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“During my maritime education from 1991 to 1997, I was worked as one of the deck crew on sailing training ship Khersones. I’ve been captain of *Sea Cloud* since 2001, having joined as a third officer, working my way up.

Sea Cloud is a family ship and I like the feel of the family atmosphere onboard, with just 64 guests. It’s the same with our passengers. Onboard they feel like they’re at home and they’re proud to be part of the *Sea Cloud* family. We operate differently from other ocean ships in that it’s a sailing ship, using the old traditional sailing ship method, where the crew goes aloft to set up the sails. There aren’t many sailing passenger ships remaining in the world, especially one like *Sea Cloud*, which was built in 1931.

As the captain of the ship, I’m on call 24/7, but that doesn’t mean that I’m always on duty. I have time to relax and that’s when I like to read. I’ve just finished the book *The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder* by David Grann. My favourite author is Erich Maria Remarque and I’ve read all of his work as I like history books. I also like to learn languages – I’m trying to learn Spanish currently as I love Spanish culture, food, songs and people.”

Left to right: Captain Sergey Komakin loves nothing better than unwinding while reading a history book; sailing ship *Sea Cloud* on the water