



WINDKIND
LUXURY YACHTING ADVENTURES

Crew profiles

The people behind every perfect day

A yacht is only as good as the people who sail her. WINDKIND's crew of four combines seamanship, culinary craft and genuine warmth, so that every day on board feels effortless.

David
CAPTAIN

Sandro
CHEF

Macayla
STEWARDESS

Aidan
DECKHAND



CAPTAIN

David Lennon

Irish · based in St Martin, Caribbean

Irish by birth and at home in the Caribbean, David is a true catamaran specialist with more than ten years of professional captaincy. He spent four seasons skippering Fountaine Pajot catamarans through the Lesser Antilles, from the US Virgin Islands to the Grenadines, where he and his crew were named Crew of the Year, and he has since captained large catamarans for private owners and handovers across the Caribbean.

He has recently completed his RYA Yachtmaster Ocean, and in November 2026 he sails WINDKIND across the Atlantic with her crew. Calm, attentive and always one step ahead, he knows the islands' most beautiful anchorages, and the reefs beneath them.

ON BOARD

Itineraries & anchorages

Safety & navigation

Kitesurf lessons

QUALIFICATIONS

- RYA Yachtmaster Ocean
- MCA AEC 1 & 2 (approved engine course)
- STCW 95/10 · ENG1
- HACCP
- IKO Kitesurf Instructor
- PADI Divemaster

EXPERIENCE

Since 2023	Captain for private owners, sea trials and handovers in the Caribbean: Fountaine Pajot Alegria 67, Sunreef 62
Recent	Transatlantic delivery of a Privilege 580 catamaran, Ibiza – Cape Verde – Caribbean, more than 6,000 nm
2015 – 2019	Captain, TradeWinds Cruise Club, Lesser Antilles: Fountaine Pajot Saba 50, Sanya 57, Ipanema 59, Victoria 67, Alegria 67 · Crew of the Year 2019
2014	Day charter captain, Irish Offshore Sailing, Dublin





CHEF

Sandro Engeli

Swiss · German, English, some French

Swiss chef Sandro has more than eight years of professional cooking behind him: three years of culinary school, a Michelin-starred kitchen in Switzerland, three winter seasons in luxury alpine chalets, and seasons as sole chef aboard private and charter yachts, most recently the 80-foot sailing catamaran Sail Spirit.

His fresh, Mediterranean cuisine celebrates the finest local produce, from bread baked every morning to elegant dinners under the stars. Pasta, pastries and ice cream are made on board, and every menu is created around the guests' preferences and dietary needs, including vegetarian and vegan cooking.

ON BOARD

Daily menus to your taste

Beach barbecues

Fresh bread every morning

QUALIFICATIONS

- Three-year professional culinary training, Switzerland
- Mediterranean, vegetarian & vegan cuisine
- Fresh bread & artisan pastries
- HACCP standards
- STCW Basic Safety · ENG1

EXPERIENCE

2026	Sole chef, S/Y Sail Spirit (Sunreef 80 sailing catamaran), Mediterranean
Yachts	Sole chef, M/Y Nada (28 m, charter, up to 12 guests) and M/Y Il Disfrute (24 m, private)
Chalets	Chalet chef in the French Alps, three winter seasons, 12–18 guests
Retreats	Chef for wellness and yoga retreats in France and Spain
2018 – 2021	Michelin-starred restaurant, Switzerland; Restaurant Deli, Bern





STEWARDESS

Macayla Colin

South African

With nearly five years in hospitality and a season as sole stewardess and chef aboard the 40-metre sailing yacht Atlantika, Macayla takes care of every detail, from immaculate cabins to the perfect sundowner.

With a background in silver service and floristry and recent courses in bartending and barista skills, she brings an easy smile and a natural sense of style to life on board.

ON BOARD

Cocktails & coffee

Table styling & flowers

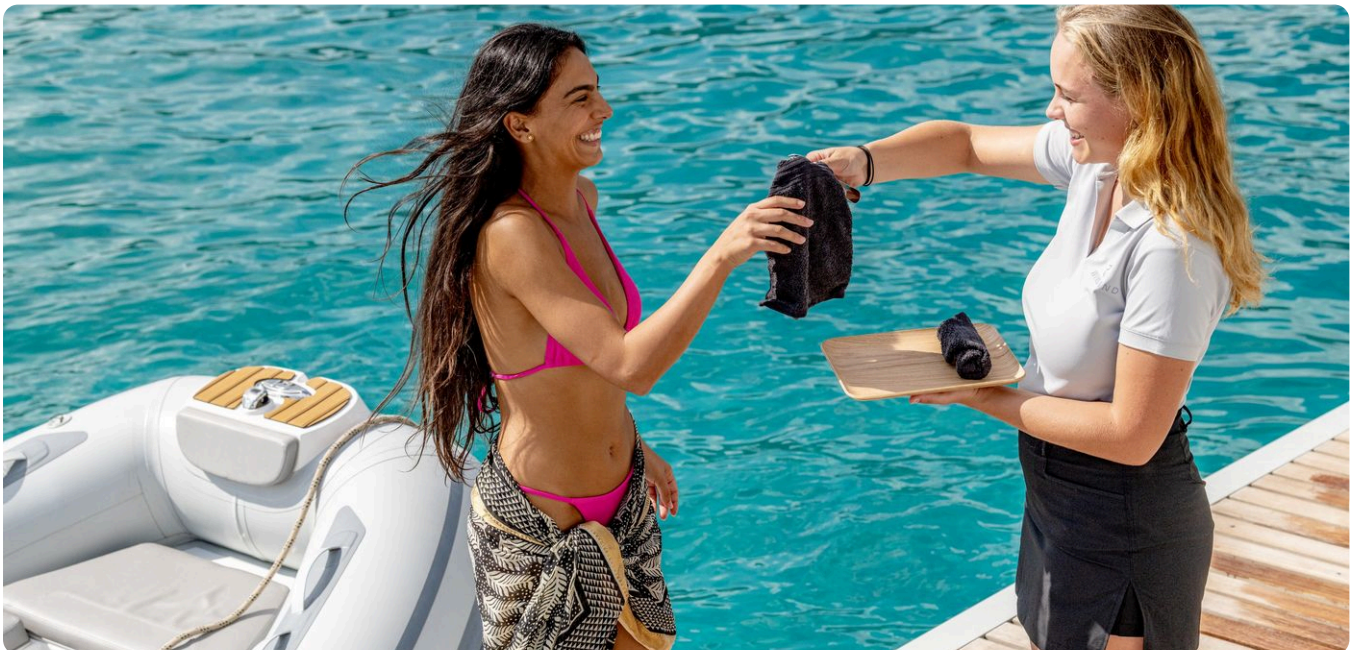
Cabins & laundry

QUALIFICATIONS

- International Bartender Certification (IBC)
- Professional Barista Certification
- WSET Level 1 Spirits
- Superyacht Culinary Certificate
- MCA Food Safety & Hygiene Level 2
- STCW 2010 incl. PDSD · ENG1
- RYA VHF · Powerboat Level 2 · PWC

EXPERIENCE

2025	Sole stewardess and chef, S/Y Atlantika (40 m)
2023 – 2025	Lead deckhand, stewardess and senior bar person, Waterfront Charters, Cape Town
2019 – 2023	Junior banqueting coordinator, Stone Haven conference and wedding venue





DECKHAND

Aidan Brand

South African

Aidan grew up on South Africa's Atlantic coast and has been skippering boats since the age of 16. A former vice squad leader at Clifton Lifesaving Club and national surf-ski competitor, he combines sound seamanship with a practical, hands-on approach.

Most recently lead deckhand on a 92-foot yacht in France, he keeps WINDKIND in perfect shape and is your go-to person for the tender, the water toys and every excursion ashore.

ON BOARD

Tender & water toys

Water skiing & wakeboarding

Lifesaving & first aid

QUALIFICATIONS

- Day Skipper · Competent Crew
- STCW 2010 incl. PDSD & Medical First Aid
- Short Range VHF
- Level 3 First Aid
- Lifesaving South Africa Award

EXPERIENCE

2025	Lead deckhand, M/Y Winning Streak (92 ft), France: tender, water toys and maintenance
2024 – 2025	Lead deckhand and barman, Waterfront Charters, Cape Town: sailing catamaran and schooner
Refits	Five months of dry-dock and refit work: engines, electrics, plumbing, fibreglass and teak

