

SILENCIO

Crew profile

CAPTAIN: ANGUS "BIFF" BIFFIN – AUSTRALIA.
JOIN: JULY 2012

Angus Biffin or 'Biff' as he is known, grew up around the water in Sydney, Australia. Son of a Merchant Captain/Sydney Harbour pilot, Biffs life on boats started virtually from birth. He was racing dinghys and skiffs from the age of six competitively around Australia and cruised with his family up and down the east coast and South Pacific. It was working as a skipper on ferries on Sydney Harbour in 2007 that Biff was offered his first job overseas



running a motor yacht in the Mediterranean. From this experience a career in professional yachting was the obvious choice; over the following years he was Captain or First mate on a number of yachts, motor and sail, operating in the Middle East, Indian Ocean, South Pacific, South East Asia and Mediterranean.

Biff joined Silencio as first mate in July 2012 and then moved up to Captain a year and a half later. Since becoming Captain Biff has led the Silencio team across the Pacific with busy charters seasons in French Polynesia and New Zealand.

When Biff gets a chance to have some time away, you will find him on his own boats in the Caribbean and Sydney Harbour or kitesurfing and skiing around the world.

Biff also has a passion for food which stems from his apprentice chef days as a teenager. Lately he has been experimenting with unique ways to cook with an open fire, freshly speared or line caught fish are a favourite!

A warm smile and a firm handshake from Biff let you know that you have stepped on board for the ultimate experience in luxury yachting.

CHIEF ENGINEER: PHIL DREW – ENGLAND.
JOIN: JANUARY 2014

Phil Drew was introduced to the yachting industry 12 years ago, when he joined S/Y Enterprise in Falmouth, England. Phil has worked on different Perini yachts. Before joining the yachting industry and sailing around Europe, Caribbean and Indian Ocean, Phil worked at a Nuclear Power Station installing and maintaining various electrical equipment. His passion for travelling



and photography took him to explore and experience different cultures globally. During his spare time, Phil enjoys reading, playing golf and classic cars. Phil's experience in the yachting industry and his always positive attitude and big smile makes him an asset to the Silencio Crew.

FIRST MATE: ZAYN SCHONKEN - SOUTH AFRICA.
JOIN: APRIL 2015

Zayn grew up in Cape town, South Africa. He started sailing dinghies when at school and later on raced keelboats out in Table Bay while at high school and university. With university out the way he started delivering yachts built in Cape town to various places around the world



such as Belize, BVI's, Brazil and France. Zayn has found his way into the superyacht industry and has now done 11 Atlantic crossings on all flavours and sizes of yacht, he now joins the Silencio team. During his time off, Zayn goes surfing, diving and enjoys being outdoors.

BOSUN: MARECK DUPONT – FRANCE.
JOIN: MARCH 2014

Mareck first joined Silencio in September 2012, 6 months later he left the boat to achieve other dreams but less than a year later he was back to Silencio. Mareck has been sailing since a very young age back in Brittany, France.



Before joining Silencio for the first time, Mareck crossed the Atlantic on his own little boat. He sail and explore the Caribbean, the stories he has to share from this

experience continue to entertain crew and guests to this day. Mareck loves surfing; wake boarding, kite surfing and playing domino on his free time.

2ND. ENGINEER/DECKHAND: TONY DAVIES – NEW ZEALAND.
JOIN: APRIL 2015

Tony is from Auckland, New Zealand. As Tony's father is a boat builder he has been immersed in the boating industry his whole life so it was a natural progression for him to embark on a yachting career. Before joining the yachting industry he worked in the marine stainless steel fabrication/general engineering field. Prior to joining S/Y Silencio Tony has worked on two other Perini Navi vessels which have taken him across the Atlantic ocean seven times, around the



Mediterranean and Caribbean. Tony is well travelled, having just returned from a three month over land safari through Africa. With his love for adventure he is looking forward to sailing onboard, seeing new sights and furthering his marine qualifications. Interests away from work are classic cars, rugby and golf.

CHIEF STEWARDESS: KARINA JAWORSKY – ARGENTINA.
JOIN: OCTOBER 2012

Karina has worked in the yachting industry for 13 years. Her love for the sea comes way back when she started diving around Argentina, Brazil and the Caribbean. As a consequence of her passion for the ocean and travelling it seemed the obvious choice to work in the yachting industry. Her work experience includes a variety of luxury motor and sailing yachts.



Karina has done 6 Atlantic crossings and regattas across the Mediterranean, Caribbean and New Zealand.

When Karina has time off, she enjoys dancing, snorkeling, yoga, pilates and sailing on laser boats.

Karina goes out of her way to make people happy & comfortable. With a great love and pride for what she does, Karina ensures that guests have a wonderful time on board, leaving with the best of memories.

CHEF: DANNY ROUND – NEW ZEALAND.
JOIN: DECEMBER 2012

Danny was raised on Waiheke Island in New Zealand. After competing in the National New Zealand apprentice of the year Danny graduated within the top 5, gaining him the opportunity to work under the renowned chef Charlie Trotter in Chicago.



Danny continued to work on Waiheke Island where he worked alongside some of the island's top Pacific Rim and European chefs for ten years before discovering a career in Yachting.

This multi-cultural experience shows through in his creative and eclectic style of cooking, utilizing the freshest ingredients available to the yacht's specific locales.

Beyond the galley, Danny has a passion for adventure and enjoys extreme sports including kite surfing and dirt bike riding.

2ND STEWARDESS: CHARMAINE VAN HEYNINGEN – SOUTH AFRICA.
JOIN: MARCH 2013

Charmaine grew up in Pretoria, the Jacaranda city, 50km. north of Johannesburg. After finishing school, Charmaine moved to Cape Town to follow her passion for horses and obtain a diploma in Equestrian education.

When Charmaine turned 23 years old, she decided to broaden her horizon and after visiting USA, she travelled to the Caribbean looking for a new adventure. In Antigua she joined the yachting industry on board Silencio.

Since then Charmaine cruised around the Caribbean, Mediterranean, Panama Canal, Galapagos and South Pacific discovering new places and cultures. In her free time she enjoys snorkeling, paddle boarding, kite surfing and watching movies.

Charmaine cares for others will make sure that all of our guests are well look after and her friendly smile will allow our guests to feel at ease on board.



JUNIOR STEWARDESS: SOPHIA NEWTH – NEW ZEALAND.
JOIN: APRIL 2015

Sophia is the youngest and newest addition to our crew. Sophia was born in NZ and prior to school we moved from the city to a farm, then to a yacht where we sailed around the Pacific until settling on the North shore of Auckland. Sophi have grown up participating in sports with a passion for competing in athletics & equestrian. In her free time she loves paddle boarding, kayaking, horse riding, Multi sport events and spending time

socializing with friends and family. Sophia have always loved being outdoors and been around the water so she decided to choose a career in Superyachts and started working on boats in her first year out of school at age 19. Sophia positive attitude is an asset to our team.

