



Cruise Weekly today

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

Cunard Black Fri

CUNARD Line is hosting a Black Fri sale, running from 25-30 Nov.

Offering savings from 25% on select homeport voyages across Inside, Outside, and Balcony staterooms, the sale is for cruises on *Queen Elizabeth* departing in 2022/23.

Guests can select from four iconic short sail itineraries: the two-night Australia Short Break departing Sydney on 13 Dec or 02 Feb, the two-night Australia Short Break departing Melbourne on 05 Jan, or the three-night Tasmania Roundtrip departing Melbourne on 11 Feb. Call 13 24 41 to book.

CLIA members adopting green tech

CRUISE Lines International Association's (CLIA) 2021 *Environmental Technologies & Practices Inventory* found 52% of new build capacity by members will rely on liquified natural gas for primary propulsion, an increase of 3 percentage points compared to last year.

The *Inventory*, and its associated Oxford Economics *Environmental Report*, show more than three-quarters of the global fleet is now equipped to use alternative fuels.

Among other substantial progressions made, there is continued commitment from CLIA to the implementation of new "green tech", with more than three-quarters (76%) of global capacity utilising exhaust gas cleaning systems to meet/exceed emissions requirements - an increase of 7 percentage points compared to last year.

Every ship on order by a CLIA



member is also specified to have advanced wastewater treatment systems, which currently serve 74% of capacity - an increase of 4 percentage points over last year.

"While cruise has been one of the sectors most acutely impacted by the global pandemic, cruise lines remain at the forefront of the challenge to develop new environmental technologies which benefit the entire shipping industry," said President & Chief Executive Officer Kelly Craighead (pictured). "Our industry is committed

to pursuing net carbon neutral cruising by 2050, and CLIA and our ocean-going members are investing in new technologies and cleaner fuels now to realise this ambition."

Chair Pierfrancesco Vago said the *Report* shows the cruise industry is resilient, innovative and focused on the future.

"We know that there is more to be done but the cruise industry has shown both its commitment and its capability to rise to the challenge," he said.

"The cruise industry is an enabler of green maritime innovation, which will be the key to decarbonisation of shipping.

"This is why CLIA has joined other maritime organisations to propose a USD\$5 billion IMO research and development fund to accelerate the development of zero GHG fuels and propulsion technologies."

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RSSC begins construction on *Grandeur*

REGENT Seven Seas Cruises (RSSC) has begun construction on *Seven Seas Grandeur* (render pictured) with the ship's steel-cutting ceremony taking place at Fincantieri's shipyard in Ancona last Tue.

Designed by Studio DADO, *Grandeur* will host 750 guests and will provide among the highest space ratios, and staff-to-guest ratios, in the industry.

She is a sister ship to both *Seven Seas Explorer* and *Seven Seas Splendor*, and will be a culmination of RSSC's rich history of "providing discerning travellers unrivalled experiences with every imaginable luxury included, and world-wide, immersive exploration," according to President & Chief Executive Officer Jason Montague.

"We are delighted to once again be in the hands of the talented engineers of Fincantieri, who will



produce a ship of refined style, matchless elegance and breathtaking beauty," he said.

"In two years' time we will welcome the sixth ship to the world's most luxurious fleet, which will exemplify our heritage of perfection with unrivaled space, unparalleled service, exceptional cuisine and

transformative experiences that will begin the moment you step aboard," Montague added.

Grandeur's recent reveals include 15 lavish and spacious suite categories, with the jewel in the crown the palatial 413m² Regent suite, which is complete with its own in-suite spa (*CW* 27 Sep).

NCLH vax mandates

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line Holdings' (NCLH) vaccine mandate will stay in place "indefinitely", according to President & Chief Executive Officer Frank Del Rio.

Having been defiant about the stringent vaccination policy, which requires all passengers sailing with NCLH's brands to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19, Del Rio has in the past hit out at Florida Governor Ron DeSantis' "shameful" attempts to undermine the company (*CW* 18 Aug).

Del Rio said the requirement continues to benefit NCLH's three brands, despite meaning families with unvaccinated children are not permitted to sail.

"We're not going to sacrifice the health and safety of anyone," Del Rio enthused.

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Spirit of Tas begins Geelong move

WORK to bring the Spirit of Tasmania to Geelong is underway, ahead of the move next spring (**CW** 24 Apr 2020), with contractors due to start major landside works around GeelongPort's \$135 million Corio Quay precinct (**CW** 14 Sep) imminently.

Over the next 12 months, berth infrastructure, a three-level boarding ramp for cars, a terminal building and a boarding area will all be constructed.

"We are very excited to be reaching this major milestone with the appointment of these experienced contractors who have also delivered some iconic projects across the region over the years," said GeelongPort Chief Executive Officer Brett Winter.

"I am also proud to say that we have been working with them to ensure the project provides value to our region throughout



construction with a large portion of goods and services being sourced through local businesses".

Spirit of Tasmania Chief Executive Bernard Dwyer said it was fantastic to see the major works on the precinct beginning.

"I am looking forward to seeing the development evolve over the next 12 months, so we begin welcoming passengers to Geelong

in spring 2022."

Pictured are Winter, Fitzgerald Constructions Australia Director Bruce McCracken, Kane Constructions Managing Director Richard Frisina, Fitzgerald Project Manager Ben Hiley, Spirit of Tasmania PMO Director Paul Kirkwood, Kane Project Director Sam Birdseye and BMD Constructions General Manager VIC/SA/TAS Peter Anusas.

RCI returns to Puerto Rico

ROYAL Caribbean International (RCI) has become the first cruise line to restart departures from Puerto Rico.

Explorer of the Seas will call the island home through Apr, after she concluded her test sailings last week from the San Juan, exploring the eastern and southern Caribbean.

Sailing every Sun, *Explorer* will give guests the chance to travel to a variety of Caribbean islands, such as St Thomas, St Croix, St Maarten, St Lucia, Barbados, St Kitts, Aruba, Curacao, and Bonaire.

"The visit of each cruise ship, beyond the significant boost to tourism and the local economy, represents a vote of confidence in our facilities and operations," said Puerto Rico Ports Authority Director Joel Piza Batiz.



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AIDA to Dubai

AIDA Cruises' *AIDAbella* has celebrated her restart, as the ninth ship in the cruise line's fleet to resume operations.

Sailing from Palma de Mallorca to the Persian Gulf, cruisers will visit Expo 2020 in Dubai, with a three-day stay in the city.

Seven-day cruises are on the program for the 2021/2022 winter season, with other ports including Abu Dhabi, Muscat, Doha, and Bahrain.

Cruises to Dubai can be booked from €899 per person including flights.

Hurtigruten sale

HURTIGRUTEN is offering a sale on its Norwegian Coastal Express for next year.

The 2022 Freedom sale offers a 10% saving on four iconic itineraries.

The deal is valid for departures between Jan & May, and Jul & Dec.

Hurtigruten has also relaxed its bookings conditions with its Book with Confidence offer.

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FACE-2-FACE: David Craven

Key Account Manager, Princess Cruises

1. What is your favourite part of your job?

Building relationships with our trade partners and travel agents is so rewarding and ultimately watching them succeed is what I love the most.

2. What attracted you to a career in the cruise industry?

The opportunity to travel the world initially appealed to me and led to my first role working for Princess across a number of our ships in different parts of the globe. What kept me there was seeing how much I loved helping our guests have incredible experiences and see them return to cruise with us time and time again.

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

Building relationships with our valued travel partners is important to everything that we do. Having a passion



for cruise and sharing in guests' excitement while booking their holiday is the key to strengthening client relationships, ensuring they come back and book with you every time.

4. How has COVID-19 changed the way you do your job?

It's kept me working from home more than usual! Being a people person, I can't wait to see my partners in person again and most importantly I am looking forward to hosting them onboard when cruising resumes locally.

5. What is the best thing to say to people who are hesitant to cruise?

You only have to unpack once, wake up somewhere new every day and relax.



INTER-MARINE, the engineer that inspired the "Fly the Flag for P&O" movement, has turned its workshop into a replica ship, in a "shrine" to the industry.

The model includes memorabilia, such as a ship's bell, which is rung when meetings are called to arrange technical services for an arriving ship or planned dry dock.

When staff stop for a break, the amenities room doubles as a cruise ship's top deck lounge.

"We are like family," Inter-Marine explained.

"When there are no ships, there is no business for us either.

"We are also a technical supply chandler so we can get requests from the ships for various equipment for repair, maintenance and upgrades."

Since the pause in cruise ship operations, Inter-Marine has seen its turnover fall by as much as 80%, with a bulk of the company's work coming on board ships.

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