



Lindblad hoping for quick rebound

LINDBLAD Expeditions believes it is in the box seat to resume operations securely and successfully once travel restrictions are lifted.

President and Chief Executive Officer Sven-Olof Lindblad gave the upbeat assessment as part of a financial update, which showed tour revenues declining 9% to US\$81.2 million for the three months to 31 Mar.

“The smaller size of our ships, our advanced cleaning systems and robust operating protocols, along with the remote geographies we visit, and the profile of our guests ideally situates us to be able to resume operations safely and effectively,” Lindblad said.

Highlights of the quarter included the delivery of *National Geographic Endurance* (CW 21 Apr), with Lindblad lamenting that the COVID-19 pandemic had



interrupted a strong start to the year for the cruise line.

“Given the uncertainty that the virus has created around the timing and impact on future operations, we are taking all necessary steps to enhance our liquidity, while preparing further

protocols, including testing, to put in place for when we can safely resume operations.”

The company has US\$137 million of cash reserves on hand, with cash burn expected to be approximately US\$10-15 million per month.

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Rejoin the Carnival

CARNIVAL Cruise Line’s pause in operations in Australia and New Zealand will be extended to 31 Aug, but the company has announced plans to phase in its first US cruises from 01 Aug.

Carnival Dream, Freedom and *Vista* will sail from Galveston from 01 Aug, while *Horizon, Magic* and *Sensation* will sail from Miami and *Breeze* and *Elation* will venture from Port Canaveral, with all other US itineraries remaining cancelled.

Carnival today also advised agents of local *Spirit* and *Splendor* departures impacted by the extended suspension.

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PERHAPS US President Donald Trump reads *Cruise Weekly*?

Following *CW* yesterday's porthole article about residents of the Tampa Bay area conducting a flotilla in honour of the bayside Tampa General Hospital, Trump supporters in the Palm Beach area on the opposite side of the peninsula launched their own boat parade. Hundreds took the waters at Jupiter Inlet to show their support for the President, sailing past one of the Trump resorts, Mar-a-Lago.

Naturally, the parade caught Trump's attention and he expressed his gratitude via his comms method of choice, tweeting out his thanks [HERE](#).

Silversea appoints

SILVERSEA Cruises has appointed Adam Radwanski as its new Managing Director for Asia Pacific (*CW* breaking news yesterday), taking over from Adam Armstrong (*CW* 07 Feb).

Effective 01 Jun, Radwanski will become Silversea's local head, bringing with him 11 years of experience with Qatar Airways, most recently as its Senior Manager Australasia.

"Adam's wealth of leadership experience will contribute to our cruise line's continued growth in the Asia Pacific region," said Silversea President & Chief Executive Officer Roberto Martinoli.

New lineup of celebs!



THE lineup of Celebrity Cruises' Australia/New Zealand new marketing & sales team (**pictured**) has almost been confirmed, with just a few more appointments to be made in the coming months.

The team is made up from external hires, including company returnees, and internal promotions and reshufflings, such as Susan Bonner, who is returning to Australia from HQ in Miami (*CW* 20 Jan).

The announcement comes with the line having also recently launched an agent-dedicated Facebook group, found [HERE](#).

Pictured standing and ready to spread the good word of Celebrity are Strategic Sales Manager Fiona Heron; Director of Sales Cam Mannix; Managing Director & Vice President of ANZ & Asia Susan Bonner; Strategic Sales Manager Jessica Jones; and Head of Marketing Emma Mumford; seated are Executive Assistant Lauren Lloyd; Strategic Sales Manager Hannah Taylor; Strategic Sales Manager Nicole Stojic; and Commercial Manager

Anamaria Torres Mosquera. Not pictured are PR/Social Manager Tenneal Baker and Strategic Sales & Support Manager Daragh Robbins.

Burnie's demands

JUST a week after a Councillor called for the cancellation of the town's next cruise season (*CW* 22 Apr), Burnie City Council is now demanding investment in its port infrastructure before cruises resume.

The Council is ramping up the pressure on TasPorts and the state government to build it a raised walkway linking the dock to the town centre, and is also after "iron-clad guarantees" ships will not be allowed to return "without adequate safety procedures in place".

The walkway would save passengers from being shuttle-bussed from the port into the city.

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