



Princess's Ponderings

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I guess as this is the first page of the Princess's Ponderings I really should introduce myself and the rest of the motley crew on board the Yacht Amarula. As etiquette depicts we start at the top and work our way down to me!

He Who Must be Obeyed (at all times even when we ignore him!)



Captain my Captain - Eric 'Prawn' Toyer.

What can I say about Prawn? I have to call him that (cos that is his name!) It's his hash name and everyone for miles on this planet, and on his own planet, knows him as Prawn. Prawn is 135 years of age, or it seems like it. He celebrated his 61st Birthday on our first day's sail on the 1st of May this year.



First Mate and my Mate - Lynne Dorning Sands.

Lynne is married to Prawn and she is also one of my best friends (lucky thing when you're on a Yacht!). There is a lot I can say about Lynne but more will come through time and more pages of my ponderings. An amazing chic who is our Chief Cook, our Therapist, our Yoga Instructor, our Kayak Team Leader and our Japanese Teacher !!



Deck Hand and Husband of the Princess - Hannes Potgieter

Ok ok here I am gonna be a little bit biased. Hannes is FANTASTIC (he paid me to say that!). Hannes is a Dive Instructor. He owns the Dive Centre at the Whitesands Hotel, Jangwani in Dar es Salaam. (Here is the plug +255 754 783241 info@seabreezemarine.com)



Deck Dog, Master Skipper, Security
Manager, Search & Rescue
Co-ordinator - **Chui**



Chui celebrated being 5 months old yesterday! As you see Chui is in charge of the dinghy and also the kayaks. He is responsible for all security on board and the rescue of any wayward swimmers! An integral part of the Crew - basically he runs the show round here and even Prawn does as he is told when Chui is in charge!

Ok so you get the organizational structure now of who is who on the Yacht Amarula which is why I am last.....



Princess on Board. Galley Slave. Loo Cleaner and Laundry Maid
- Rhona Potgieter.

Yep here I am at the bottom of the list cos that's where they say I should be. I look at it that I am the most important and I am a PRINCESS so I should be last. I am a PADI Dive master and basically the galley slave and on board entertainer. A thespian of note! I am, according to the rest of the crew, the wild card on board. Why do they say that? Well let's just say that all of the above have done lots more sailing than I have, yep even the dog has more sails under his paws than I have under my Princesses nose. Oh well you gotta start somewhere. I know it's a tough place to learn but my sailing training is now on this 60ft luxury catamaran in the Indian Ocean. Hey - even a Princess has to rough it sometimes!!!!

So for the first Princess's Ponderings I bid you all welcome on board the Yacht Amarula and enjoy the updates as we sail the seas together.

Princess Out

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