

Cruise Weekly today

CRUISE Weekly today features four pages of all the latest cruise industry news.

Oceanwide's ship

OCEANWIDE Expeditions has ordered a new ship to be constructed called *M/v Janssonius*, which is scheduled to be completed in Oct 2021.

The Polar Class 6 vessel will be a sister ship to the cruise line's existing 174-pax *Hondius* and will embody a near identical size and design.

Features on board the new vessel will include a protected indoor Zodiac loading area that can also be used for sea-based activities such as kayaking, with accommodation options boasting eight superior cabins, 19 twin deluxe cabins, 14 twin window cabins, and 31 twin porthole cabins.

New exhaust tech adopted by industry

AN UPDATED *Cruise Industry Sustainability Guide* jointly released by three of Australia and New Zealand's leading cruise organisations shows a large number of ships have adopted new Exhaust Gas Cleaning Systems (EGCS) technology.

The report, tabled by Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) Australasia, the Australian Cruise Association (ACA), and the New Zealand Cruise Association, cites the new EGCS technology as a major pillar of the industry's strategy to help lower carbon emissions by 40% before 2030 (**CW** 02 Jan).

So far 111 cruise ships have been fitted with EGCS, while a further 42 vessels are due to be retrofitted, and another 27 new-build ships will adopt the more emissions-friendly tech.

The updated sustainability guide states that EGCS has been



PICTURED: Hurtigruten's *MS Roald Amundsen*.

shown to reduce the level of sulphur oxides in a ship's exhaust by as much as 98%, offering an alternative to low-sulphur fuels to achieve emission reduction goals.

"EGCS are a key component of the cruise industry's emission reduction strategy, and not withstanding the complexity and cost associated with these systems, cruise lines have pioneered the use of this technology in the marine environment," the report said.

Another aspect of the cruise sector's overall carbon reduction plan will include a strong push for new-build ships to operate on LNG, with the updated report showing more than one third of new-build cruise ships in the pipeline will operate using the greener option as their primary propulsion fuel.

CLIA has previously flagged plans to report annually on the industry's progress toward the emissions commitment.

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Endeavor's new skipper



CRYSTAL Expedition Cruises has appointed Captain Thomas Larsen to skipper its luxury expedition yacht *Crystal Endeavor* when she embarks on her maiden voyage from Tokyo in Aug of 2020.

Larsen brings to the bridge decades of experience, having captained many voyages in his native Sweden including stints with the Swedish Royal Navy, and taking the helm of numerous cruise ships.

"Captain Larsen is the ideal leader for *Crystal Endeavor's* journeys to some of the world's most remote and fascinating places," said Crystal's President and CEO Tom Wolber.

"He has led Crystal ships for several years with incredibly skillful precision and judgement, with a passion for exploration as well as a warm character that he shares with our guests and crew," he added.

Speaking of his own appointment, Larsen enthused about *Endeavor's* ability to traverse remote destinations.

"*Crystal Endeavor* will be extremely capable and equipped for exploring places larger ships cannot go while giving our guests a beautiful home upon the seas, I look forward to the incredible experiences to come," he said.

Pictured: Thomas Larsen.

Heritage discovers the Laotian Mekong

BOUTIQUE luxury cruise company Heritage Line has announced plans to add a new ship to its fleet next year to explore the Laotian Mekong.

Paying tribute to the last Laotian king, the 10-cabin *Anouvong* will begin sailing from 29 Sep 2020, including a short cruise trip connecting the Thai/Lao border with the town of

Luang Prabang in central Laos, and a longer trip connecting the city of Vientiane with the Thai-Lao border.

Amenities on the new vessel will boast two passenger decks, eight staterooms, two Signature Suites, cafe and bar lounge area, and a Bodhi Spa offering various wellness treatments for couples and singles.

See why NCL's new *Joy* is perfect for Aussies heading to Alaska in June issue of *travelBulletin*.

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A&K Baltic cruise

ABERCROMBIE & Kent (A&K) has announced the launch of a new 2020 cruise of the Baltic Sea sailing from Copenhagen to St Petersburg.

The sailing will explore Denmark, Poland, Lithuania, Sweden, Estonia, Finland and Russia during the voyage, also hosting a program of expert lectures and shore excursions.

Land tours include visits to a former Soviet nuclear missile base in Lithuania, trips to various WW2 sites, and an after-hours visit to the Hermitage Museum in St Petersburg.

Taking place 16-28 Jul, 2020 on board the 148-passenger *Le Dumont d'Urville*, prices lead in at \$15,995 (AU\$23,030) per person, twin share.

Vista takes a break

CARNIVAL Cruise Line has announced the cancellation of three of *Carnival Vista's* upcoming sailings due to propulsion problems relating to its azipod thrusters.

As a result, *Vista's* 06 Jul, 13 Jul and 20 Jul departures have all been cancelled while the vessel is taken to a dry dock for an extended period to fix the issue.

"The *Carnival Vista* has been experiencing an issue affecting its maximum cruising speed... unfortunately we will be unable to operate these voyages, as it is necessary to remove the ship from service to complete the required repairs," the cruise line said in a statement.

Carnival has issued a full refund to affected passengers as well as up to US\$200 to cover required flight changes.

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ONLY one Viking Cruises golden ticket remains after two more travel agencies recently found their glittering prize located in their respective bundles of 2020/21 Ocean Cruises brochures.

Adelina Arancibia from St Ives Travel in NSW is **pictured** accepting her prize alongside

Viking's State Commercial Manager Ramon Drew, while Helloworld Travel in Redbank, Qld picked up the other ticket.

Viking hid three golden tickets randomly in its latest brochure distribution, with a 15-day Far East Discovery cruise on offer for agencies who find the elusive prize.

Lindblad Antarctica 2020/21



LINDBLAD Expeditions-National Geographic has launched its 2020-21 Antarctica brochure.

National Geographic Endurance will make her Antarctic debut in the latest program, with the 126-guest vessel being the first new polar build in the cruise line's history.

Travellers may choose from four different itineraries: the 12-day Journey to Antarctica: The White Continent, the 17-day South Georgia and the Falklands trip, the 22-day Antarctica, South Georgia and the Falklands and the new 34-day Epic Antarctica, departing only on 27 Dec 2020 and 26 Jan 2021.

Select voyages will enjoy unique

experiences such as engaging in "Citizen Science", which creates opportunities for passengers to meaningfully contribute to the understanding of the environments visited, and hear from special guest speakers from world affairs and journalism.

To celebrate the launch of the new brochure, Lindblad is offering guests savings of up to \$1,000pp on its Journey to Antarctica voyage departing on 28 Nov and 08-10 Dec 2019.

Guest can also receive complimentary charter airfare on the 17-day South Georgia and the Falklands departure 24 Oct 2019 and 07 Mar 2020.

Pictured A Lindblad excursion.

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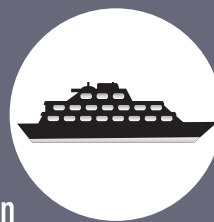
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Panama Canal fees

THE administration body that manages vessel access through the Panama Canal has published a proposal to modify its current tolls structure, which would likely result in increased fees for cruise ships.

The business case put forward by the body is proposing to move from a per berth to a per passenger basis, "making it easier for cruise lines to transfer transit costs to their customers".

"Our proposed modifications will increase transparency and flexibility...to ensure the Panama Canal remains competitive," said Panama Canal Administrator Jorge L Quijano.

The date for implementation is planned for 01 Jan, 2020.

FACE-2-FACE: John Wood-Dow

Director - European Waterways



1. What is the favourite part of your job?

Experiencing our cruises firsthand and spending time with our charming guests and diligent crew members.

2. What is the key to success in the cruise industry?

Constant development - the industry is expanding so quickly that innovation is becoming increasingly important. With so many cruising options out there, we are always looking to make our cruises as authentic and unique as possible.

3. What is the biggest challenge facing the industry?

Our "hotel barging" industry is such a small part of the cruise sector that our biggest challenge is increasing awareness of our luxury boutique product that is so different to ocean liners and river cruisers.

4. Advice for up-and-comers?

Take the time to experience the product. There are significant differences between ocean cruising, river cruising and hotel barge cruising, and it's important to know them.

5. What was your best fam?

There have been so many, but I'd have to say the Scottish Highlands. The scenery is breathtaking and there was so much to explore. That said, the food and wine in Burgundy takes some beating.

6. How do you wind down after a busy week?

Spending time with the family, and if the weather permits, taking my own boat out for a spin on the River Thames with a bottle of wine in the cooler.

7. The celebrity you would most like to cruise with?

Bill Nighy looked an awful lot of fun in *The Boat that Rocked*.

Seabourn's catch

SEABOURN has launched its new Cook Your Catch culinary experience, offering passengers the chance to fish the waters of Alaska and have the cruise line's cooking team prepare the catch.

The fresh meal option is available on Seabourn's Ultimate Alaska voyage exploring the wilderness of Alaska & British Columbia aboard *Seabourn Sojourn*.

Angling destinations on offer during the sailing include halibut fishing at Icy Strait Point and salmon fishing at Sitka and Ketchikan.

Cruise Calendar

This week's port calls of cruise ships at various destinations around Australia and New Zealand.

SYDNEY
Pacific Explorer 24 Jun
Carnival Spirit 27 Jun

BRISBANE
Pacific Dawn 29 Jun

DARWIN
Silver Discoverer 24 Jun
Coral Discoverer 27 Jun

AUCKLAND
Pacific Aria 24 Jun

York to revel on Ravel's Danube sailing

AMERICAN singer and actress Rachel York has been signed on to entertain passengers on board *Crystal Ravel's* 01 Sep sailing along the Danube River.

Crystal River Cruises' seven-day voyage will see York perform on the cruise, as well as engage with guests during an exclusive Q&A session where she will share stories from her career to date.

Prices for *Crystal Ravel's* Danube & Dreams Discoveries voyage start from US\$5,950pp (AU\$8,563) when booked by 31 Aug.



CRUISE ships aren't exactly the type of item you pick up on eBay, the postage and handling for a start would be a nightmare.

Having said that, four World War One battleships sunk in Scapa Flow in Orkney in 1919 were recently up for auction on the popular commerce platform.

What's the going rate for a set of old war ships you ask?

Well, a cool £800,000 will score you the salvage rights to dredge the old military vessels up.

One hopes the buyer owns a fairly large swimming pool!

