

### Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news.

### Wind is kicking up

**WINDSTAR** Cruises has announced a new 2021 small ship cruise schedule, with more sailings from US and Caribbean ports.

The new program includes new launch dates for three of the cruise line's Star Class yachts, which are emerging in 2020 and 2021 from a major stretch and transformation.

Windstar Chief Executive Officer Andrew Todd added the cruise line's bookings are ahead of where they were at the same time last year.

The line has also recently cancelled the highly anticipated local deployment of *Star Breeze* (**CW** 20 May).

## MSC extends canx, reveals 2021 season

**MSC** Cruises has extended its halt of operations through to the end of Jul.

Guests affected by the cancelled cruises will receive a future credit for 125% of the value of their cancelled itinerary for any future voyage of their choice through to the end of 2021, under MSC's flexible cruise program.

The updated policy, which does not include refunds, also allows guests to reschedule up to 48 hours prior to the original cruise departure and, for Fly&Cruise packages, up to 96 hours prior to the flight's departure.

All guests who are currently booked on cruises in Aug and Oct are also covered by the program.

MSC will resume operations for the northern winter 2020/21 season in phases, and by region only, following guidance from relevant national and int'l regulatory authorities.



The cruise line has also confirmed its summer 2021 program, which will see its full fleet of 19 ships in operation.

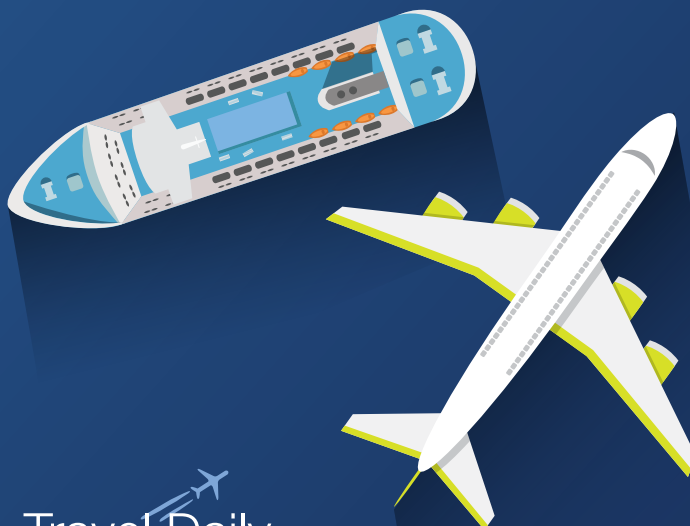
The newly confirmed season will include two new vessels currently still under construction, *MSC Seashore* and *MSC Virtuosa* (pictured).

The line is also developing a new operating protocol, focused particularly on health and safety, covering the entire guest cruise experience.

Cruise lengths range from mini-cruises of 3 or 4 nights, standard 7-night cruises to longer cruises of 9, 11 and 14 nights.

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### MISSING being out on the water?

Invictus Dragon Boat Club in Canberra is encouraging people to try dragon-boating this Sun, on the city's fantastic Lake Burley Griffin.

Of course, the Club is doing what it can to observe social distancing, restricting boats to five paddlers, as opposed to the usual 20, and wiping down equipment before and after use.

Single men out there may benefit in more ways than one, with Club President Heather Walsh adding their club is female-dominated, and could do with some of the opposite sex!

## The Saga has extended



**BRITISH** operator Saga Cruises has confirmed the launch of its new ship, *Spirit of Adventure* (pictured) will be delayed.

Workplace and travel restrictions at the Meyer Werft shipyard in Germany has meant the ship will not be complete in time for its planned 19 Aug launch in Portsmouth.

The 999-passenger ship is a sister to *Spirit of Discovery*, which was christened last year.

Saga confirmed it was working closely with the shipyard to confirm a new launch date, and customers had been contacted.

### Sacrebleu, Quebec!

**THE** extension of Canada's cruise ship ban (*CW* yesterday) could mean up to a C\$1 billion loss for Quebec's tourism industry.

Local industry group Cruise the Saint Lawrence's Executive Director Rene Trepanier said the cruise industry directly employs 5,000 people in Quebec.

"It touches a fabric of tourism entrepreneurs that is really spread throughout the province," he said.

### Europe brox launch

**A NEW** 2021 Europe brochure for Australians has been launched by Riviera Travel River Cruises, detailing a range of luxury river cruises - **CLICK HERE**.

### Joining forces

**THREE** Cairns Barrier Reef cruise operators will join forces upon their 10 Jul relaunch, operating on alternate days to better support local jobs and businesses.

Down Under Cruise & Dive, Ocean Freedom and Passions of Paradise have agreed to cooperate on the days they run snorkelling and diving tours to the outer Reef.

### VIVA la cruising!

**EUROPEAN** river line VIVA Cruises has launched new four-night cruises in Germany for the northern summer.

Jul and Aug will see two of VIVA's ships, *Treasures* and *Inspire*, embark on a range of short itineraries on the Main and Rhine Rivers.

All new cruises will feature all the latest safety and health measures on-board.



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