

MATTHEW BEUSTER

Bar Waiter | Cruise Bar & Beverage Professional

3+ years at sea • 4 MSC Cruises contracts • STCW certified • Valid Seaman's Book

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NATIONALITY	DATE OF BIRTH	BASED	AVAILABILITY
South African	**6 May 2004**	**Ballito, South Africa**	**Immediate**

PROFILE

Experienced cruise ship Bar Waiter with four international contracts across four MSC Cruises vessels between 2023 and 2026: Grandiosa, Lirica, Euribia and Preziosa. Also brings land-based bartending, mixology and bar ordering experience from hotel and venue bars in KwaZulu-Natal. Skilled in high-volume bar and beverage service, beverage package sales, cocktails, wine and spirits, and onboard POS systems, serving a multinational guest base to international brand standards.

Comfortable with long contracts, shipboard safety and security procedures and life in a multicultural crew. Friendly, sales-driven and quick to fit into new venues, vessels and teams. Applying to Princess Cruises for Bar Waiter, Bar Steward or Bartender roles, with a strong interest in progressing to supervisory positions in the beverage department.

CRUISE SHIP EXPERIENCE

Bar Waiter — MSC Cruises

Apr 2023 – Aug 2026

Bar & Beverage Department | 4 contracts on 4 vessels

MSC Grandiosa	Apr 2023 – Jan 2024	MSC Euribia	Jul 2025 – Mar 2026
MSC Lirica	Aug 2024 – Apr 2025	MSC Preziosa	Jul 2026 – Aug 2026

- Provided fast, accurate beverage and table service in busy lounges, pool bars and venues on large and mid-size ships.
- Sold beverage packages, cocktails and premium products by building rapport with guests and making suitable recommendations.
- Handled guest charges and onboard accounts accurately on shipboard POS systems during peak service.
- Worked closely with bartenders, senior bar staff and bar management in multinational teams.
- Adapted quickly to new vessels, venues and management teams on each contract.
- Followed strict public-health, hygiene, sanitation and responsible alcohol service standards.
- Took part in emergency drills and safety duties as a member of the ship's crew.

LAND-BASED HOSPITALITY

Bartender — Capital Hotels, Zimbali

Feb 2024 – Aug 2024

- Bartending and mixology in a resort hotel setting, plus back-of-house admin, stock control and ordering.

Bartender — Alchemy, Ballito

Feb 2022 – Mar 2023

- Bartending and cocktail preparation in a busy venue, plus back-of-house admin, stock and supplier ordering.

STCW & MARITIME CERTIFICATION

CERTIFICATE	STCW REF.	CERT. NO.	ISSUED	VALID UNTIL
Personal Survival Techniques	A-VI/1-1	PST4032	Jul 2022	13 Jul 2027
Fire Prevention & Fire Fighting	A-VI/1-2	F4441	Jul 2022	7 Jul 2027
Elementary First Aid	A-VI/1-3	EFA5406	Jul 2022	No expiry
Personal Safety & Social Responsibilities	A-VI/1-4	PSSR4057	Jul 2022	No expiry
Security Awareness Training	A-VI/6-1	CSA3221	Jul 2022	14 Jul 2027
Crowd Management & Passenger Safety	A-V/2	23-06-CMPS-55770	Jun 2023	23 Jun 2028
RYA Powerboat Level 2	—	P21324750	Feb 2023	No expiry

All STCW courses are approved by SAMSA (South African Maritime Safety Authority). Copies are attached. Click a certificate number to view it online, or **view all certificates (combined PDF)**.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

DOCUMENT	ISSUED BY	VALID UNTIL
Passport	Republic of South Africa	January 2033
Seaman's Book (Steward)	Panama Maritime Authority	August 2028

BAR & SERVICE SKILLS

- High-volume bar service
- Beverage package sales
- Cocktails & mixology
- Wine & spirits knowledge
- Barista / coffee
- Shipboard POS systems
- Cash handling & cash-ups
- Stock control & ordering
- Upselling
- Guest relations
- Hygiene & sanitation
- Responsible alcohol service
- Multinational teamwork

LANGUAGES

English	Fluent
Afrikaans	Fluent
Spanish	Basic

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Surfing, running and calisthenics, plus singing and playing instruments. I enjoy taking part in crew activities and events.

REFERENCES

> *"Within the first month Matthew had shown exemplary workmanship and bartending skills to head up the bar, as well as handle the cash-ups … loved by customers and staff alike, and is a hard worker."*
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> **Don Stewart — Owner, Robson's Brewery**

> *"He was fast to learn the workings of the shop, and was apt with cashing up. Matt has a great sales drive, as well as an exceptional client service ethos."*
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> **Nick Saunders — Owner, The Gentry**

MSC Cruises letter of recommendation/evaluation attached. Full reference contact details are available on request.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ATTACHED

STCW and maritime certificates • Seaman's Book • Passport • MSC Cruises letter of recommendation/evaluation