MATEO REYES

Chef

St. Thomas, USVI | 12 years in yachting

PERSONAL DETAILS

NATIONALITY
American

DATE OF BIRTH
25 Oct 1989

HOME PORT
Fort Lauderdale, FL, USA

BASED
St. Thomas, USVI

VISAS
US citizen, passport valid to 2033

ENG1 MEDICAL
Valid to 03/2027

DRIVING LICENCE
Yes, clean

SMOKER
Non-smoker

TATTOOS
None visible

AVAILABILITY
Available for winter Caribbean season, open to dual season

LANGUAGES

English (native), Spanish (conversational)

TICKETS & CERTIFICATES

- Culinary Institute of America AOS
- Ship's Cook Certificate
- Level 3 Food Safety and Hygiene
- STCW Basic Training
- WSET Level 2

PROFILE

Sole chef on the Caribbean and Bahamas circuit for the past six seasons, splitting menus between plant-forward modern plates and classical French technique when guests want the full white-tablecloth treatment. Provisions confidently out of thin markets from Georgetown to Grenada and keeps a zero-complaint allergy record across 40 plus charters. Looking for a 40m to 55m charter program with serious preference sheets.

CAREER HISTORY

Head Chef - M/Y SILVER GULL 2024 - Present

48m Baglietto

- Sole charge galley for 10 guests plus crew of 5, all dietaries accommodated.
- Provisioning networks across Bahamas and Exumas, Leeward Islands; HACCP logs kept to MCA standard.

Sole Chef - M/Y MISTRAL QUEEN 2022 - 2024

42m Horizon

- Provisioning networks across Bahamas and Exumas, Leeward Islands; HACCP logs kept to MCA standard.
- Charter menus to preference sheets; crew food kept on budget without losing morale.

Sous Chef - M/Y RUNNING TIDE 2019 - 2022

37m Sunseeker

- Charter menus to preference sheets; crew food kept on budget without losing morale.
- Sole charge galley for 12 guests plus crew of 5, all dietaries accommodated.

TRAINING & EDUCATION

Culinary Institute of America AOS - MPT, Fort Lauderdale, 2017

Ship's Cook Certificate - Ashburton Chefs Academy, 2021

Level 3 Food Safety and Hygiene - Highfield, Fort Lauderdale, 2019

STCW Basic Training - MPT, Fort Lauderdale, 2024

WSET Level 2 - WSET London, 2024

REFERENCES

Sarah Pemberton
Yacht Manager, Meridian Shore Management - contact via Captains Grid relay

Cmdr. J. Hollis (Ret.)
Fleet Manager, Whitcombe Marine Group - contact via Captains Grid relay