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CREW PROFILE 2013



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Master Dimitris Samolis was born in Greece and is a certified Captain Class A'-STCW 78/95. He has successfully graduated the Hellenic Republic Ministry of Mercantile Marine Seafarers School and grants experience of twenty years at sea. Only in his early forty, he has already accumulated qualifications such as the Class A' Unlimited Certificate, the Commercial Marine Engineer Class 3 (Yacht Class 2) gaining experience overseeing many refits, plus more like the 'Train the Trainer' Certificate, as Instructor, Supervisor & Assessor.

With exceptional credentials from his employers Captain Dimitris has developed a significant career as a Captain on board passenger vessels and luxurious cruise ships. His vast experience of cosmopolitan and exotic places sources from a remarkable cruise in Seas of the world... Operating in both small and big units in the commercial sector of the cruise industry, Captain Dimitris has been used to be working within a dynamic and ever changing environment. His water sports interest started in a very young age as he originates from a nautical family. Two family members had been engineers, whilst some owned and operated a luxury resort in Greece.

Taught all about the sea and observing quality tourism services in land, he has grown up in such an environment to finally appreciate the highest quality standards in all tourism forms.

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With vast knowledge, experience and moral values, gifted to administrate his crew, Captain Dimitris has been on board RM Elegant since 2010, and aims to provide superior service, enjoyable and friendly time, whilst mainly prides himself on keeping a safe, world-class yacht, with a competent and motivated team ready for the challenges and pleasure to pampering guests on board.

Dear Guests of RM Elegant,

Give me the pleasure to introduce myself to you, my name is Dimitris Samolis, I was born in Piraeus, Greece, on May 4th 1972. I am the younger of a nautical family's two children and I live in Piraeus.
Growing up in Greece biggest port and my father's and brother's careers as Chief Engineer obviously influenced my decision to follow in the profession and graduate the Merchant Marine Academy of Aspropyrgos. At the same time I was lucky enough to grow up as a child and teenager in a family resort operated by our family and learn more on tourism operations and guality service values.

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- Today I'm a certified Captain Class A'-STCW 78/95 Unlimited Certificate Holder. Going back to my history, my first experience at sea was 20 years ago as a cadet on a passenger ship. I remained on passengers ships until 1997 gaining my Chief Officer's license. Then I took a change of direction to cruise lines. My first been Celebrity Cruise Lines serving there for 10 years initially as Safety Officer and then as Staff Captain. I had always natural engineering skills from a young age and have developed those by completing qualifications up to Commercial Marine Engineer Class 3 (Yacht Class 2) and gaining experience overseeing many refits. Between all graduated seminars I had the opportunity to grant the "Train the Trainer" Certificate from Miami USA. From a young age I was an admirer of the high class luxury and technology vessels. My life at seas made me value earth beauties and that connects the breathtaking sights of Hubbard Glacier in Alaska region to the uninhibited South America; the modern cities of Australia to quiet and mysterious Far East; whilst the most memorable ever part of the world visited had been the emerald green rainforests and thunderous volcanoes of Hawaiian Islands in the middle of the Pacific Ocean...
- Even though served in five star cruise lines cruising seas of the world, the huge difference between the impersonal cruising and private yachting has guided me finally on board the RM Elegant. Following my nature, I'm here to offer a more personalized service in customized itineraries and by attending carefully details of our guests' requirements.
- Getting married and being father of a two years old daughter, and now, by serving onboard this unique mega yacht in size, I'm happy to find out the reflection of a family character and a domestic atmosphere on board the RM Elegant. It is certain that the demanding commitment of five stars will be a pleasure time for me. Managing the RM Elegant is a highly rewarding occupation and exceeding a charter guest's expectations is something for which I constantly strive for.
- As a Master I pride myself in creating a "team" amongst my crew operating as both leader and a team member. I take an active interest in whole yacht's operation to ensure that we achieve all operational, environmental and financial aspirations. On board, and under my command a safety and security conscious environment is always adhered to.
- In my spare time I enjoy spending time with the family, reading all news about cruising & yachting, spending time on my own boat... I am fascinated by computers and I enjoy listening to music. When on vacation, one of my great passions is experiencing the scenic beauty of my home country and more of Mediterranean sceneries.

Whilst on board the RM Elegant yacht, my feeling is of a complete life... I look forward to welcome you on board...

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HOTEL MANAGER MICHAEL CHATZIDAKHS

Our Hotel Manager Michael Chatzidakis was born in Greece and has graduated the National School of Tourism Professions.

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Specialized in Hotel Management extended studies afterwards to the Navy Academy for Stewards.

Later, he granted certificates such ones from Austria Educational Centre in Advanced Hotel Operations and from Le Monde Institute of Hotel & Tourism College - affiliated with Switzerland Lodging Educational Institute, by granting the Chief Financial Officer's Diploma, based on Hotel Management.

Michael has also attended seminars relevant to his profession such as "Crisis Management Training", "Crowd Management & Human behavior", "Hotel, Food & Beverage management".

With an extensive career on board cruise ships

of Royal Cruise Lines and Celebrity Cruise Lines, he started as a Bar & Restaurant Manager and Maitre D'Hotel, to finally become the Hotel Manager on same vessels.

Michael has had implemented innovative service concepts and programs, including the launch of Concierge Class Services for 1110 rooms, whilst has managed multicultural teams, and has adjusted buffet selections & themed menus to incorporate a multinational influence that enhanced appeal to international clientele.

He has also orchestrated and hosted special events on board vessels i.e. fashions, gala party, large group functions, private banquets for up to 2000 Guests.

Consistently praised for seamless execution and exceptional service delivery, in recent years Michael became popular in the yachting industry, and been a Hotel Manager on board charter large and mega yachts up to 83m.

A strong background in F&B, Finance & Staff Management, the credentials and excellent references, all make Michael a wise choice to supervise stewards and waiters on board RM Elegant, interior cleaning & maintenance, inventory & hotel accounting. Furthermore, to liaise with guests regarding to the service of the meals & the bar-tendering.

Michael has been on board the RM Elegant during the whole Summer 2012.

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Born on 8th December 1956, Michael Chatzidakis is our Hotel Manager on board RM Elegant.

Michael was chosen based on his abilities to delegate excellent organization on board, a remarkable administration, wide knowledge of service and housekeeping, flowers, wines and table decorations. His skills in financial management, knowledge of cuisines, technology, and care for details were considered some well valued skills as well.

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- With an extensive career on board cruise ships of Royal Cruise Lines and Celebrity Cruise Lines, he had started as a Bar & Restaurant Manager and Maitre D'Hotel, to finally become the Hotel Manager on same ships. Michael has had implemented new service concepts and programs, including the launch of Concierge Class Services for 1110 rooms, managed multicultural teams, adjusted buffet selections and themed menus to incorporate a multinational influence that enhanced appeal to international clientele, whilst, also orchestrated and hosted special events ie. fashions, gala party, large group functions, private banquets for up to 2000 Guests.
- An excellent cook himself had an impeccable cooperation with Chefs even in specialized cuisines, to strongly supervise all aspects of food quality & service. Consistently praised fro seamless execution and exceptional service delivery. In recent years Michael was known in the yachting world as a Hotel Manager of the mega yacht O'Mega before its sale by the Greek owners, and remained to the same owners on board m/y O'Pari. He continued his career on board m/y Kimberly II until its sale.
- A strong background in guests' satisfaction, F&B, Finance & Staff Management, amazing references, all make Michael a wise choice to supervise now stewards and waiters' schedules on board RM Elegant, interior cleaning & maintenance, inventory & respective accounting, and to liaise with guests regarding to the service of the meals & bar-tendering.
- As Hotel Cost Controller, will be ordering and scheduling of all Hotel & F&B provisions on board, calculate budget related to the high standards of the yacht and administrate his division. Michael cooperates perfectly with our Chefs, orchestrating meal services and further guests' activities.

Polite and energetic will be 24/7 "your person" on board...

A very charming personality, with a generous smile and a robust presence to speak a thousand words...

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EXECUTIVE CHEF YIANNIS LEKOS

Executive Chef Yiannis Lekos was born in 1979 in Greece, in a family dedicated to the tourism industry.

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Chef Yiannis distinguished himself in his chosen profession through his passion and obvious talent for creating culinary marvels in the kitchen. Cooking was more like a talent at an early age to cultivated only later through studies and seminars.

Certified from the School of Tourism Professions Le Monde and specialized as Chef, Chef Yiannis exercised his talent as Chef de Partie in 5* brand chain hotels in Greece and Austria like Grand Hotel Wien (Unkai Restaurant - Japanese cuisine) and more.

Chef Yiannis succeeded positions from Sous Chef to Chef de Cuisine very soon, whilst achieved great reputation for accommodating a demanding professional clientele with culinary excellence and service. Talent and passion for culinary cuisine made him stand out rapidly, as successfully initiated and executed the major menu changes to His personal flair by adjustments of taste and ingredients.

Eager and passionate to learn more of cuisines, our Chef Yiannis had the opportunity to travel in Europe and Asia and practice in relevant seminars abroad. Speaking English and German, extended knowledge and practiced in molecular gastronomy and cuisines from all the world.

Upon his return to Greece, Chef Yiannis worked in reputable restaurants of Athens, all controlled by the same owner. Responsible to design and prepare dishes for the units had the opportunity of recognition for his excellent taste and presentations. At that time he had successfully coordinated

with large event makers and designed catering menus by working directly with patrons on Party planning. His responsibilities were ongoing in menu development including costing and pricing for theme buffets, banquets, dining room and special events. Yiannis developed and implemented new recipes for both savory and desserts, whilst trained staff in each unit. Soon enough, was discovered by famous Greek ship owners, who contracted him for a permanent cooperation on board private yachts.

On board the RM Elegant, Executive Chef Yiannis cooperates perfectly well with the Sous Chef Yiannis Drivas and Pastry Chef Sapto, to offer a balance of classical and fusion cuisine, and will be preparing unique dishes for guests, with the highest quality ingredients, all served to visual perfection.

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THE TEAM

DIMITRIS Samolis 1 VASILEIOS Favios 2 3 NIKOS Krokos 4 BRIAN Nunez 5 GEORGE Ginargiros 6 RUSSEL S.Gabas GIORGOS Georgakopoulos 7 THEODOR Busica 8 **BAYON-ON Baltazar** 9 10 ADONIS Perandos EDGARDO Sornillo 11 12 ROLANDO Montemayor 13 SORIN Petroianu Razvan MICHAEL Sornilo 14 **RENEL** Quinones 15 MICHAEL Chatzidakis 16 YIANNIS Lekos 17 SAPTO Wibowo 18 **YIANNIS** Drivas 19 20 KENNETH Espino **GEORGE** Dimotakis 21 22 KAREN Ann Berin ALINA Sirbu 23 ANISIA-TEODORA Marin 24 MIHAELA Craciun Violeta 25 VICTORIA Zymonva 26 MARIA-CRISTINE Signap 27 AMELITA Bautista 28 **ROGER** Abante 29 JERRY Calvadores 30 **JAELOR** Calvadores 31

MASTER CHIEF OFFICER 2nd OFFICER 2nd OFFICER BOSUN A/B A/B SAILOR O.S. SAILOR O.S. SAILOR O.S. CH.ENGINEER **3rd ENGINEER ELECTRICIAN** OILER OILER HOTEL MANAGER EXECUTIVE CHEF PASTRY CHEF SOUS CHEF **CREW CHEF** BARMAN WAITRESS WAITRESS WAITRESS **STEWARDESS STEWARDESS STEWARDESS BEAUTICIAN** LAUNDRYMAN GALLEY UTILITY GALLEY UTILITY

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Master Dimitris

Dimitris, Vassileios, Nikolaos, Brian Master & the Chief Officers



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Yiannis - Sous Chef Kenneth - Crew Chef Jaelor & Jerry

Sapto - Pastry Chef

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Michael Hotel Manager & Yiannis Executive Chef

George Barman



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Edgardo Chief Engineer



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Karen Waitress