





### Sam

CAPTAIN

### **NATIONALITY**

Dutch

### **LANGUAGES**

English, Dutch

With a solid foundation in maritime operations and a Bachelor of Science in Maritime Officer training, Sam started his career navigating massive 170m cargo ships. It wasn't long before his interest in the personal, luxurious side of life at sea pulled him toward yachting. For the past four years, he's served as Chief Officer aboard the 70m Sherakhan—the big sister of M/Y Sheergold—and has now taken the helm of M/Y Sheergold with pride and dedication.

Sam brings a unique blend of commercial shipping discipline, guest hospitality, and luxury yachting standards. He leads his team with enthusiasm, precision, and a guest-first mindset, always aiming to create unforgettable experiences for those on board. Passionate about safety, service, and adventure, Sam is equally at home in the wheelhouse or out enjoying watersports and world exploration. He's thrilled to welcome guests aboard M/Y Sheergold and craft meaningful memories with his team.



Lara
CHIEF OFFICER

**NATIONALITY**Dutch

### **LANGUAGES**

English, Dutch

Laura's story begins with curiosity—a fascination with life at sea that led her to maritime university and, ultimately, to a career filled with global adventures. Much of her experience lies in the striking yet unpredictable Arctic and Antarctic regions, where she learned not only how to navigate extreme conditions but also how to stay resilient, calm, and collaborative under pressure.

Now returning to the warmer waters of yachting, Laura brings with her a profound appreciation for the ocean's dynamic beauty and the constant learning that comes with life onboard. She's recently joined the Sheergold fleet as Chief Officer and is focused on safety, seamless operations, and making sure every guest's journey is smooth and spectacular. For Laura, each voyage is an opportunity to grow, connect, and share her passion for the sea with others.



Paul DECKHAND

NATIONALITY

Dutch

### **LANGUAGES**

English

Paul has spent the last decade working on a variety of vessels—from rugged tugboats to elegant luxury yachts—and he's developed an impressive skillset along the way. His deep understanding of seamanship, safety protocols, and guest care makes him an essential part of the Sheergold crew.

He approaches every charter with pride and dedication, always focused on creating a secure, enjoyable experience for guests. Off the yacht, Paul enjoys a quieter life tending to his farm, with a particular love for beekeeping. This balance of hardworking seaman and grounded country soul gives him a calm and approachable demeanour, which guests and crew alike deeply appreciate.



### **Bernard**

CHEF

**NATIONALITY** 

Belaian

#### **LANGUAGES**

English, French, German, Dutch

Meet Chef Bernard – the culinary artist behind your unforgettable onboard dining experience.

Bernard began his culinary journey in the kitchen of a prestigious 2-Michelin-starred restaurant, where he developed a strong foundation in classic techniques and fine dining standards. It was there that his passion for excellence and creativity in the kitchen truly came to life.

Driven by curiosity and a hunger to learn, Bernard immersed himself in the world of high-end hospitality. Along the way, he competed in several international culinary competitions and worked in prestigious Michelin star restaurants throughout Europe, showcasing not only his technical expertise but also his flair for innovation and presentation.

Today, he brings all of that experience, passion, and global inspiration to the galley of our luxury superyacht. Each dish he creates is a celebration of flavour, precision, and artistry — designed to delight and surprise you with every bite.



## Julia

CHIEF STEWARDESS

NATIONALITY

Dutch

### **LANGUAGES**

English, Dutch

Born into the hospitality world—literally—Julia was raised on her family's campsite and surrounded by the rhythms of guest care from a young age. It was a natural progression for her to pursue Hotel and Event Management studies, and after graduating, she dove headfirst into a professional life committed to top-tier guest experiences.

Her move into yachting came a few years ago when she joined Sherakhan as a stewardess. The dynamic blend of travel, high-level service, and adventure captured her heart. Julia is driven by an innate desire to make people feel special and cared for, and she brings that same energy to her leadership on M/Y Sheergold. Whether it's organizing a perfect sunset dinner or ensuring every little detail is just right, Julia's hospitality spirit is always shining through.



# Jacquelyn HOUSEKEEPER

NATIONALITY

Filipino

**LANGUAGES** 

Tagalog, English

Jacquelyn is a people-person at heart. Whether through her experience in wellness, sales, customer service, or housekeeping, she's always loved creating positive experiences for others. As a certified massage therapist, she understands how to make people feel at ease and brings a nurturing presence to her work aboard M/Y Sheergold.

This is Jacquelyn's first step into the maritime world, and she's embraced it wholeheartedly. Drawn to the adventure, culture, and connection that come with life at sea, she brings her energetic, warm spirit to every day onboard. A proud mother of two, Jacquelyn is inspired by her children to live fully and pursue new experiences. She's passionate about staying active, exploring new places, and making every moment count—values she infuses into her role.



Jessica

**STEWARDESS** 

NATIONALITY

Filipino

LANGUAGES

Tagalog, English

Originally from the Philippines, Jessica brings boundless positivity and warmth to the Sheergold team. She has a background in both front-of-house service and kitchen roles, which has given her a well-rounded perspective on hospitality and what it takes to make guests feel truly cared for.

Passionate about travel, food, and connecting with people, Jessica sees working on board M/Y Sheergold as the perfect blend of her talents and dreams. Her enthusiasm is infectious, and she takes great joy in making sure every guest feels welcome and well looked after—whether that's through thoughtful service, a friendly smile, or a perfectly brewed cup of coffee with a personal touch.



Solichin CHIEF ENGINEER



Indonesian

#### **LANGUAGES**

English, Indonesian

With 13 years in commercial shipping and 7 in the world of luxury yachting, Solichin brings not just technical expertise but also a calming presence to the team. As Sheergold's Chief Engineer, he ensures that every system runs smoothly and safely—but he's far from being tucked away in the engine room all day. You'll see him assisting on deck, piloting tenders, and prepping watersport equipment, always making sure guests can enjoy their time to the fullest.

Originally from Indonesia, this is Solichin's first job outside the tropical waters he knows so well, and he's embraced it with his trademark humility and warmth. A devoted father of four, he brings that same caring energy to the yacht, helping to foster a relaxed, positive atmosphere onboard. He's also a fan of hiking and building sandcastles with his kids—a detail that speaks volumes about the kind of heart he brings to the team.



Stephaan DECKHAND/ENGINEER

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NATIONALITY
South African

### LANGUAGES

English

Growing up on an organic wine farm near the southern tip of Africa gave Stephaan a hands-on upbringing and a close relationship with nature. After completing a five-year diesel mechanic apprenticeship, he honed his skills with engines and machines—making his transition into the yachting world both natural and exciting.

Stephaan recently joined M/Y Sheergold and brings with him a deep appreciation for anything ocean-related. Whether diving, fishing, or just enjoying the sea breeze, he feels at home with saltwater in his hair. With his practical skills, calm demeanour, and curiosity for the maritime lifestyle, Stephaan is ready to take on every challenge and help guests make the most of their experience on board.

# We look forward to welcoming you onboard.

