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Cruise Weekly today

CRUISE Weekly today features three pages of all the latest cruise news, plus a front cover wrap from **Cunard Line**.

New *The Chat* ep

A **NEW** episode of *The Chat with Jenny* has been released, featuring Deb Fox.

The Abercrombie & Kent Managing Director joins past guests of the recently launched podcast, including Travel Associates General Manager Rachel Kingswell, NCLH Public Relations Manager Jodie Hart, and 1000 Mile Travel Group founder & Chief Exec Nicola Veltman.

In the midst of its first season, *The Chat* features a series of intimate conversations with some of the women of the Australian travel industry - listen **HERE**.

CLIA “Riding the Wave” at Cruise360

CRUISE Lines International Association (CLIA) has announced the full line-up of international speakers and cruise industry leaders for its Cruise360 conference next month, which will be themed ‘Riding the Wave’.

The event has been designed to give delegates all the insight and inspiration they need to thrive in a resurgent Australian cruise market, with more than 20 speakers and panellists to take to the stage at Brisbane’s Royal International Convention Centre.

The sell-out conference is being hosted on 07 Sep by Australian comedian James O’Loughlin, and will bring together an audience of almost 600 delegates.

The event will include CLIA’s annual Industry Leaders Panel, featuring Chair Ben Angell (**pictured**), Carnival Corporation President Australia Marguerite Fitzgerald, and Royal Caribbean



International Vice President & Managing Director Gavin Smith.

Visiting international presenters will include Pam Hoffee from

Avalon Waterways, Nirmal Saverimuttu from Virgin Voyages, Patrice Willoughby from Azamara, Robin West from Seabourn Cruise Line, Lee Haslett from Celestyal Cruises, and Craig Upshall from Qatar Tourism.

CLIA Managing Director Joel Katz said this year’s Cruise360 conference is shaping up to be one of the industry’s best.

“Our theme is Riding the Wave, and everything we offer at Cruise360 has been designed to help delegates reach the crest and fully capitalise on cruising’s renewed prosperity,” he explained.

“We’ve gathered an impressive cast of respected travel agency leaders, cruise line innovators, sales experts and expedition leaders who will inspire our delegates and equip them with the best possible insight to drive their success.”

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Nova departs on her inaugural cruise

SILVERSEA Cruises' *Silver Nova* (pictured) has departed on her maiden voyage, sailing out of Venice on Mon.

Nova is sailing on a seven-day round trip voyage through the Adriatic, which will call in Piran, Zadar, Dubrovnik, Split, Rovinj and Kotor.

The ship is Silversea's 12th, and the first to launch this year for the cruise line's parent company Royal Caribbean Group (RCG).

Silversea President Barbara Muckermann welcomed guests aboard *Nova* ahead of her maiden voyage.

"I would like to thank (RCG President & Chief Executive Officer) Jason Liberty, and all involved at Silversea, Royal Caribbean Group, and Meyer Werft," she recognised.

"Benefiting from an innovative asymmetrical design, she immerses guests into the



destination at every turn - a strong expression of our brand mission.

"As one of the most spacious ships at sea, and with the broadest array of bars, lounges, and restaurants in ultra-luxury cruise travel, *Silver Nova* elevates the experience for our guests like never before."

Prior to her departure, executives from the company

hosted a three-day architectural preview for select travel partners, sailing roundtrip from Venice.

"*Nova* revolutionises ultra-luxury cruising and sets the new category standard," Liberty said.

"From her innovative horizontal design to her emphasis on sustainable operations, *Silver Nova* speaks to Royal Caribbean Group's commitment to deliver the world's best vacations."

Cunard wellness

CUNARD Line has unveiled its extensive activities for its inaugural Sporting Greats & Wellness Voyage (**CW 27** Apr), which will include daily complimentary movement classes, breathing workshops, and ice bath sessions.

The Feb Voyage will also see talks and demonstrations hosted by two of the most significant names in Australian health and wellness: physician-scientist Professor Luigi Fontana and nutrition scientist Joanna McMillan.

Cunard will offer extensive wellness activities on board *Queen Elizabeth* specifically tailored to both wellness enthusiasts and newcomers, including complimentary movement classes such as yoga, pilates, spinning, boot camp, and Zumba - see **cover page** for more.

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A VIDEO has been captured showing a man, perhaps aptly described as a “d*ckhead”, fishing mere metres from a huge crocodile (pictured).

The fisherman was captured casually flicking lures on a sandbank of the Russell River in Far North Queensland.

The 35-second clip was taken near Babinda, showing a man fishing with his back to the crocodile, which is known to locals as Clyde.

“They walk among us, shame he didn’t catch a fish...he would have learnt how to walk on water,” one commenter quipped.



China is back

CHINA’S first international cruise in three years set sail from Shanghai for Japan late last week.

Shanghai Blue Dream International Cruise Line’s *Blue Dream Star* sailed a day after China opened the way for more international travel by its citizens, lifting pandemic restrictions on group tours for more countries.

Blue Dream Star is carrying more than 1,000 pax, and will sail to Fukuoka, Kumamoto, Kagoshima and Nagasaki.

Cruise honoured at Virtuoso



VIRTUOSO has honoured the network’s best cruise lines of the year, with Silversea Cruises taking out the top gong of Best Ocean Cruise Line.

The awards were presented at the 35th annual Virtuoso Travel Week, which is taking place this week in Las Vegas.

Also awarded was Uniworld Boutique River Cruises, voted Best River Cruise Line, while

Quark Expeditions (pictured) was voted Best Expedition Cruise Line.

The winners were honoured at “Cruise Night Out,” one of the hottest tickets of the week, which hosted the network’s partners and its travel advisors for a by-invitation-only celebration.

Nominations came from both Virtuoso agents and preferred partners, with the former then voting to determine the winners.



Unified approach

LATER this week, I am headed to Christchurch for the NZCA conference.

I am particularly looking forward to the session on the “triumphs and challenges” post the cruise restart.

This will align with the points I will raise during my presentation looking at our achievements in Australia and posing the question of what’s next for our industry and the larger region?

Our cruise industry has benefited from a highly successful tripartite arrangement with Tourism Australia and CLIA since our borders reopened.

This has seen us present a unified approach to the industry utilising common marketing assets and attending important trade shows together.

Our goal is to continue this cohesive approach by now stepping back to look at a bigger regional opportunity working with our neighbours in NZ.

I will also be taking the same message to the South Pacific Forum later this year in Tahiti.

It is undoubtedly in the best interests of all our Pacific neighbours that we have a bigger picture vision and not just an individual approach.

We are currently exploring an overarching national strategy in Australia that takes the individual state cruise strategies and finds common ground and opportunity for an interconnected approach.



The Chat with Jenny

A Conversation with Debra Fox of Abercrombie & Kent

[CLICK HERE to listen](#)