses—paid, \$100-a-day spending money—and this year, even foul weather gear donated by the outdoor sportswear company, Patagonia. Captain Carl enjoys the possibility that the experience may introduce some of these students to an entirely new career path they might not otherwise have discovered (in landlocked Indiana that is!).

Captain Carl's motto for yachting is that "there are no problems... only solutions," and he governs himself and his crew accordingly.

1st Officer, Paul Duncan (Canadian, Age 31)



Paul is from Toronto, Canada. He grew up on a lake where water sports were always a major past time. Through high school he kept busy by lifeguarding and working as a swimming instructor. He also worked at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club.

The first time Paul encountered large motor yachts was when he was working on sailing catamarans in Grand Cayman. Two years later while living in St. Martin and racing retired America's Cup boats, Paul made some contacts that led him into the yachting industry full time.

Paul holds a Chief Mate 3000 ton license and plans on furthering his career in the yachting industry. He would like to eventually apply to the Canadian Coast Guard College as a navigation officer and grow his

beard to a respectable length.

Paul's hobbies include surfing and sailing. He is currently training for a marathon and enjoys writing, having recently completed a novel and short story anthology.

Chief Engineer, Andrew Connolly (Australian, Age 37)



Andy is from Hobart, Tasmania. He has always lived and worked near the water. He first started work in a brewery and a chocolate factory but soon realized this was going to lead to being either drunk or fat so he packed his bags and headed for the Navy.

Andrew has a keen interest in sailing and has raced sailing dinghies since he was 10 years old. This passion led him to yacht racing and he has competed twice in the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race. After 10 years in the navy he decided he needed a holiday and jumped on a 40 foot sailboat bound for Europe. After working as a flotilla engineer for Sunsail in Greece, Andrew decided to join the yachting industry. He joined his first busy charter yacht in December 2002 and hasn't looked back since.

Andrew has a Y3 engineer's ticket for the yachting industry and for commercial ships he has his turbine operators certificate, boiler operator's license and machinery watch keepers certificate from operating 70,000 horse power in the navy. He also has his Ocean Yacht Master Certificate, radio operator's license and went to night school to study celestial navigation. And finally he also holds a PADI open water dive ticket.

Future plans include obtaining his Y1 engineering ticket and finally easing back into life looking after his own vineyard in the South Island of New Zealand.

His hobbies and interests change from day to day but include wakeboarding, bushwalking and reading. Andrew loves fine food and wine as well as entertaining.

2nd Engineer, Daniel Batham (British, Age 36)



Dan is from Bovingdon, Hertfordshire in the U.K. He has always loved and owned motorbikes and had rebuilt numerous Landrovers with his Dad in their garage while growing up.

Whilst working for a Landrover specialist, a Chief Engineer off a yacht gave Dan the job of bringing his Landrover up to expedition spec for a trip around South America.

Hearing about the industry and the need for engineers, Dan decided to give yachting a try.

Dan's future plans include working towards his Y4 engineering ticket and onward to take a position as Chief Engineer.

He enjoys touring, camping and exploring new places on naturally, motorbikes or Landrovers!

Bosun Marcus Bay (Fijian, Age 30)



Marcus comes to us from Lami Town, Fiji. He grew up in a house on the water in the Bay of Islands with his three brothers and many friends whom he spent time sailing, surfing, diving, fishing and kayaking with. He attended school at the International School in Suma, Fiji, completing his IB Diploma and afterwards attended the University of the South Pacific studying Management and Tourism. At the age of 21 He moved to Australia and obtained his Bachelor's Degree.

Marcus has traveled the South Pacific, including Australia, New Zealand, Tonga, Vanuatu and the Fiji Islands extensively by boat. His father operated a live aboard Dive Boat in Fiji as well as owning a Long Line tuna boat. So traveling the sea by boat has always been a part of his life.

He has completed courses such as his STCW, Certified 3 Transport and Logistics and Deep Sea Recompression Chamber Operator and wants to add more courses to his list when possible. Marcus has always been associated with the sea and boats and has a good feeling that this is the path he was meant to go down!

Deck, Alex Forster (South African Age 20)



Alex was born in Cape Town and grew up in the seaside town of Knysna, South Africa. His father was an avid sailor and Alex spent most of his early years growing up on a sail boat. At age 18 Alex and his father set out on a 90 day voyage to sail their 38ft family Catamaran from South Africa to Greece where they continued to explore the Mediterranean islands together. Alex's love for the ocean brings him into the yachting industry where he hopes one day to find himself at the helm as Captain.

On his spare time Alex loves to surf, sail and travel and dreams of owning his own sail boat and exploring the Pacific Ocean

Deck, Scott Huber (American, Age 30)



Scott was born in Hyannis, MA and raised in Lincoln, NH. Scott's childhood memories of the ocean were exciting fishing trips with his father.

Moving to West Palm Beach, Scott worked in the audio-visual industry and thus was introduced to yachts.

Scott has completed his STCW95 and is hoping to gain his PADI Advanced Open Water Diver Certificate.

He is still trying to decide in which direction he would like to go. Either work his way up to a First Mate's position or get more technical and move into the Engineering side of yachts. Time will tell.

Scott's hobbies include snowboarding, skiing, rock climbing, hiking and wakeboarding. Scott joined Starfire in November 2010.

Chef, Stuart Chambers (Irish, Age 34)



Stuart hails from Cork, Ireland.

Starting to cook at an early age, Stuart opened his first restaurant at the age of 18. Following a two year professional chef's course, Stuart returned to college and completed a four year degree in business and finance.

After college, Stuart's love of traveling and adventure brought him to work in up market ski chalets in Canada and France which in turn led him into the world of yachting.

Stuart has been in the yachting industry for seven years, working on sailing and motor yachts and as a personal chef for a famous Formula One driver.

His plans for the future are to remain in the yachting industry for a few more years before opening his own restaurant again.

In his spare time Stuart enjoys sampling the local cuisine during his travels and loves to hike and snowboard.

Sous Chef, Hannah Duncan (British, Age 31)



Hannah grew up in the southwest of England in Devon, by the sea. She was always around boats, either mackerel fishing with the grandparents or dinghy sailing in the estuary.

Hannah's interest in the yachting industry began after she graduated with a fashion degree in London. She was looking for her next adventure when some friends suggested yachting to her. That was four years ago and she has never looked back. Her yachting travels have taken her to the Caribbean, Indian Ocean, Europe, North Africa and the UAE.

Hannah has had many experiences that have helped her in the yachting world, from running a pub in London, to cooking in an

Italian Café, to working on a farm in Naples.

Hannah holds her PADI open water diver certification.

Plan for the future? To open a small eco lodge (location is yet to be decided).

Her interests include water sports, yoga, hiking, photography, learning basic language skills wherever she goes, world cinema and food.

Chief Stewardess, Joanne Farrel l (South African, Age 29)



Born in Zimbabwe, raised in South Africa Joanne defines diversity of life experiences. Early family vacations took her from Asia to the United States and many enchanting places in between. Starting at age 13, Joanne has worked in hospitality were she turned to her natural passion for being of service to people. Joanne received a Diploma in Public Relations in 2002. After working as a wedding planner, managing upscale boutique hotels and coordinating large corporate events in South Africa, Joanne developed and ran her own successful health foods company in Cape Town.

Joanne's love of nature, travel and humanity lead her to the yachting industry where her creative energy and spirituality are felt by all aboard Starfire. During down time she is occupied with her keen interest in holistic healing practices, yoga, running, kite boarding, travel off the beaten track and scuba diving. She hopes one day to open a retreat center where others can visit her beautiful country.

Stewardess, Emma Wass (Swedish, Age 24)



Emma was brought up in the countryside of the Swedish east coast 10 miles north of Stockholm, She has spent her summers by the ocean in Sweden and traveling around the Mediterranean. Her love for the ocean lead her to the yachting industry at the young age of 19 where she was able to expand her personal travel experience. Emma is currently studying Human Resources management at Sweden oldest university Uppsala University. Emma's special interests and hobbies include Health and fitness, cooking, gardening, outdoor activities, traveling and making new friends.

Stewardess, Chloe Densham (South African, Age 32)



Chloe is from Hermanus, South Africa.

Having grown up in a small fishing/holiday town, she was always surrounded by the sea and outdoor activities.

While working in England, she was introduced to the idea of joining the yachting industry by her brother, who, himself is a chef onboard a yacht. Chloe has now been in the industry for a few years, working on three other super yachts before joining Starfire.

Yachting has taken her to Europe, Mexico, Panama and Long Island. Chloe holds her STCW95 certification and has completed a Master Stewardess Course. She would like to further her career in yachting and eventually buy her mother's bookshop, converting it to a cozy book/coffee shop. Chloe enjoys cooking, reading and cycling in her

spare time.

Stewardess, Jojo Chattey (British, Age 31)



Jojo was born and raised in Devon, England on a agricultural and livestock farm but caught the travel bug at an early age.

Her first trip involved backpacking around Borneo, Asia and Australia teaching English as a foreign language along the way.

Meeting so many different cultures in her travels initiated her interest to study psychology for 4 years at Nottingham University.

To fulfill her need to explore again after years of study she took to the mountains taking a job as a chalet host in the French Alps, filling her days skiing, snowboarding, cooking and entertaining guests. After 2 years warmer climates called so she took a delivery from Cape Cod to

St. Lucia joining her 1st boat for four years taking her round the world, through French Polynesia. She enjoyed wreck diving, wake boarding and kayak fishing for a crew BBQ. In her spare time Jojo loves to hike, camp and ride her Ducati. Jojo is currently studying to improve her French and hopes to one day open a holiday camp in England for campers.

*Starfire's Crew hopes that in some small way, their life experiences on our world's greatest resource, the ocean, will impact you in a very positive way. We wish you Fair Winds and Calm Seas on your journey,
M/Y Starfire
Captain Carl and the Starfire Crew*