



Cruise Weekly today

CRUISE Weekly today features three pages of all the latest cruise industry news.



On location in
Hobart

Today's issue of **CW** is coming to you courtesy of Silversea Cruises, who are this week hosting us aboard **Silver Muse**.

AFTER a morning exploring Hobart, guests will this afternoon embark **Silver Muse**, which will be our extremely luxurious home for the next four days.

Tonight, you'll be able to find this **Cruise Weekly** journalist having a glass of Champagne and taking in the view from the elegant Panorama Lounge.

Yospace the latest Kimberley entrant

AUSTRALIAN superyacht specialist Yospace has announced the debut this year of seven-night expedition cruises on its brand-new catamaran **Eclipse**.

The "ultra-luxe" vessel carries just eight guests, and can be booked by the stateroom or as a private charter.

Eclipse was completed this month, and is being offered on 26 all-inclusive, seven-night expedition cruises in the Kimberley from Apr to Oct, with two different itineraries running on alternate rotation.

The two cruises depart from Broome, and include a seven-night round-trip 'Kimberley Explorer' voyage visiting the Buccaneer Archipelago, Montgomery Reef, Ruby Falls, Sale River, Horizontal Falls, and the Kingfisher Islands.

The other itinerary is a seven-night 'Iconic Kimberley' journey, which cruises north, showcasing



Montgomery Reef, Horizontal Falls, Camden Sound, Kings Cascade, and the Hunter River.

The cruise also features a helicopter flight over Mitchell Falls and a light plane flight back to Broome.

Yospace is offering 15% savings for staterooms or whole-vessel charters booked by the end of this month.

The company's owner Nicholas Mason said he saw an opportunity to open up the previously out-of-reach superyacht charter experience to the luxury, small ship cruise market in the Kimberley.

"We're inviting discerning adventurers to experience an exclusive and environmentally conscious new way to journey through the Kimberley," he said.

"It's a five-star, fully crewed voyage for just four couples offering an indulgent VIP luxury yacht experience for a fraction of the cost, with gourmet meals, beverages and shore adventures all included.

"What we're launching is a more exclusive and intimate way to connect with the Kimberley, with guests able to savour the high life with exotic cocktails, five-star cuisine, and chilled tunes on sun-kissed decks." **MS**

Pictured: Eclipse

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Brent Street's back alright!



SYDNEY'S Brent Street performing arts group will return to the stage at this year's Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) Awards, helping to celebrate a powerful comeback in ocean entertainment.

Dozens of talented young performers will again take the spotlight at next month's awards, in a salute to the thousands of artists who perform aboard cruise ships worldwide.

It will feature a series of spectacular dance productions from one of Australia's most celebrated performing arts schools, which made its debut last year (*CW* 01 Mar).

CLIA Managing Director Joel Katz said Brent Street's students will provide a fitting celebration at a time when the global cruise industry is enjoying new vitality. "Brent Street has been nurturing talent in the performing arts sector for more than three

decades and is a leading source of stand-out performers for cruise lines around the world," he said.

"Cruising's resurgence has brought a huge burst of energy and creativity in the entertainment offered at sea, and Brent Street will give us a taste of that energy through the incredible new generation of performers coming through its ranks," Katz added.

Brent Street's CLIA Awards performances have been directed by Lucas Newland (owner of Brent Street), choreographed by Cassandra Bartho, and feature some of Brent Street's professional alumni, as well as other industry professionals.

The 21st annual Cruise Industry Awards will be held at The Star, Sydney on 09 Mar, where more than 500 industry guests will gather to honour the top achievers in CLIA's travel agent community. *MS*

Hella Good news

CARNIVAL Cruise Line is set to honour American singer Gwen Stefani as the Godmother of *Carnival Jubilee*.

The ship's naming ceremony is set for Galveston on 24 Feb, where the No Doubt co-founder will bless *Jubilee* and all those who sail on her.

"We are absolutely thrilled to be welcoming Gwen Stefani onto *Carnival Jubilee* so we can honour her as the ship's Godmother," President Christine Duffy said.

"She has demonstrated her commitment to our Carnival values, including promoting diversity and inclusion, supporting charitable causes, being a leader in her field, and of course, having fun."

Norwegian 50% off

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line is offering up to 50% off sailings and US\$200 onboard credit for cruises booked between until Tue week (20 Feb).

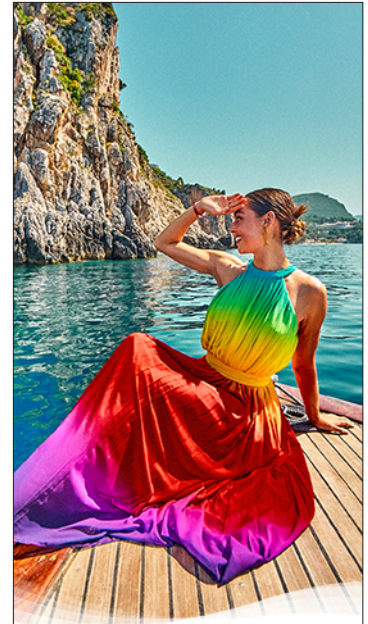
The limited time offer also includes Norwegian's popular 'Free at Sea' offer, which provides a complimentary beverage package, shore excursion credit, specialty dining package, and wi-fi.

Savings are available on Norwegian's 10-day Greek Isles cruise, the seven-day Hawaii voyage, and more - phone 1300 255 200 for further info.

Cunard fees up

CUNARD Line has confirmed to *Cruise Weekly* it is increasing gratuities on board its cruises.

All contributions are shared in their entirety by each ship's staff, Cunard confirmed, bringing gratuities in line with land-based hospitality brands.



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IT MIGHT be slightly too large for a cruise ship, but an enticing new offer is now available from IHG to boat owners everywhere.

Marina berthing packages are the newest way to experience InterContinental Hayman Island Resort, an IHG Hotel, enticing boat owners travelling across the Whitsunday Islands to dock at the famous Queensland luxury resort.

The marina has a total of 24 berths and can accommodate vessels up to 45 metres in length - only slightly too small for Royal Caribbean International's new *Icon of the Seas* vessel.



Some brake-ing cruise news

REGENT Seven Seas Cruises has set sail with the Aston Martin Aramco Formula One Team as its exclusive global cruise partner.

The collaboration will provide experiences for Aston Martin Aramco fans and luxury travellers, such as VIP driving experiences, and tours of the team's state-of-the-art AMR Technology Campus at Silverstone.

The launch of the partnership is being celebrated with the exclusive 'Grandeur Prix' Sweepstakes offering a chance to win a 10-night *Seven Seas Grandeur* cruise, departing Venice ([CLICK HERE](#)), paired with an Aston Martin Aramco VIP Experience at Imola.

Unlimited shore excursions are also included as part of the prize.

The partnership will also see the RSSC logo proudly displayed on the soon-to-be-revealed AMR24 race car, the drivers' race suits, and all official apparel



worn by team personnel at races, glimpsing into the world of opulent luxury cruises while on the racetrack.

"We are thrilled to announce our new partnership with the Aston Martin Aramco Formula One Team, a brand that shares our values for excellence and luxury," RSSC President Andrea DeMarco said.

"The Aston Martin Aramco Formula One Team is the epitome of high performance in Formula One which aligns perfectly with Regent's world-renowned reputation for delivering unrivalled experiences." MS

Records smashed

CUNARD Line has reported a new Jan reservations record, which saw it book more guests during the month than any equivalent period in the last 10 years.

The cruise line booked a record number of guests across the period, up by 25% versus the previous high of the last decade, with demand up for both sailings in this year and future years.

"As we prepare to navigate what is set to be a truly ground-breaking year for Cunard, it has been fantastic to have such a strong start to the year," President Katie McAlister said.

"The appeal of Cunard is strong for guests across the world and is particularly strong for sailings across Europe on our new ship *Queen Anne*."

MEANWHILE, fellow Carnival Corporation brand Princess Cruises also set a new record for Jan Alaska bookings, with a more than 20% surge compared to prior years.

Demand is surging on both 2024 and 2025 Alaska cruises.

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