



### TONČI TORIĆ - CAPTAIN

Born 15.09.1966 in Zadar, he spent his childhood on island Vrgada, gate of Kornati archipelago. His first nautical skills were achieved as a child, coming from a long line of sailors/seamen as well as being among people that raised their families at the sea and lived from the sea. He graduated as a marine mechanic from the Naval School and later went on to receive a certificate as Yachtmaster. He was awarded with the medal of bravery for his courage during the submarine military exercises by the former president of Yugoslavia Tito.

In 1989 Tonči started his own business on the island of Vrgada; a small restaurant near one of the beaches on Vrgada. In 1991 the war started so he then joined the Croatian Military Forces until 1993, soon after accepting a job as the captain of the gulet "Pokora", based in Lignano Sabbiadoro, Italy, where the love for these kind of ships such as the "Fortuna" were born.

His girlfriend then and wife to be joined him as a hostess on the same yacht. In 1994 after returning home to Croatia, they got married.

Again Tonči has joined the CMF until the end of the war. In 1996 he resumed his private business again and opened a second restaurant.

Business was good but in the spring of 2002, during a random visit to Marina Dalmacija in Sukošan, near Zadar, both husband and wife have fallen in love with their first gulet. They purchased it within the week and so their new life has begun. After 4 very successful years of yacht charter with this vessel they decided it was time for a bigger and better yacht.

S/Y Fortuna was, at the time, famous as one of the best made gulets in Croatia. It is actually designed for sailing in strong wind, with luxurious interior and quality construction. The opportunity to purchase the yacht arose and the S/Y Fortuna became a part of the Torić family.

Today Fortuna is one of the best gulets and yachts in the Adriatic, which can provide the best service and sailing ability. One of the reasons that makes her special is the crew, their flexibility and their positive attitude. Among the locals, Fortuna is called the "party boat", because somehow it always attracts people who are wanting to have fun and surround themselves with an energetic atmosphere which in turns disturbs the local residents in the late night hours.

### MIRNA TORIĆ - CHIEF STEWARDESS

Born 28.12.1967 in Zadar, where she finished the Economic School and later attended the Open University MENCL in Zadar. Her childhood was spent in Zadar, but all the weekends and vacations were spent on the island Vrgada with her grandparents who lived there. Since her father passed away when she was 3, her second home was at her grandfather's, a seaman who sailed the seven seas.

From 1988 until 1993 she worked in one of the biggest companies in Zadar – Tankerkomerc, in the sales department. In 1993 she joined her future husband as hostess on the gulet in Italy. After the summer of 1994, she returned to work at Tankerkomerc until 2000. From 2000 she



worked with her husband in his company. From 2002 to this day they sail together.

As a chief stewardess she prefers a boat to be perfectly clean and kept in order all times, even when there are no guests on board. Mirna stresses a great importance on communicating with her guests by being flexible and providing a relaxing environment.

### ANTE GILIĆ- CHEF

Born on 03.08.1983 in Split. In 2002 he finished the School of Tourism and Hospitality in Split as a vocational chef.

He lives in Solin, near Split, unmarried. After finishing school he worked as chef in Hotel „Park“ in Split. Next, he spent several years as a chef in various restaurants in Split. From 2007 till 2010 he was head chef aboard the M/Y Victoria. In 2012 he joined the Fortuna crew. For several years he was the youngest member of the crew. Proud of his roots and cultural background he reflects that through his choice of local cuisine and utilizing its riches; however, he is also ready for new challenges and is eager to combine modern cuisine and local specialties.

Besides his culinary skills he is very communicative with all age groups, but since he is one of the youngest members of crew he is able to interact excellent with younger people and teenagers.



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### STJEPAN IVAN TORIĆ – deckhand

Born 30.12.1996 in Zadar. Stjepan graduated the Naval High School 2015, and went on to study at the Maritime University in Zadar. Currently acquiring the title as the youngest crew member he exemplifies excellent naval skills.