



TAYANA 64 “S/Y Best Buddies” – Crew Profile

Captain George Kourtelis

Greek, Born 1971. George began sailing in 1978 and has sailed extensively the Mediterranean, the Caribbean, the Bahamas, and the NE coast of Africa. He has been featured in magazine articles (Nov. 1996 Coastal Cruising Magazine, Feb. 1998 The Boat Magazine) in stories about sailing the Greek islands and yacht maintenance, respectively. In 2001, he was decorated with the First Class Medal of Honor by the Minister of Merchant Marine for his assisting role in the rescue mission of passengers from the Ferry Boat Samena. Having spent the last 15 years working on a variety of vessels, George is an extremely well-experienced sailing yacht Captain. His other interests include diving, sky diving, cooking, reading and music. He speaks Greek, English, and has some knowledge of Spanish and German.

Hostess Kerstin Weidner

German, Born 1978. Prior to joining the industry, Kerstin spent the last years pursuing her studies in Geocology and Marine Biology. She participated in a reforestation/conservation project in Ecuador, completed her Masters in Marine Ecology in Brazil, and worked as a Marine Research Assistant for the study of Whales and Dolphins on a Research Boat, sailing from Greece to Cape Verde and the Azores. She has worked as a hostess aboard a Horizon 50 Catamaran sailing all over the Mediterranean. She is a Class 1 Commercial diver. Other interests include dancing capoeira, singing, literature, and water sports in general. Her positive attitude, patience, and friendly disposition are very much appreciated. Kerstin speaks German, English, Spanish, and Portuguese.