

# BAGHEERA

CREW PROFILES



## JELCO KANT — CAPTAIN



**Born** Netherlands 1993

**Languages** Dutch, English

Growing up with a father in the yachting industry, Jelco knew from a young age that he wanted to pursue a career in yachting.

While studying, in order to gain more knowledge, he chose to spend his holidays on board Sherakhan. For his final thesis,

Jelco worked for a couple of months at shore office, so he could see the other side of Sherakhan.

After graduating from Maritime school, he went back to Sherakhan as Chief Officer. Jelco is growing in his career and has become Captain, ready to provide the perfect environment for fun and safety onboard *Bagheera*!

Jelco is a charismatic energetic young man with a great eye for detail who in his free time enjoys all kinds of watersports, kitesurfing, windsurfing and sailing. He is a guarantee for our guest's perfect charter experience.

## CELESTE SCHELKERS — CHIEF STEWARDESS



**Born** Netherlands 1991

**Languages** Dutch, English

Since her teenage years, Dounia has run her Celeste's born and raised in The Netherlands but her roots go back to Indonesia.

At a very young age she already developed a big interest in everything related to hospitality and when asked, Celeste will mention

hospitality is simply in her DNA! So after having finished her Hotel Management studies, she worked in several high-end hotels such as NH and HILTON.

Celeste loves working in an environment where she's surrounded by people. With her keen interest in travelling, she loves to go places and explore. She enjoys discovering great restaurants and is all about interior design which makes her not only a hospitable but also a very creative person.

Her social, happy and caring personality shines through in her work onboard; making sure guests have the ultimate time while being onboard is her goal!

## LOTTIE JANSEN — STEWARDESS



**Born** UK/Dutch 1991  
**Languages** English, French

Lottie has lived in the south of France since the age of 10 so she grew up being surrounded by beautiful mountains and beaches.

This life has opened Lottie's world to so many diverse cultures and communities as well as helped her find out that she has developed a passion for travel and hospitality!

While currently studying at the Dutch University Applied Sciences in Breda (where she studies International Hotel Management), she already finished the French hotel education "Lycee Francis de Croisset", making her very knowledgeable in restauration, service and even barista skills.

At her young age she has an interesting track-record working at several renowned venues located in the French Riviera; such as Bistrot des Sommeliers in Valbonne, 5\* hotel and restaurant Le Mas Candille in Mougins and the Victoria Retreat House in Emera.

Growing up with yachts close by she is now very happy to be able to work onboard *Bagheera*!

## TAKIS STAVROPOULOS — ENGINEER



**Born** Greece 1975  
**Languages** Greek, English

Takis was born in Athens, growing up in and around the water.

He graduated as an electrician, working the trade for several years building his extensive and strong knowledge in electronics and computers. Wanting to be of service to his country, Takis enrolled and joined the Greek Special Forces as a parachutist. After 2 years, he honorably resigned.

Looking at his resume, it won't be a surprise to learn that Takis loves extreme sports as well as water sports, cycling and diving. Takis is a certified diver and strong spear-fisherman; a skill he learned from childhood onwards.

Having worked 20 years at the biggest company in Greece (automatic systems and hydraulic motors), Takis decided to make the switch to the yachting industry. First as chief-electrician onboard a chartered motor-yacht in the USA and successfully completing specific engineering courses. Later on moving to other yachts among which sailing yacht Thandeka.

Takis is a very skilled tender driver and he enjoys taking guests out on the water or on land to join him doing various (water) sport activities!



## ANNER SLUIJTER — CHEF



**Born** Netherlands 1989  
**Languages** Dutch, English, German

Anner was born and raised in Gouda in The Netherlands and started his cooking career in a small restaurant in this hometown.

His love for food started at a very young age and led him to work in numerous Michelin starred restaurants where he developed

his skills in all areas of cooking. After having worked in some very prestigious restaurants in The Netherlands, Anner decided to take the next step and to set up his own culinary company.

The essentials of Anner's cuisine are natural flavors, craftsmanship and professionalism. He loves to work with produce grown in his own garden.

Not only does Anner work as a chef, he also provides consultancy and private dining. Anner has been working onboard several of our yachts for a couple of years now.

In his spare time Anner loves to go scuba diving and travels the globe to do so. When onboard, Anner is always completely focused on creating amazing dishes; whether it's a family style lunch consisting of multiple dishes, the breakfast needed to start the day the way you want, or a luxury gourmet dinner completed with well-paired wines... Anner simply lives for creating the ultimate culinary experience!

## HUGO VROLIJK — MATE



**Born** Belgium 1998  
**Languages** Dutch, English, French

Growing up next to the beach in the Netherlands, Hugo grew up to be a real watersport lover. At a very young age he started surfing, kite surfing and sailing. He later also became member of a competitive rowing team, training 6-8 times a week and taking part in (semi) professional competitions.

Together with his team of sailing crew-members, Hugo competed several times with different sailing vessels during the Etchells Worlds championships in the USA, a famous international championship so a great accomplishment considering Hugo's young age!

While now having finished his last classes at the university of the Maritime Academy in Rotterdam, Hugo graduated as a fully certified Maritime Officer with OOW and Chief Mate licenses.

He started his career on cruise ships with the Holland America Line and later worked in a maritime simulator centrum for the HAL as operator. Missing the interaction with guests, Hugo decided to follow his dreams to get a position onboard a charter yacht and so he pursued a career in the yachting industry.

With his skills, Hugo is not only a good mate/sailor, but also a skillful tender-driver, a great teacher when it comes to learning or improving sailing skills and besides all this he first and foremost is very excited to have embarked *Bagheera* and to sail the world with you!



