



Quantum of the Seas Crew Bios

Master – Srecko Ban

Captain Ban Srecko, also known as Felix, hails from Croatia. He grew up in Dubrovnik, a city rich in history located on the Adriatic Coast in Mediterranean. Following a long tradition in his town, Srecko went to sea for the first time at the age of 16 and fell in love with the lifestyle. He chose to pursue this as a career and in 1990 graduated from the Maritime Academy. The following year, he joined the merchant marine industry beginning his career as an officer. While sailing all of the world's oceans, Srecko obtained additional qualifications culminating in his Master's license in 1996.

Captain Srecko joined Royal Caribbean International in 1998 as 2nd officer on *Vision of the Seas*. Since then, he has been faithful to the brand which has taken him all around the world. Srecko worked his way up onboard *Vision of the Seas* and became Staff Captain in 2003. In the same capacity he also served on *Navigator of the Seas* before being promoted to Captain on *Enchantment of the Seas* in the summer of 2007. He returned to *Vision of the Seas* in 2011 where he stayed until he joined the *Quantum of the Seas* start-up team in June of this year. He is very honored and excited to be the Captain of the most technologically advanced cruise ship in the world.

Captain Srecko is married and has a 15 year old son. His family is very near to his heart and always on his mind while he travels the open seas.

Staff Captain – Johan Malmberg

Staff Captain Johan Malmberg joined Royal Caribbean in 2000 after serving as a watch keeping officer on Swedish cargo ships and cruise ships. Malmberg first joined Royal Caribbean on *Explorer of the Seas*, where he served as 2nd Officer. He has also been part of several start-up teams including *Adventure of the Seas*, the three Freedom-class ships as well as *Allure of the Seas*. Malmberg was promoted to staff captain where he has since served onboard *Monarch of the Seas*, *Allure of the Seas* and *Enchantment of the Seas*. He spends most of his free time with his family at their summer home, which he designed himself.

Hotel Director – Darren Budden

Darren Budden was born in Newfoundland, Canada, where he left home at age 17 to see the world and begin a post-secondary education in Business Administration. After completion of a Bachelor of Commerce degree, he started his professional career with a very large Fortune 500 company. His quest for knowledge pushed him to complete his graduate studies at one of the most prestigious business schools in Canada. His desire for travel and to work in a more global environment led him to pursue a career with Royal Caribbean International. He originally brought his 20 years of management and customer service experience to the company as a Marketing and Revenue Manager, ensuring every guest had access to all the amenities, activities, shopping and gaming options they needed to fully enjoy their cruise vacation experience. Having served on every class of ship in the fleet, he is focused on ensuring guest satisfaction with the overall cruise vacation experience.

Chief Engineer – Stig Erikson

Chief Engineer Stig Eriksen was born in Lillesand, a small coastal town on the southern part of Norway. After graduating from the Marine Technical College and completing his national services with the Royal Norwegian Navy, he joined cruise ships in 1994. He started his career with Royal Caribbean International in 1996 when he joined *Monarch of the Seas* and has since achieved the position of Chief Engineer with the company since 2002. Erikson has served onboard *Sovereign of the Seas*, *Majesty of the Seas*, *Independence of the Seas*, *Explorer of the Seas* and *Allure of the Seas*. He now resides in Chesterfield, United Kingdom, with his wife, Susan and two daughters.

Cruise Director – Jimmy Rhodes

Jimmy Rhodes first joined Royal Caribbean in 1999 as a dancer in the award-winning production shows. After many years as a dancer, he moved from stage to owning the guest experience. He has held positions as dancer, Cruise Director's Staff, and Assistant Cruise Director. For the past 11 years, Rhodes has served as Cruise Director on almost every ship in the Royal Caribbean fleet. Jimmy was born and raised in Ozark, Alabama, where he still resides today. Jimmy is a 1997 graduate of Florida State University, where he obtained a degree in Cross Cultural Communication and Dance History. After graduation, Jimmy went on to tour, perform and work for the internationally known non-profit organization Up with People, where he held positions as Dance Captain, Show Manager and Production Manager.

Human Resources Manager – Una Twomey

Una Twomey began her career in Customer Services at the age of 15 and enjoyed it so much that she went on to study Personnel Management in the United Kingdom. Curious about her brother's previous experience with Royal Caribbean she decided to join *Grandeur of the Seas* in 2003. Since then she has worked on several ships including *Independence of the Seas*.

Guest Services Manager – Eric Araya

Eric Araya was born and raised in Costa Rica where he received a degree in aviation and business administration. After graduating from U.C.R. he took advantage of Costa Rica's rich tourism industry and discovered a passion for the hospitality industry. He has worked in different hotel chains and areas such as financials, operations and customer service and joined the Guest Services Team at Royal Caribbean in 2002. In 2006, he became Guest Relations Manager onboard *Brilliance of the Seas*.

Food and Beverage Director – David Uddenberg

David Uddenberg was born in Comox, British Columbia, Canada. His father was in the Canadian Air Force, constantly moving his family in and out of Canada, fueled Uddenberg's passion for travel. During those times he developed very strong outgoing characteristics which would ultimately be one of his biggest strengths in his journey towards the hospitality industry. After completing Restaurant Management courses with honors, Uddenberg spent a few years traveling and working in the Caribbean and Florida developing his skills. Those experiences ultimately led him to Royal Caribbean in May of 2005. He started as a Bar Manager working onboard *Monarch of the Seas* and *Sovereign of the Seas* and was promoted to Food & Beverage Manager onboard *Mariner of the Seas*.

Executive Chef – David Reheina

Executive Chef David Reihana is originally from New Zealand and has been with Royal Caribbean for

10 years. He has cooked professionally in a variety of four and five star large international hotels worldwide right through to smaller fine dining restaurants. Reheina has served on every class of Royal Caribbean ships including the revolutionary Oasis-class.

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