

LA PAUSA



Crew Profiles

Danny Estela (Filipino)

Captain



Danny has been working in yachting since 1989, and living in Antibes since 2010.

He captains LA PAUSA with over 30 years' experience and has previously worked on various privately-operated and chartered motor yachts, including CHANTELLA, PACHA, and HERA-C.

Elba Diaz (Spanish)

Stewardess



Elba studied interior design before joining the yachting industry, and commenced her crew career in Ibiza.

Elba loves the variety of her work and embraces the dynamic, ever-changing environment. A highlight of her career to date was working aboard a yacht based in Miami and embarking on itineraries to the Bahamas.

Elba aspires to develop her skillset further, learning aspects of all crew positions. She has previously worked on a Mangusta 104 Rev, an Alpha Custom Line 106, and a Princess V58.

Olivia Meli (Australian/French)

Chef



Olivia's career as a chef is shaped by her life's experiences, with each dish capturing cultures, flavours, aromas, and memories. Olivia has over 18 years' experience in high-end hospitality, and has worked in exclusive Michelin-starred restaurants, luxury boutique hotels, and in private dining.

Olivia has worked in Australia, France, French Polynesia, Monaco, and Montenegro, and feels each experience has helped form her identity as a chef. She loves to surprise guests with innovative and special dining experiences, whether it's a new spin on the faithful omelette or a six-course degustation menu.

Grounded in classical techniques, Olivia's dishes are rooted in balance and combine colour and texture with creativity. Keen to explore food as medicine as well as enjoyable cuisine, her next studies will see her learn about herbalism and expand her knowledge of wellness dining.

Cooking is Olivia's way of connecting with people, and she looks forward to meeting you.

Benjamin Street (French)

Deckhand



Benjamin was born in Antibes to English parents and enjoyed a childhood of dual cultures. After completing school Benjamin first joined the family business as a yacht painter and scaffolder, and ran the business with his brothers. During this time he also participated in many classic yacht regattas, including sailing aboard some of those he had helped to renovate.

Benjamin embraces the travel and opportunities that working aboard a superyacht brings, and hopes to attain his Captain's license in the future.

