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Cruise Weekly today

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

Silversea names ceo

ROBERTO Martinoli will on Mon step up to the role of ceo at Silversea, after being a board member since 2013.

Based in the company's HQ in Monaco, Martinoli will report to Manfredi Lefebvre d'Ovidio, exec chairman of Silversea Cruises.

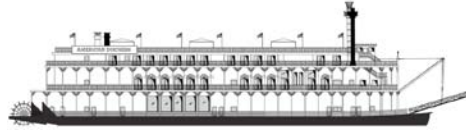
"I am certain that he will be instrumental in pushing Silversea Cruises to consistently deliver unrivalled levels of luxury, service and business performance," Lefebvre d'Ovidio said.

Martinoli replaces Enzo Visone, who has been ceo since 2010.

Prior to joining Silversea, Martinoli was the chairman and ceo of Grandi Navi Veloci and previously president and coo of Norwegian Cruise Line.

New American Duchess

THE American Queen Steamboat Company is bolstering its fleet, revealing the addition of newbuild, the *American Duchess* in Jun 2017.



Construction will soon begin on an American-made hull, which is set to be "the first purpose-built boutique paddlewheeler offering the river cruiser an intimate experience through America's heartland," the line says.

The all-suite *American Duchess* will feature the largest suites on the river and will accommodate 166 passengers.

She will be the cruise line's third vessel and the first to offer overnight stays in port, including in Nashville, along with roundtrips from Nashville and New Orleans.

Departures from Chicago will also be offered for the first time. "Demand for more capacity on

the Mississippi River has been overwhelming the past two seasons and we look forward to delivering a new boutique, all-suite experience and the flexibility of two riverboats sailing between New Orleans and St. Paul," said company president and coo, Ted Sykes.

American Duchess will offer three 51.1m² Owner's Suites, four Loft Suites of the same size and Veranda and Interior Suites.

Two dining venues, The Grand Dining Room and The Grill Room, will have open seating and serve "regionally inspired" cuisine similar to that delivered on the *American Queen*.

A mock up of the *American Duchess* is pictured above.

Sealink director

FIONA Hele has joined Sealink Travel Group as non-executive director, replacing Bill Spurr who will retire 25 Oct.

Hele is a chartered accountant with over 20 years in private practice and is also a board member of the Adelaide Venue Management Corporation and the South Australia Tourism Commission.

MEANWHILE, Sealink are offering holiday packages for the Kangaroo Island Art FEASTival. Visit www.sealink.com.au.

Cunard 2018 program

NEW special event programs and 20 maiden calls are featured in Cunard's just-released 2018 Europe program.

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THE internet strikes again.

When a Spanish couple lost a wedding ring 37 years ago while swimming near the Spanish resort of Benidorm, they were sure it was gone.

But a local newspaper, *Heraldo* is reporting the pair were reunited with the ring after a diver found it in Aug.

The diver, Jessica Nisos posted a photo of the ring on Facebook captioned "I found a wedding ring diving off the island of Benidorm. I wish I could give it back to the owner. It has been lost for a long, long time because it was covered in sediment."

The post found its way to the couple's niece, who put the diver in touch with her family.

Best sinks HAL deal

CHEF Mark Best has jumped ship, revealing he will end his tieup with Holland America Line.

In a statement, the cruise line said "following a successful three-year relationship, Holland America Line and chef Mark Best, Holland America Line Culinary Council member, will part ways from 01 Jan 2017."

On Tue, it was revealed Best will open his first restaurant at sea on Dream Cruises' *Genting Dream* (CW 13 Sep) in Nov.

Best is known for his recently closed Sydney-based restaurant Marque and Pei Modern in Melbourne and Sydney.

Azamara upgrade

AZAMARA Club Cruises is offering guests a Club Verandah Stateroom for the price of a Club Interior Stateroom on most 2017 Europe sailings booked by 30 Nov.

Offer includes the 16-night Three Continents Crossing, more at www.azamaraclubcruises.com.

Sylvania & Azamara wow clients



Jewel's green tech

NORWEGIAN Jewel has had technology installed which is capable of reducing her emission of sulfur to air up to 99% and particulate emission by 85%.

The new Exhaust Gas Scrubber system was retrofitted on the vessel, a process which took two years and more than 100,000 man hours.

It is the first time a cruise line has retrofitted a vessel with the system while it is in service.

Norwegian currently has three ships outfitted with Gas Scrubbers technology, with *Norwegian Jewel* joining *Norwegian Escape* and *Pride of America*.

SYDNEY'S Sylvania Travel & Cruise teamed up with Azamara Club Cruises last week to hold a client function at the Royal Motor Yacht Club in Port Hacking.

Pictured during the luncheon with Steve Garside from Azamara & Cruise team of Vivien Davies, Kate Arnold and Sally Burton.

A&K Polar cruising

A NEW luxury polar expedition cruising brochure from Abercrombie & Kent has been released for 2017/18.

Itineraries range from 12-24 days in length aboard *Le Lyrial* and *Le Boreal* - [CLICK HERE](#).

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Harmony accident

ONE crew member has died and four injured during a lifeboat drill conducted on *Harmony of the Seas* while the ship was docked at the port of Marseille, France.

The 42 year old assistant electrical engineer from the Philippines died of injuries sustained during the accident, Royal Caribbean confirmed in a statement this morning.

Two of the four others injured have been released from hospital.

Three of the crew members are also from the Philippines, while the fourth is from India.

Ponant names four

THE four newbuilds for Ponant will be named *Le Lapérouse*, *Le Champlain*, *Le Bougainville* and *Le Kerguelen*, after French explorers.

Each will have 92 cabins a suites manned by 110 crew members, Ice Class 1C certification and comply with the international Cleanship label.

They will feature a dynamic positioning system to avoid dropping anchor, silent electronic propulsion and diesel engines which can run on lighter, less-polluting marine diesel oil.

The first of the four will be deployed to Australia when it's delivered in 2018 (CW 14 Apr).

Dynamic dining ditch

ROYAL Caribbean International has pulled Dynamic Dining from *Anthem of the Seas* following guest feedback.

The concept will be replaced with the My Time Dining Program from the 27 Nov sailing on *Anthem* while *Ovation of the Seas* will shift to the My Time Dining model on the 23 Nov departure.

Guests will choose from an early or late seating, or a flexible option which allows them to select their own seating time and table companions each evening.

Diners on the flexible option will dine in the American Icon and Silk dining rooms, while early and late seating guests will eat in the Chic and Grande dining rooms.

Menus will change daily throughout the cruise.

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Prestige cancels visit

PRESTIGE Cruise Holdings ceo, Jason Montague has cancelled his trip to Australia this month, but plans to reschedule the trip "in the next few months".

Celebrity Europe 2017

CELEBRITY Cruises is ramping up the number of Mediterranean sailings and adding two new destination of Sète, France and Monte Carlo, Monaco in 2017.

The line is also introducing a new kids program and a Taste of Europe program.

MSC Cruises delay

THE opening of MSC Cruises' private island in the Bahamas, Ocean Cay MSC Marine Reserve, has been delayed until Oct 2018.

Pierfrancesco Vago, executive chairman of the line said when construction plans were finalised, MSC realised they would need more time to "ensure the level of quality and attention to details in both infrastructure and services".

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Jill Abel - CEO

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ACA Conference wrap

A record 131 delegates attended our 20th Anniversary Conference last week in Sydney, titled Our People, Our Passion, Our Success. The event brought together the broad representation of members to celebrate the collective efforts in growing the industry in Australia. The conference demonstrated the dedication of the ACA membership & the importance of the suppliers. Edie Rodriguez, ceo Crystal Cruises provided valuable insights into luxury cruising ahead of other fascinating presentations on future environmental considerations for ships and facility operators, the cruise sector in Asia and Europe and the possible global impacts on our region, and the importance of appropriate destination development. Robust discussion was held around port infrastructure, capacity and partnerships for the continued growth of the industry which according to our Economic Impact Report, contributed \$1.734b in direct expenditure in the last year. ACA has invested heavily over the past twenty years in showcasing our region to cruise line executives and ensuring that they experience first-hand the extraordinary tourism opportunities that complete a cruise itinerary ashore. We look forward to representing our diverse membership for another 20 years and beyond and remain focused on two core objectives: to attract more cruise lines and cruise calls to our ports by marketing Australia as an exciting, safe, and profitable cruise destination: and to provide a strong voice for the many and varied businesses that provide the vital services & experiences that are the backbone of a successful cruise industry.

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