

Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features three pages of all the latest cruise industry news, including a **photo page** from **Travel Daily's** Still Standing event, and a full page from **Cruise Lines International Association**.

Still Standing a success



CRUISE Weekly's sister publication **Travel Daily** held its Still Standing celebration last night, an occasion for the travel & cruise industry to clink glasses with each other for having survived through to the other side of the pandemic.

Held at Doltone House - Darling Island, the night was punctuated by speeches from **Travel Daily's** Bruce and Jenny Piper, both of whom thanked the industry for its continued support through the most difficult time travel has ever faced.

Supported by a myriad of sponsors, such as cruise representatives Norwegian Cruise Line and Viking, the night was a roaring success, with attendees mingling with friends from before the pandemic, as well as those

new to the industry.

Before the night was through, all attendees had taken the plunge at Viking's photo booth, and had sampled the range of delicious hors d'oeuvres and paella.

Both Norwegian and Viking also handed out prizes, which saw two lucky travel advisors, as well as a winner on the supplier side, walk away with tickets on a cruise, and more.

Pictured top: Cruise1st's Gareth Evison, Norwegian Cruise Line's Damian Borg, Carnival Cruise Line's Lance Dye, and Hawaiian Airlines Andrew Best.

Pictured bottom: itravel's Megan Catterall and Donna Sheather, and MTA Travel's Karen Robinson.

More from Still Standing on **page 2** and in today's **TD**.



P&O pause ext

P&O Cruises Australia has now paused its operations until 03 Mar amid uncertainty over cruising's restart.

The voluntary pause will apply to cruises scheduled to depart from 15 Feb from Sydney and Brisbane.

Earlier this month, P&O Australia cancelled next year's scheduled seasons for Adelaide, Fremantle and Cairns, (**CW** 11 Nov) with the cruise line's outgoing President Sture Myrmell saying the decision was being announced to give guests as much clarity as possible in the current environment.

Guests whose bookings have been affected will be notified of the pause and their options.

Sail Croatia debuts '22 cruises

SAIL Croatia's cruises for next year are now available.

A total of 450 small ship sailings are available, covering 16 itineraries operating from Apr-Oct, departing via Split or Dubrovnik.

Destinations include Hvar, Korcula and Zadar, as well as lesser-known islands such as Vis, Lastovo and Mljet.

Five types of cruise, all for seven days, are on offer: Elegance cruises, Explorer cruises, Navigator cruises, Cycle cruises and Hike cruises.

All cruises include a buffet breakfast and three-course lunch daily, a tour manager and wi-fi.

Each different type of cruise features a range of different inclusions.

"Croatia is the perfect holiday sun destination, and we have a wealth of sailings on offer to suit every taste and budget," said Director Grant Seuren.

"Whether you're looking to explore the amazing local culture and surroundings, party the night away, get active or simply relax and watch the incredible scenery go by, there really is something for everyone."

Sail Croatia also offers three different yacht experiences for travellers of all ages, comprising party yacht tours for 18-39 year olds, private skippered sailings or charter sailings.

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We're Still Standing...

LAST night saw **Cruise Weekly's** sister publication **Travel Daily** host its 'Still Standing' celebration, paying tribute to all those who remain in the industry after an impossible 18 months.

As is to be expected, the cruise industry was well-represented and leading the celebrations, with many of the major sponsors for the evening from the sector.

Norwegian Cruise Line handed out a sumptuous prize to one lucky attendee, while Viking also made good with prizes on both the travel advisor and supplier side.

That was not the only "gift" Viking brought to the table either, with the cruise line sponsoring a photo booth for attendees, with a wide range of accessories, including two real-life (and scantily clad) Vikings to complete the photos.

Thank you to all the night's sponsors, and attendees, and indeed to everyone who has kept reading **Cruise Weekly** the past year-and-a-half, despite our issues sometimes not conveying the happiest news.

The support of you all truly means the world!



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THE Carnival Cruise Line team: Lance Dye, Kara Glamore, Anton Loeb, Kim Ryan, Amy Ward, Nicole Bradbury.



NORWEGIAN Cruise Line's Damian Borg, Hawai'i Tourism Organisation's Jennifer Gaskin, prize-winner Anita Andonovska from itravel, and Hawaiian Airlines' Andrew Best.



NORWEGIAN Cruise Line's Vanessa Green and Adventure World's Andrea Morgan.



LUXURY Escapes' Juliana Higgins with Celebrity Cruises' Gareth Evison and Emma Mumford.



HELLOWORLD'S Stan Scott with Scenic's Anthony Laver, Emma Davie, and Liz Brumpton.



THE Princesses: Lillian Canedo, Julian De Carlo, Chloe Jones, and Nick Ferguson.



THE Norwegian Cruise Line team: Jacinta Baker, Jemma Carrington, and Michelle Wiederman.



AN AMERICAN pharmacist is facing fraud charges after allegedly bribing the former owner of two adult care facilities to switch to her drugstore in exchange for a cruise holiday.

Authorities in Michigan received a tip-off in 2019, after the adult care facility owner switched her business to the pharmacy where the accused worked.

Giving evidence at a hearing last month, a Michigan State Trooper testified the adult care owner went to the pharmacy and made a deal with the accused that she would give her business as long as she got a cruise to Spain.

The State Trooper added the 64-year-old pharmacist had admitted offering the free cruise in a bid to secure the contract for the two care facilities, and showed police a \$2,725 charge to the cruise line for the trip.

CroisiEurope offer

CRUISIEUROPE is offering a special discount on an exclusive cruise in the Canary Islands archipelago for bookings before Christmas.

The special offer is for departures on 15, 22 & 29 Jan, and on 05, 12, 19 & 26 Feb.

Cruisers will receive a discount of €500 per person, plus a complimentary deck upgrade and two complimentary excursions - [CLICK HERE](#).

Emerald brand launched



SCENIC Group's Emerald Cruises has celebrated its official brand launch in Australia with an event held at The Ivy in Sydney on Mon.

Bringing together the company's valued trade partners, the event showcased the cruise line's inaugural superyacht *Emerald Azzurra*, which just celebrated her successful sea trials (*CW* 29 Nov), and her under-construction follow-up *Emerald Sakara*.

Director of Sales, Marketing & Product Angus Crichton told *Cruise Weekly* Australian take-up of *Azzurra* had been strong, with locals booked heavily on the vessel in the second half of 2022.

"We wouldn't have built a new ship in the middle of COVID if we didn't have the demand," Crichton enthused.

"Q2, Q3, Q4 is when our Australian travellers are coming with us.

"In the Scenic Group fashion, we're about innovation and about being ahead of the curve...we saw the demand with *Emerald Azzurra*, which now for 2022 is actually 70% sold."

Scenic Group General Manager Sales & Marketing Australasia Anthony Laver said the company was proud to officially launch the brand in Australia.

"Emerald Cruises represents the ultimate in small ship cruising and the two innovative superyacht products will provide guests with intimate and unique experiences," Laver said.

"We are proud to be growing our global fleet and creating a new class of luxury yacht cruising."

The night also saw Emerald release a new video and images of *Azzurra*.

The CGI video showcases 360-degree features of the ship, including visualisations of the contemporary furnishings and decor on the Pool Deck, the Sky Deck and Sky Bar, Marina, and the Owner's Suite terraces.

Pictured are Penny Spencer Travel's Joanne Watson, Helloworld's Gada Selim, Emerald's Cathy Page, Helloworld's Melanie Stedman and Helloworld's Yohan Siva.



Back together at Cruise360

CRUISE Lines International Association (CLIA) Cruise360 Australasia conference will provide our industry's first opportunity to reunite in-person since the start of the pandemic, giving us an excellent opportunity to rally together as we forge a path to recovery.

With Qatar Tourism as our headline sponsor and the support of our cruise line members and industry partners, Cruise360 will give travel advisors the essential insight they need to capitalise on cruising's international revival.

Postponed from 2021, the event will be held on Fri 04 Mar 2022 at the Hyatt Regency Sydney, with a packed program of keynote presentations, industry updates and more.

It will offer the insight of cruising's international leaders, while also providing a regional perspective from the executives striving for our local rebirth.

Returning in 2022 will be our popular Cruise360 Tradeshow, plus we're planning a new industry-wide welcome party on the night of Thu 03 Mar.

Cruise360 Australasia is the biggest annual event on our industry's calendar and is one of the key benefits of being part of the CLIA cruise community.





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