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Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news plus a cover page from **Ponant**.

Ponant events

PONANT is hosting new live online events, 'Explore to Inspire', detailing what's new next year.

Join Ponant on 17 Mar for either or both of its two events, 'Tropical Expeditions', at 3pm, or 'Polar Expeditions' at 5pm.

The virtual events will be hosted by National Business Manager Craig Farrell, together with guest speakers, Director of Expeditions & **Destination Development Mick** Fogg, and Expedition Guide and Leader Ryo Ijichi.

Attendees can also win an expedition for two - head to the **cover page** for more.

Canada to cruise again

CRUISE Lines International Association (CLIA) has welcomed the planned restart of the industry in Canada, beginning 06 Apr.

Canadian Minister of Transport Omar Alghabra confirmed yesterday cruises would return to Canada's waters in the first week of next month, beginning with calls in British Columbia.

"Many months of work have led to this announcement by Transport Canada, and we are delighted to be coming back," CLIA said

"When cruise resumes in Apr, CLIA member cruise lines will be sailing with COVID-19 protocols that span the entirety of the cruise experience and provide some of the highest levels of prevention, detection, and mitigation compared to virtually any other tourism setting.

"We acknowledge the support

of officials of British Columbia's Transportation, Tourism and Health ministries, as well as Transport Canada and the Public Health Agency of Canada, who worked collaboratively with Cruise Lines International Association and its member lines, ports and community partners in order to support the responsible return of cruise to Canada."

The health and safety protocols established for cruises in the country include proof of a negative COVID-19 test result prior to embarkation, confirmed with either a PCR test three days prior to boarding or an antigen test one day prior to boarding.

All passengers and crew members will also be required to be fully vaccinated, a protocol which is already causing problems with itineraries which are set to begin in the United States (CW 03 Mar).

Rally with Honey

CRUISING With Honey host Honida Beram has told Cruise Weekly she has been "overwhelmed by the support" for her 'Lift the Cruise Ban Rally', scheduled to go ahead in both Sydney and Brisbane this Sun (CW 07 Feb).

The simultaneous rallies will be held from 12pm-3pm, at the OPT in Sydney, and Portside Wharf in Brisbane, as hopes grow the human biosecurity emergency period will be allowed to expire on 17 Apr (CW 14 Feb).

Beram told Cruise Weekly attendees can expect "colourful clothes, empty luggage, and fake cocktails" all hallmarks of cruisers who miss being out on the ocean.

"The rally was organised in response to the cruisers and associated businesses who were desperate to have their voices heard," she said.



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HOW many teenagers does it take to bring down the Russian superyacht sector?

Just one apparently - a Florida college student, who first made his name helping governments around the world stop secretive Russian private jets.

His attention has now turned to yachts, with his pioneering of the Twitter account @RussiaYachts, which monitors and publishes the on-water whereabouts of super-wealthy Russians (pictured).

As of yesterday, the account had more than 9,300 followers.

He has also created @PutinJet, which follows aircraft thought to be used by Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Owner	Vessel Name
Alexander Abramov	Titan
Alexey Morsashov	Lady M
Alexey Morsashov	Nord
Alisher Usmanov	Dilbar
Alisher Usmanov	Lady Gulya
Andrey Kostin	Sea Rhapsody
Andrey Melnichenko	Motor Yacht A
Andrey Melnichenko	Sailing Yacht A
Andrey Molchanov	Aurora

XX marks the day



CELEBRITY Cruises is changing its 'X' logo to 'XX' for International Women's Day to celebrate the accomplishments of its female staff members.

One-third of Celebrity's bridge officers are female, in an industry where less than 2% of mariners are women, with the 24-hour logo change representing a woman's pair of sex chromosomes.

In addition to appearing on the cruise line's social media channels, the briefly amended logo was also projected onto Celebrity Beyond (pictured) the

brand's anticipated upcoming flagship, which is in the final stages of construction at the Chantiers de l'Atlantique shipyard in St. Nazaire, in preparation for her Apr debut (CW 10 Feb).

Beyond is set to be helmed by Captain Kate McCue, the first American woman to skipper a "mega" cruise ship.

When Captain McCue manoeuvres Beyond from the shipvard, she will become the first woman to helm an inaugural cruise ship sailing, an industry honour commonly referred to as the "start up" Captain.

Solo cruise offer

EUROPEAN Waterways is tapping into the booming solo traveller market with the elimination of single supplements on select luxury hotel barge northern hemisphere spring cruises.

The offer is available on La Bella Vita, which cruises out of Venice.

The special represents savings of up to €1,600 off per cabin, and is valid on the vessel's six-night, all-inclusive 17 Apr, 15 and 29 May departures.

European Waterways is also offering a 10% off early booking special on La Bella Vita's annual Solo Cruise, which departs 16 Oct.

Double the Spirit

RAUMA Marine Constructions has started production of the first of Spirit of Tasmania's two new LNGpowered roll-on/roll-off ships.

The vessels will hold 1,800 passengers each and will replace their similarly built sister ships currently in operation.





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