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Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features two pages of the latest cruise news and a cover wrap from Norwegian Cruise Line.

Vasco da Gama sale

PORTUGAL-BASED Mystic Invest has purchased the former Cruise & Maritime Voyages (CMV) ship *Vasco da Gama* at an auction in London.

The 630-cabin vessel is the first of five CMV ships placed on the block by the company's administrators after it ceased trading due to the pandemic, having been unable to secure financing despite very strong forward bookings (CW 21 Jul).

Awaken your Spirit

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line's local *Norwegian Spirit* sailings are on sale - front page.

Cryptocurrency future for *Pacific Dawn*?

P&O Cruises Australia's recently sold *Pacific Dawn* (CW 29 Sep) looks destined for a future as a floating community for cryptocurrency enthusiasts.

The purchaser of the vessel has not been formally revealed, but a Panama-based company called Ocean Builders has unveiled plans for The Crypto Cruise Ship, a vessel with a layout that appears to be identical to *Pacific Dawn*'s.

The ship is being promoted as having 777 Cabin Condos, two pools, a kids play room, a hair salon and an outdoor movie theatre.

"Bitcoin is accepted throughout the ship for all goods and services and at all retail shops," according to a website at ocean.builders.

"We are passionate crypto entrepreneurs and we wanted to create a place for blockchain (and non-blockchain) enthusiasts to live and work in a crypto-friendly



environment," the site adds.

The ship (pictured) is to be named *Satoshi* (the smallest form of bitcoin) and is being promoted as a business-focused environment.

"Just like the man-made island of Venice in Italy became an important centre of commerce in the old world, we believe this could be the start of a modern floating Venice of the Americas, and an important hub of

innovation in the world."

The first batch of 100 rooms will be auctioned off next month, and the first occupants are expected to take residence in Jan 2021.

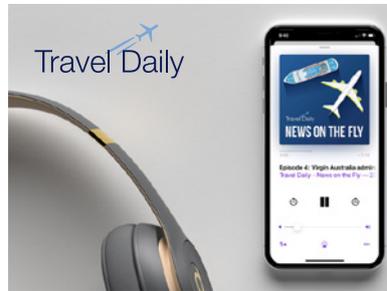
Ocean Builders is headed up by Chad Elwartowski, a bitcoin trader who gained notoriety last year after his seastead located 20 kilometres off the coast of Phuket was seized by Thai authorities who said it was interfering with shipping lanes.

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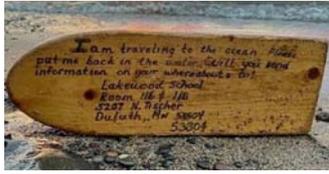
PORTHOLE

WE'VE run many-a-porthole on messages in a bottle, but we can count on one hand how many we've run on messages on small wooden boats.

The vessel in question (pictured) was launched from a beach in Minnesota in 1993, and was recently discovered, almost three decades later, on the other side of Lake Superior in WI.

The message on the bottom of the boat read, "I am traveling to the ocean...please put me back in the water", with an address included to send information to, should someone find the boat.

Were the boat to be any chance of making it to the ocean, it would have to travel over 3,000 kilometres, and sail through a series of locks.



MyCruises gets active



THE MyCruises team got out to Kurrawa Beach yesterday, outside their Gold Coast office, to celebrate Norwegian Cruise Line's (NCL) Walk for Wellness challenge (CW 08 Oct).

"What a great initiative NCL's Walk for Wellness challenge is," enthused MyCruises General Manager Michael Middleton.

"It's certainly created some healthy competition between the team here and definitely got us

all moving again, just what we all needed after the last six months."

Pictured jumping for joy are (left to right) Jordan Krause, Peta Causevic, Samantha Morris, Michael Middleton and Steve Box.

Liz to Australia

QUEEN Elizabeth will sail from the Mediterranean to Australia next year, with Cunard planning to return the ship to service with a series of three- and four-night voyages around the British Isles in Mar.

Further highlights of the season will include sailings from Barcelona, a maiden call in Genoa, and a range of Asian destinations such as Singapore - **CLICK HERE** for more.

The Australian season kicks off in Melbourne on 19 Dec 2021, with the ship also scheduled to visit Fremantle, among other local destinations.



AUSTRALIAN CRUISE ASSOCIATION

ACA UPDATE

with Jill Abel - CEO

We are cruise

THE #WeAreCruise campaign launched this week by CLIA is an important initiative for our industry, designed to showcase the extent of the economic impact on businesses throughout Australia as a result of the shutdown of the sector.

CLIA estimates that 25,000 jobs are at risk and will base the campaign around personal stories from a diverse range of businesses.

Many of our colleagues have been highly impacted, so ACA is helping to amplify the campaign through our social media platforms and via our members to help create the groundswell needed to reinforce the importance of finding a pathway to a safe and sensible restart for our sector.

To get a more global view of the restart, I participated last week in the round the world Zoom call held during Seatrade Cruise Global - Virtual.

It was great to hear what was happening in other destinations and was also important to discuss new cruise-ready product in Australia to ensure we remain on the radar for cruise lines.

Long-standing ACA member, Ted Blamey, also participated as the moderator of the Asia Pacific Update.

He spoke with a panel of cruise line representatives and discussed the development of health and safety initiatives and the importance of collaboration between the cruise companies, the local authorities and communities in order to find a path to a successful restart.



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