



One Ocean Expeditions to restructure

BELEAGUERED Antarctic cruise operator One Ocean Expeditions (OOE) has confirmed it will soon enter a formal restructuring process, allowing its creditors to seek "some form of payment".

In the meantime the company claims to have entered into a partnership with another unnamed operator to carry passengers on future voyages.

The Canadian-based cruise line has not operated any cruises for the last three months, with its *RCGS Resolute* (pictured) impounded in Buenos Aires, over a payment dispute.

The company has repeatedly cancelled cruises (*CW* 01 Nov 2019, *CW* 25 Nov 2019, *CW* 18 Dec 2019), despite continuing to offer bookings via its website, and rather than providing refunds has offered "future cruise credits".

In an update issued overnight, OOE confirmed it was "in the



process of restructuring its business to provide alternative options for its valued customers and partners affected by the current financial position.

"As part of this restructure, OOE has entered into a strategic marketing partnership with a highly regarded company with more than 120 years of cruise and expedition experience...through this partnership, OOE customers will be offered various options to continue their travel for a discounted price," the firm said.

Passengers are being asked

for permission to pass on their details to the as-yet-confidential partner operator.

Customers can also elect to become a "creditor" of OOE, which will enter a formal process of business restructure in accordance with Canadian law, "with the aim of receiving refund of a portion of what was advanced".

Hurtigruten, which has offered "compassionate fares" to impacted pax (*CW* 28 Nov 2019), has rejected claims it had entered into a partnership with OOE.

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Scenic bonuses

SCENIC Luxury Cruises & Tours is offering agents the chance to earn an extra 2% commission in addition to the normal 10% when they book select river cruises by 31 Mar.

The special offer is part of the cruise line's See the World campaign - for further details, [CLICK HERE](#).

Anderson departs

MSC Cruises Australia has confirmed the exit of company stalwart Donna Anderson, who most recently held the role of Commercial Manager for the line and had been with the business since Apr 2008.



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Frankland purchased

RHEA, a 100-year-old green sea turtle (pictured) might be the oldest patient the Northern Territory's Ark Aid Animal Hospital has seen in a while.

The centenarian was found floating in the water just off the coast by a fisherman, who brought her to the animal hospital when he noticed she couldn't dive.

A medical check revealed Rhea wasn't able to pass gas - a life-threatening issue for a sea turtle, as it means they aren't able to dive for food.

Ark Aid Animal Hospital said it will give Rhea medication that will ensure she "has overcome her flatulence issues" before she is released back into the wild.

We hope she blows off some steam when she's fit and well.



ENTRADA Travel Group has announced the acquisition of Frankland Islands Reef Cruises, a Cairns-based company which offers sailings of the Great Barrier Reef and Mulgrave River.

Entrada Chief Executive Officer John Thorburn said the acquisition was a "natural choice" as it continued its buying spree in the state's north, having already made two similar purchases in North Queensland.

"Frankland Islands Reef Cruises offers a unique way to experience the Great Barrier Reef and, combined with the outer reef tours we offer through our TUSA and Divers Den brands, it widens

the range of options for travellers of all kinds," he said.

"[We] look forward to bringing our experience in conservation, education and tourism on this beautiful group of islands," Thorburn added.

Frankland Islands Reef Cruises holds an exclusive commercial access permit to visit the island group, with visitor numbers capped at 100 per day for sustainability reasons.

Included in the purchase were three vessels and two coaches, with all staff set to be retained when the agreement is formally settled next month.

Pictured: The Great Barrier Reef.

New Rotto sailings

ROTTNEST Cruises has introduced two new sailings departing Rottneest Island, coinciding with several new tourist services launching on the island in 2020.

A special sunset cruise is now available for visitors, which includes a glass of sparkling wine and a serving of antipasto on board the 12.5-metre catamaran *Charter 1*.

Also on offer is a fishing cruise called *Hooked on Rotto*, a two-hour sailing that provides angling equipment and expert fishing tips.

Seabourn tea time

SEABOURN has announced the introduction of a daily tea service across its entire fleet.

Guests are able to sip on a selection of premium teas and enjoy some "light bites" when they partake in the line's new Afternoon Tea Service.

The traditional British offering is available to passengers between 4-5pm daily in the Observation Bar.

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