

Stig, our Danish Chief Engineer, has been working his mending magic on Te Manu since 2012. Growing up near the water, Stig began sailing at a very young age. After high school, he nurtured his love for the sea by joining a maritime program on an oil tanker. It was there that he discovered the intrigue of engineering and, for ten years, educated his way from cadet to engineer. After a time of working on various worldwide commercial oil tankers, Stig traded rough seas and pirate threats for a more comfortable lifestyle on yachts. When he's not fixing things, Stig enjoys exploring the warm waters of the Caribbean Sea.

Willeen arrived at Te Manu after an eighteen hour flight from Mafikeng, South Africa, her hometown. Since then, she's had little time to catch up on sleep between work and enjoying the beauty of the Caribbean. Growing up in a farming community, Willeen is equipped with a strong sense of hard work, values, and resolve. Her desire to see the world led her to pursue a career in the yachting industry straight after graduating high school. Determined to hone her hospitality skills, Willeen seizes every moment, only pausing in the galley on occasion to concoct a South African specialty for the crew.

Ian, Te Manu's energetic deckhand, joined the crew in 2012. Having grown up on a boat, Ian feels more at home on the water than any place else. Born in Fort Lauderdale to a Belgian father and Spanish mother, Ian was the perfect addition to St. Martin's culturally versatile society. He acquired his first job as a dock agent at Marina Fort Louis at age seventeen. It took him a mere two years to become dock master, a position he held for four years. Wanting a change of lifestyle that would keep him close to the sea, Ian joined the yachting industry. Ian is a skilful fisherman, diver, wake boarder, boater and photographer.

Wieland is our German Bosun and safety representative. Though he was born in Swakopmund, Namibia, he grew up close to the sea in Hermanus, South Africa. With a yearning to travel, Wieland left his hometown at age twenty to spend a year in Australia. From there, he travelled to Corsica where he obtained his first yachting job. In the following four years he earned his Yacht Master's license and enough experience to captain a private twenty meter yacht. Presently, Wieland is loving the fast-paced charter life of Te Manu. In his free time, Wieland loves to skateboard, surf, and play beach ball.

Howard, our second engineer, joined Te Manu in 2012. Born and raised in Hertfordshire, England, Howard began sailing the seas early in life. After finishing his first crossing from England to France on a thirty-five foot sail boat with his family at age nine, he went on to cruise the Mediterranean for three years. Yearning to explore his other interests, Howard obtained a degree in furniture design and, for ten years, pursued a career in the computer and media systems industry. He later returned to yachting and has been working in the industry for the past two years. If he's not on deck, Howard can be found documenting his travels with his GoPro camera.

Neil, began his career as a chef over twenty years ago. He began his education at the Solihull College of Food in Birmingham, England. After completing his studies, Neil went on to work at an award-winning restaurant in his hometown. Working in a variety of different countries with various yachts, private residences and restaurants and running his own pub has provided Neil with valuable culinary experiences and tasty techniques. He is skilled in all styles of cooking, concentrated on fine dining. Outside of the galley, Neil enjoys relaxing with a round or two of golf.