



ROB HEMPSTEAD

Master

Captain Hempstead was born in Rhode Island, USA on the northeast coast. He first went to sea as a young boy with his dad who, following family tradition, was captain of all types of cargo, passenger, military, and special service vessels. Capt. Hempstead spent a fair amount of his high school years at sea, taking his studies with him and taking his exams when he returned home. There was never any doubt from the very beginning that a life at sea was to be his. In 1986 he graduated from the California Maritime Academy, accepted his US naval reserve commission and pursued a career in the US fishing fleet in the Bering Sea and North Pacific. After several years of sailing as a deck officer learning the trade aboard various vessels he took command in 1989 aboard one of the newly Norwegian built large factory trawlers fishing in the Bering Sea. After nearly fourteen years of dangerous and fast paced fishing with ten years as Master on seven ships fishing worldwide from Russia to Africa, he changed course and began a new career with Royal Caribbean International in 1999. Climbing through the ranks once again and having now served since 2005 as Master aboard 5 Royal Caribbean International ships, he is presently and proudly Master of the M/S *Oasis of the Seas*. After over 30 years at sea he has never once wished for another life of less excitement and challenges.



DREW DEVINE

Cruise Director

Drew comes to you from Toronto Canada. Drew is a musician by trade and after finishing school Drew toured and performed for 7 years before heading out to sea in 2001. Apparently Drew likes to talk, which got him in a lot of trouble during school, but also comes from his days in radio. If you are from the Chicago area, Drew had the amazing opportunity to get involved in an intense mentorship program and worked at WGN radio for over a year...and yes there is more (*I don't think he sleeps*) He is also a photographer and spends most of his holidays working on this part of his life. You can check out his photography and keep in touch with him through his web site www.drewdevine.com. Drew loves what he does, loves coffee and loves to entertain everyone as much as possible. Make sure you say hi to Drew throughout your cruise vacation and enjoy all we have to offer here onboard the *Oasis of the Seas*.



DOUGLAS VITONIS

Cruise Sales Manager

Douglas was born Sao Paulo, and he is passionate about two things: surfing and traveling. He received his Bachelors degree in Tourism & Hospitality, and spent 5 years working with several marketing agencies in South Brazil. During that period he was able to live in Chile for 6 months, where he learned Spanish. His passion for travel brought him to Royal Caribbean in 2010 as part of the Beverage department, and soon after he was promoted to the Loyalty & Future Cruise team. He has been fortunate enough to have worked on nearly all the classes of ships in the Royal Caribbean fleet, and is pleased to share his expertise with our guests on future cruises and advise what sights should not be missed!



KEVIN THOROGOOD

Hotel Director

Born and raised in London UK, Kevin graduated from hotel school in 1987 with advanced professional diploma in culinary arts, he started his career as a sous chef working for hotels in Switzerland, eventually moving back to the fantastic city of London to work for the hotel chain Sheraton. In 1990 took a career path change into hotel management work in privately owned hotels in and around London as Deputy Manager, eventually embarking on his career at sea in 1993. Kevin had a passion for traveling and the life at sea was perfect as it combined his love for traveling and guest service. He is extremely happy to be able to apply his knowledge gained over the years at sea to ensure our guests receive the memorable cruise holiday of a lifetime.



RISTO KURILIC

Chief Engineer

Risto was born in the beautiful port city of Dubrovnik, Croatia where he continues to reside with his family. Growing up in a family with a long maritime tradition, it was only natural for Risto to attend and graduate from the Marine Engineering College in Dubrovnik. In 1983 he went to sea for the first time as an Apprentice Engineer on a cargo ship. After gaining several years of experience, he worked for seven years on a ferry sailing between Portland, Maine and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. In 1996 Risto joined Royal Caribbean International's *Grandeur of the Seas* as a 2nd Engineer, then 1st Engineer and then Environmental Officer. Risto joined the newbuilding team in Turku, Finland to begin construction on *Voyager of the Seas* in 1999 and was later promoted to Chief Engineer Jr until 2001 when he returned to Finland to oversee construction of *Adventure of the Seas*. In January 2004, he was promoted to Chief Engineer on *Vision of the Seas*. In 2006 he joined *Freedom of the Seas* and served as her Chief Engineer before joining the biggest cruise ship in the world - *Oasis of the Seas*.



NITHIN RAMESH

Food & Beverage Director

Nithin hails from the famous spice route to India, Kochi. After graduating from IHMCT, Trivandrum in 1995, he started his professional career at the prestigious Taj group hotels as a Management Trainee. Nithin held various Food & Beverage positions within the Taj group before accepting the role of Food and Beverage Manager with the Sheraton and Radisson group. Being a Piscean, his inner instincts called him to the ocean and thus he joined Royal Caribbean as Beverage Manager in 2007. He has served on various Royal Caribbean ships and is proud to be of service as your Food & Beverage Director. Nithin trusts that you'll have a good cruise vacation and enjoy the Food & Beverage services onboard *Oasis of the Seas*.

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