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# SEA SPRAY CRUISES

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# Saint Lucia's First Female Catamaran Captain!



Introducing Merlika 'Elva' Modeste: Breaking Barriers as Saint Lucia's First Female Catamaran Captain.

In this exclusive newsletter, we delve into Captain Modeste's remarkable voyage, exploring the challenges she faced, the triumphs she celebrated, and the moments that shaped her into the maritime pioneer she is today. Discover her insights, her motivations, and her unwavering spirit as she shares her experiences about her journey to becoming Saint Lucia's first female catamaran captain.

# Merlika ‘Elva’ Modeste

“After spending a significant amount of time at sea, I developed a deep affection for the ocean, the vessels, and the diverse cultures it connected me with. Watching the captains command their ships ignited a strong desire in me to be just like them. Determined to turn my aspirations into reality, I pursued the necessary steps.

The captains at Sea Spray Cruises took me under their wing, mentoring me on how to operate different boats in various locations and challenging conditions, emphasizing the ever-changing nature of seafaring.

Captain Lloyd believed I was ready and encouraged me to take the exam. Today, I am proud to hold the distinction of being the first female catamaran captain in the industry in Saint Lucia.

Corey Devaux, the General Manager, presented me with the opportunity to advance to the role of captain. Recognizing my genuine desire to assume this position, I eagerly accepted and was promoted from crew member to captain.”



“My aim is to ensure that guests onboard have an extraordinary experience, so they share their positive experiences with loved ones and friends when they return home.

I anticipate challenges in my new role, as being at sea presents a stark contrast to an office environment. Potential challenges include engine failures, man overboard situations, tide changes, or heavy rains. Despite these uncertainties, I remain composed, communicate with my crew, and apply the training I've received.

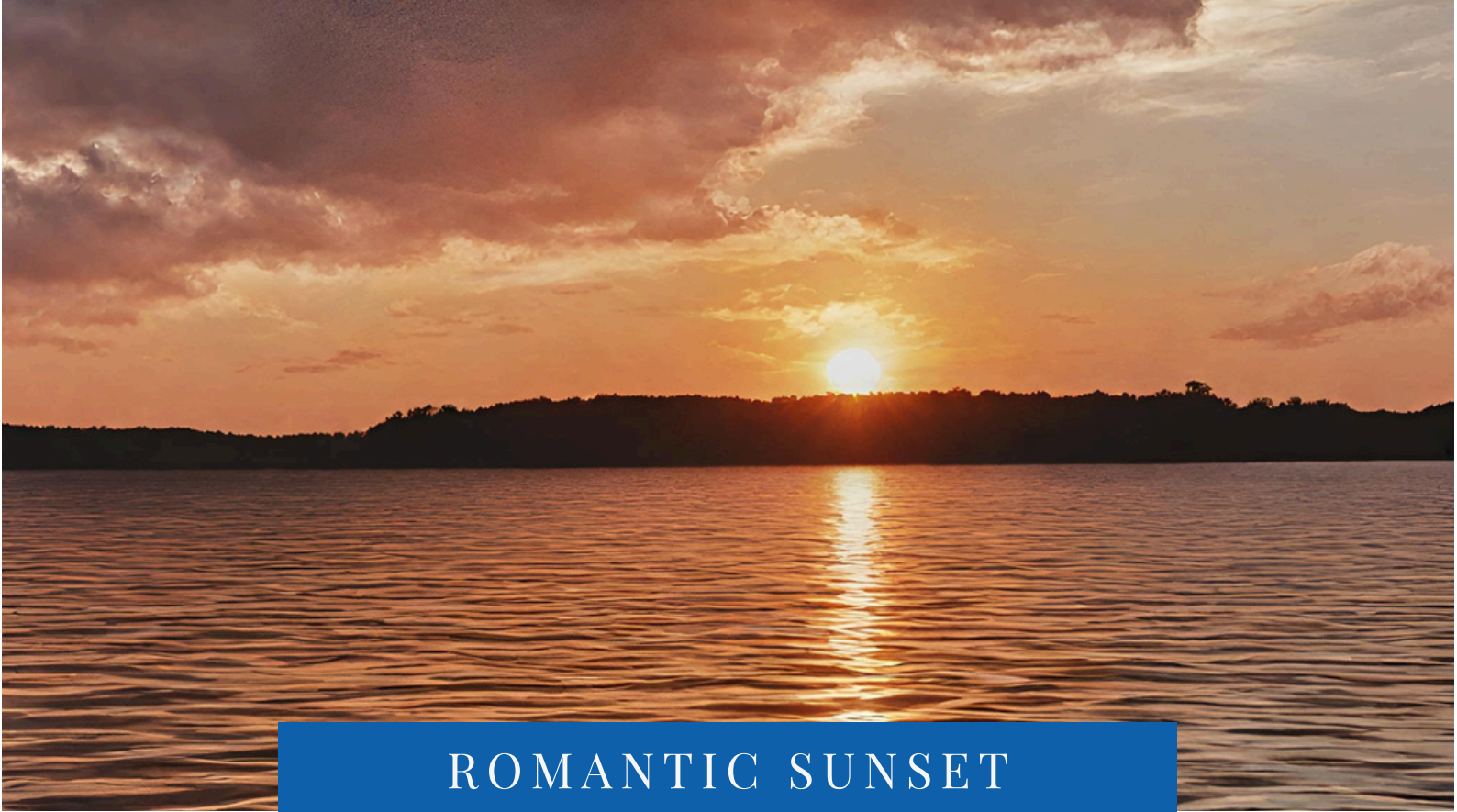
I also foster a positive and cohesive team environment among the crew by ensuring that before each journey, we approach it with a positive mindset. We all understand our roles and responsibilities, and we operate as a family unit while at sea, efficiently carrying out our tasks day in and day out.

Together, we strive to make every voyage safe, enjoyable, and memorable for everyone on board and I am truly grateful for the opportunity Sea Spray Cruises has given me.”









## ROMANTIC SUNSET CRUISE

### **Experience the Green Flash on a Saint Lucia Sunset Cruise!**

Indulge in the captivating allure of the elusive green flash during a spectacular sunset cruise in Saint Lucia. Whether you're sharing the moment with that special someone or admiring it yourself, our two-hour cruise aboard a spacious catamaran promises an unforgettable experience.

Relish the delights of complimentary hors-d'oeuvres and an array of refreshing beverages. Let the rhythmic beats of local music, timeless international hits and live steelpan create an enchanting ambiance as the sun gracefully descends, painting the sky with hues of gold and crimson.

Embrace the romance of the setting sun or let loose and dance like there's no tomorrow – the choice is yours! This enchanting journey will linger in your heart long after the cruise ends.

#### **TOUR REQUIREMENTS & INFORMATION**

TOUR DURATION: 5PM – 7PM

SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES

DAYS OF OPERATION: FRIDAY

RECOMMENDED ATTIRE: SEMI FORMAL

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# Awards

We are honored to announce that Captain Merlika “Elva” Modeste has been named the **Marine Based Transportation Employee of the Year** at the Gimies !

Merlika’s dedication and expertise have not only earned her this esteemed recognition but also set a remarkable standard in maritime excellence. From navigating challenging waters to ensuring the safety and efficiency of every voyage, her passion for her work shines through in every endeavor.

With an impressive 20 years as an integral part of our team, Merlika’s loyalty, hard work, and unwavering dedication have been invaluable.

Join us in celebrating this well-deserved recognition for Captain Merlika Modeste!



**Marine Based Transportation Employee of the Year  
GIMIES 2024**



Merlika Modeste with  
Honourable Philip J. Pierre, Prime Minister of Saint Lucia



Merlika Modeste with  
Corey Devaux, Sea Spray Cruises General Manager

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