

Please note this document is composed with the intention to present the crew which has confirmed their engagement with the yacht; we are presenting members of the staff on board as announced and expected at the time of preparing this document. Still, this document remains purely informative, as at any time changes among the crew members can happen for any reason. Therefore, this Crew profile is not to be taken as guaranteed or invariable. April, 2019

## Crew Profile of gulet LOTUS 2019

**Captain: ROKO LELAS, Croatian,**

Languages: English

**Roko, 25 years, captain/owner:**

A professor of kinesiology, a passionate sailor, a sportsman and a musician. Since 2004, when his family purchased their first charter vessel - a smaller economy-class mini cruiser - Roko has spent every summer working on it - at the beginning as a sailor, and later as a captain. It gave him a lot of satisfaction that his family always aimed for more than just to provide good service, even if only as part of an economy-type charter vessel. Their mission was to thrill their clients with the beauty of secluded bays, authentic food and the dedication of the crew to provide them with relaxed and memorable holidays. However, some 4 years ago, the family started to consider the idea of buying a gulet and entering into the more luxury charter market, where they will be able to fully realize their detailed and attentive approach to clients. After years of searching for the perfect gulet, in 2018 Roko and Pero drove from Croatia to Turkey (as Pero has a severe fear of flying) to inspect approximately 15 yachts. Lotus was one of these yachts.

Now, when he has the perfect yacht to showcase all his knowledge and skills, Roko is keen to provide the best possible service to guests on board Lotus. Coming from a family with a long tradition in the hospitality industry, Roko is truly devoted to meet the demands and expectations of his charter guests. With a huge sailing experience gathered on the Adriatic, Roko will find perfect spots and suggest the best places for any kind of preference. Although Roko always felt the call of the sea, he was not interested to get formal nautical education. After a formal musical education (violin, percussions and guitar) Roko enrolled at the Musical Academy, but after the first year decided he would like some more free time – so he went on to pursue another of his passion - kinesiology.

He is a bit sorry for leaving the Musical Academy now, but then again, given the multitude of his interests, he finds a lot of joy in simply playing various instruments, singing in local *a capella* choir, playing sports (swimming, kickboxing, judo, basketball), travelling, meeting people and sharing positive energy.

**Chef: Marin BULIĆ, Croatian,**

Languages: English

Marin grew up with intuitive love for food. His parents recognized that his interest in cooking is something much more than just a child's curiosity, so they guided him and supported in his first steps in the culinary world. Already during high school summer breaks Marin was gathering experience working as assistant to chefs in local restaurants. Upon finishing 4 years of formal education, this focused and diligent young professional chef had no trouble finding and creating opportunities for himself; before joining Lotus, Marin worked as a chef in

very popular local restaurants in Split and on island Solta, including fine-dining restaurant of Martinis – Marchi heritage resort on island Solta. Decision to continue his career on board of Lotus came from Marin's wish to be able to present all his knowledge, passion and creativity to a smaller group of guests as he doesn't find that much joy in following set menus day after day. "I can't wait to find out about guest's preferences and go from there, having same group of guests for more than just one meal is proper motivation to show my best".

Although passionate about fishing (and everything connected with the sea) Marin says he has no preferences when it comes to cooking; he is interested in all kind of food, from starters to desert and in different styles. The freshest and most seasonal ingredients are the key elements of Marin's creations.

Fluent in English, Marin will enjoy both hearing his guest's wishes and describing his "stories presented on the plate" as he says.

Besides fishing, Marin enjoys sports and music.

### **Sailor: Domagoj Prlić, Croatian**

Languages: English, Czech

Domagoj (Domi) has been on and around the sea since his childhood. Being from an area strongly orientated to nautical tourism, specially known for largest fleet of mini-cruisers per capita in the world, a young man almost has no choice but to be involved in charter business, at least for some time. Domi is a kinesiology student with 4 years of experience as a sailor on charter yachts, being recommended by every captain he worked with. Beside of experience, diligence and professional attitude, Domagoj is being appreciated for his easygoing personality - as crew member with no issues to give a hand wherever needed on board. Domi feels comfortable around people, so jobs in tourism and service industry are his favorite.

Fluent in English and Czech, he has also basic knowledge of German. In his spare time Domi loves outdoor activities; he is also certified raft guide.

**4th crew member: TBA**