



Cruise Weekly today

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

Not five o'clock yet

A "NO sail order" has been issued for a Margaritaville at Sea cruise ship docked at the Port of Palm Beach, according to local media.

Margaritaville Paradise was supposed to leave Palm Beach yesterday to head to the Bahamas, but all passengers have now disembarked after the United States Coast Guard issued the order.

During Paradise's annual certificate of compliance exam, Port State Control officers identified conditions, "which required the ship to stay in port until rectified due to the safety of the crew and passengers".

Paradise will not sail until the conditions are rectified, the Coast Guard said.

Margaritaville at Sea Chief Executive Officer Oneil Khosa told local media the cruise line is "expeditiously undertaking and managing to ensure the safety of all crew members and guests".

"The cruise line's shoreside and shipboard teams are working closely with the United States Coast Guard to quickly address the flagged items and continue sailing on schedule," he said.

"All guests have disembarked from the ship and have received compensation for the inconvenience.

"We do not anticipate any additional impact to our planned itineraries."

Margaritaville at Sea was rebranded from Bahamas Paradise Cruise Line late last year through a partnership with Margaritaville Hotels & Resorts (CW 09 Dec 2021), and began sailing earlier this year.

Carnival ups climate goals

AS PART of Carnival Corporation's just-released annual sustainability report for 2021, the company has updated the baseline year for its 2030 carbon intensity reduction goals to 2019, up from its initial 2008 baseline.

With the updated baseline year, Carnival has strengthened its carbon intensity reduction goals, which now require a 20% improvement from 2019, up from 15%.

The 12th annual report, titled *Sustainable from Ship to Shore*, details Carnival Corp's key initiatives and progress made last year toward its 2030 sustainability goals and 2050 aspirations.

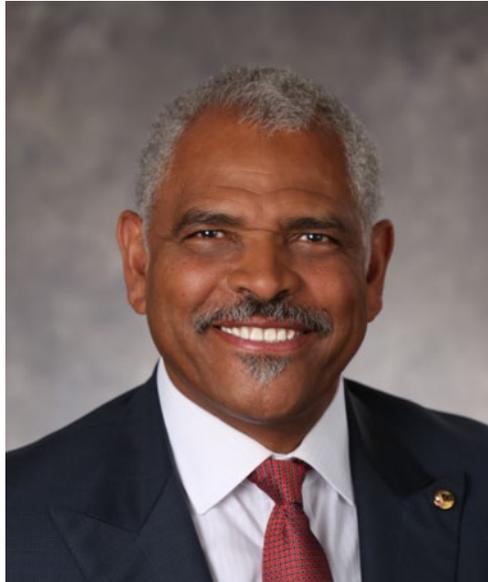
The report provides updates on sustainability efforts in each of Carnival Corp's six focus areas, including climate action; circular economy; sustainable tourism; good health & well-being; diversity, equity & inclusion; and biodiversity & conservation.

Among the highlights, 90% of the fleet (excluding LNG vessels) was equipped with advanced air quality systems as of the end of last year, which are capable of removing nearly all sulfur from the exhaust.

Almost half (46%) of Carnival Corp's fleet was equipped with shore power capabilities, enabling ships to use electric power where available while in port.

Carnival Corp is also investing in a first-of-its-kind lithium-ion battery storage system, installing hull air lubrication systems, testing fuel cells powered by hydrogen derived from methanol, and exploring carbon capture and storage.

"Thanks to the dedication, support and proactive efforts



of our entire global team, ship and shore, we continue to make strong progress in advancing our sustainability program across our six focus areas," said outgoing Carnival Corp Chief Executive Officer Arnold Donald (pictured).

"This effort includes our deep commitment to climate action and sustaining positive momentum toward achieving our carbon reduction goals for 2030, while working to be part of the solution to establish a path to net carbon-neutral cruising over time."

Added Chief Maritime Officer Bill Burke: "our highest responsibility and top priority is always compliance, environmental protection, and the health, safety and well-being of our guests, the people in the communities we touch and serve, and our shipboard and shoreside personnel.

"This commitment has guided our sustainability journey and approach over time throughout all aspects of our global operations as we continue to progress our environmental, social and governance focus areas each year."

The full report is available at www.CarnivalSustainability.com.

Ritz-Carlton 2024

THE Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection has announced new 2024 Mediterranean itineraries, with new ports in Italy, Croatia, Greece, Cape Verde, and more.

The itineraries are now open for reservation, and are available aboard Ritz-Carlton's inaugural yacht *Evrima*, which is still yet to launch.

Introducing 21 new voyages, the extended Mediterranean season spans from Apr through Nov 2024.

The itineraries include 14 new ports, such as Seville, Sardinia, Syros, Trogir, and more, as well as overnights in Casablanca, Monte Carlo, Dubrovnik, and Portofino.

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EW private tours

EUROPEAN Waterways (EW) is offering a private tour of celebrated French artist Rosa Bonheur's studio, on board its luxury hotel barge *Renaissance*.

This year is the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the birthday of Bonheur, and one of European Waterways' newest Insider Experiences on the Upper Loire and Western Burgundy cruises now includes lunch in the private salon of the artist's chateau.

Guests will also join the owner of the chateau for a private tour of the studio, which has been untouched since Bonheur's last painting session 120 years ago.

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MSC ups kids offerings



MSC Cruises is building on its family offering with new and interactive experiences on board the upcoming *MSC Seascapes* (CW 27 Apr).

The ship's children and family program will incorporate the latest technology, social media and interactive activities.

Seascapes will feature newly

designed spaces, measuring around 700m², and interactive activities, when she launches in Dec.

New spaces will include two LEGO rooms, catering to a range of different experience levels.

One will offer LEGO DUPLO for ages three to six, and the other room will cater to Juniors aged seven to 11 with LEGO bricks and the opportunity to earn a certificate for becoming a Master Builder.

There are also three new concept spaces for teens, with guests aged 12-17 to enjoy varying themes including "the future", which features a technology area with the latest generation consoles, virtual reality, and screens.

The "Chill Out" area (pictured) will offer a place for teens to talk, and challenge each other to games of ping pong and foosball.

Meanwhile, the third space celebrates Music, and includes a disco with lights and sound effects, with teens able to choose their own tunes.

Seascapes' family offering builds on the recently unveiled family offering on board *MSC World Europa*, and its seven distinct spaces (CW 30 Jun).



A CHICKEN deal with British groceries retailer Tesco may have helped pollute one of the country's rivers, an investigation from *The Guardian* alleges.

The River Wye, the fourth-longest river in the UK, flows through Herefordshire, where bird numbers – and their waste – began surging in 2013, after Tesco signed a deal with a local processor.

Excrement from the birds is rich in phosphates and is spread on the land as a fertiliser to encourage crop growth, but the land can no longer absorb the amount of manure being spread along the Wye.

The runoff is turning the river into what campaigners describe as "pea soup".

ACA workshop a hit

PORT Lincoln tourism operators are set to tap into a new-look cruise market after a "tough" two years, the *Port Lincoln Times* reports.

Sixty travel industry members turned up to a workshop in Port Lincoln yesterday, run by the Australian Cruise Association (ACA).

"There are new operators that need some education around how to get involved in the cruise sector and there has also been some change in the trends in terms of types of tours that people are booking," said ACA CEO Jill Abel.



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