



Chef Mark Farmer

SUPERYACHT CHEF · BAHAMAS & EXUMAS CHARTER · 12 YEARS

PROFILE

Chef with 25+ years across superyachts, private estates and remote island lodges, including 12 years working the Bahamas and the Exumas. Combat-trained and calm in a crisis, quick to adapt, strict in the galley. Guest-led dining that runs from beach buffets to formal silver service, provisioned island by island.

THE BAHAMAS AND THE ISLANDS

- **2010 to 2022.** Seasonal chef across the Bahamas and the Exumas on yachts and private estates, including Over Yonder Cay. Named seasons include M/Y Oasis, Lyford Cay (2015).
- Last-minute provisioning through contacts flying Fort Lauderdale to the Bahamas, backed by a wide network across the islands.
- **Seasonal focus.** Committed to a full Caribbean season from start to finish, then crossing back to Palma for the Mediterranean.

SIGNATURE SERVICE

- **Chef-themed buffets.** Live carving and sushi stations, BBQ nights, and themed spreads for deck parties and sunset dinners.
- **Island-themed dinners.** Bahamian and Exuma menus built on local seafood and produce, served as full tasting evenings.
- **Dietary range.** Plant-based, vegan, paleo and keto, allergens and intolerances, pre- and post-workout menus.
- **Formal service.** Wine and menu pairing and silver service.
- **Guest entertainment.** Sav, head of magic and a 20-year colleague, on 24/7 standby for private events.

EDUCATION AND STUDY

- **Oxford.** Psychology and Human Behaviour, Food and Anthropology (2022 to 2026, ongoing).
- **Yale University.** Guest student, 45 days. Psychology studies, focused on secret societies.
- **London City University.** Food Science and Nutrition.
- **Diploma in Hotel and Tourism,** South Africa.

A chef who keeps asking the next question, from the galley to the lecture hall.

"Mark's passion and joy of the culinary arts and life in general was amazing to behold... someone not easily forgotten."

CAPT. CARTER COREY, M/Y ATTESSA III

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UK-based. Available for a full Caribbean season, then Palma.

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DETAILS

Nationality

British, born in South Africa

Medical

ENG1 (to 2027)

Licence

UK driving licence

Lifestyle

Non-drinker, non-smoker

Languages

English. Basic Scandinavian.

CUISINE

- British and French
- Mediterranean, Greek, Moroccan, Italian
- Asian, Japanese, Thai
- Russian, Middle Eastern, South American
- African, BBQ, beach and kraal game BBQ
- Plant-based, vegan, raw
- Paleo, keto, low-glycaemic
- Smoking, curing, biltong, dried sausage
- Sports nutrition: pre- and post-training meals

CERTIFICATES

- STCW 95/10 (MCA and USCG compliant)
- MPT Ship's Medical Officer
- S.S.O. Ship Security Officer
- EMT, Emergency Medical Technician
- HACCP Level 3
- Food Safety Level 2
- Crisis and Mental-Health Awareness
- Gulf Air In-flight Chef Certification (2003)

SKYDIVING

C-Licence and AFF Instructor
USPA Coach rating
Skydive University, DeLand
USPA #215131
BASE jumping

ACHIEVEMENTS

- “Quintessentially Chef” award, Sir Ben Elliot, 2001
- Staff Excellence award, Sir Richard Branson, Roof Gardens
- Unofficial world record: charity bicycle abseil down the 95m Howick Falls

OVER YONDER CAY



Private island, Exuma chain, Bahamas

YACHTS

Bahamas and Exumas, seasonal, 2010 to 2022. Many full seasons on yachts and private estates. Between charters, private chef: special events run from private estates and events.

YACHT	WHEN AND WHERE	ROLE
SEASONS AND CHARTER		
M/Y Attesa III	2013	Private chef
M/Y Dardanella, 40m	Summers 2014, 2016, 2017	Private chef
M/Y Oasis	Bahamas, 2015	Private chef
M/Y Eviva, 50m	Winter season, Alaska	Private chef
M/Y Sin or Swim, 50m	1 year, Aruba to Costa Rica	Chef, dive voyage
M/Y Montreval, 37m	2010	Chef
M/Y Suri	Fiji	Head Chef
RELIEF AND EMERGENCY CHEF, 50M+ (2019 TO 2025)		
M/Y North Star, 63m	Croatia	Relief chef
M/Y Event, 62m	Hong Kong	Relief chef
M/Y Archimedes, 68m	Singapore & Vietnam	Relief chef
M/Y Um Alhoul, 71m	Seychelles	Relief chef
M/Y Princess Sarah, 49m	Exumas	Relief chef

ISLANDS AND ESTATES

PLACE	WHEN	ROLE
Over Yonder Cay, Exumas	Bahamas	Head Chef
North Island, Seychelles	2 seasons: 2008, 2016	Exec. Head Chef
Singita Lebombo & Tswalu	Southern Kalahari	Start-up Head Chef
Private estates, UK	2021 to 2024	Estate chef
Belt Creek, Montana	Winters 2019 to 2021	Chef
Babylon, Roof Gardens	2001 to 2003	Senior Sous Chef

COMBAT AND SAFETY

- Operational Medic (Ops Medic), S.A.M.S. (1990 to 1993)
- Section leader, crisis communication training
- S.S.O. and S.M.O., held on yacht placements

REFERENCES

- Capt. Andrew Cerff, Grand Illusion
 - Capt. Carter Corey, Attesa III
 - 2nd Lt. Mark A. Steliga, US Navy

All on request.
- Chef Shaun Byers, Paper Moon
 - Capt. William F. Bayley, Dardanella
 - Roy Klabin, New York Minute Films