



Quark Exp's Ultramarine floats out

QUARK Expeditions is celebrating the formal "float out" of *Ultramarine* (pictured) last weekend, from the Brodosplit shipyard where the vessel is currently under construction.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the ship is thus far on time, and is scheduled to make her debut in the Canadian Arctic next year.

The €106 million (\$177 million) polar expedition ship, which is now 70% complete, is Croatia's "largest export product," according to Minister of Economy Darko Horvat.

In a LinkedIn post, Quark Director of Sales Asia Pacific Jarrod Zurvas expressed enthusiasm for the ship, and praised the Croatian shipyard for their punctuality, with the end-of-year delivery still expected to be met.

Quark Vice President of Sales



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Thomas Lennartz last year told *Cruise Weekly* the ship would be "a pioneering mix of advanced sustainability features," including a range of cutting-edge technologies aimed at reducing its carbon footprint.

"*Ultramarine* has been issued CLEAN certification by DNV GL,

the world's largest resource of independent energy experts, and TIER III status by the International Maritime Organization," he said.

"These certifications are proof of Quark's voluntary compliance in not only meeting, but surpassing industry standards." View the floating out [HERE](#).

Cruise Weekly today

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

NCL new webinars

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line (NCL) has launched NCL's News & Network, a webinar series for Australian and New Zealand travel partners.

The series will see regional sessions, hosted online by NCL's team of Business Development Managers, each with a unique theme, including deployments and itineraries.

The first in the series takes place this coming Fri, and focuses on NCL's newly unveiled sailings for 2021 and 2022 (*CW* 13 May).

The second in the series will take place on 01 Jun.

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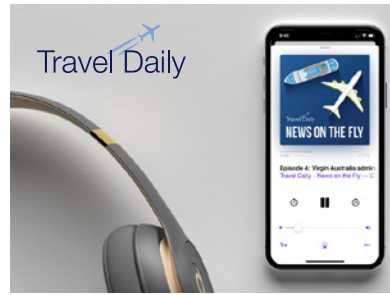


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A **MARYLAND** restaurant has introduced new tables based inside inner tubes to help with social distancing (**pictured**).

Fish Tales Bar & Grill in Ocean City's new tables also have wheels on them, so customers can roll around the restaurant's parking lot and bar area and mingle, while enjoying a cocktail or some food.

Unfortunately, restaurants in the state are currently only allowed to offer delivery, takeout or drive-through service, meaning this initiative likely circumvents the rules!



Atlas announces

ATLAS Ocean Voyages has announced its autumn 2021 Caribbean and South America journeys.

Adventurers enjoy up to US\$2,000 in savings, and get included air travel for *World Navigator's* inaugural season, as well as a reduced 50% deposit, and a free change to any itinerary departing before 31 Mar.

The new itineraries begin in Oct and Nov, with the cruise line last month having also announced its 2021/22 Antarctica Luxpeditions season (**CW** 19 Apr).

Roll up roll up!



TEST setup (**pictured**) has begun on the world's longest roller coaster at sea for Dream Cruises' new ship, *Global Dream*.

Pre-assembly of the main attraction, Dream Park at the Pier, is being undertaken by Maurer Rides, with the centrepiece to be a Spike Coaster called Space Cruiser.

In order to keep the assembly and commissioning on-time for the 2,500-cabin cruise ship, the roller coaster is currently being built for testing near the MV Werften shipyard in Germany.

The test setup will be used to assess the installation methodology, after which three Spike vehicles will be installed and the system control will be thoroughly tested.

After leaving the station, the ride accelerates, following two closely spaced inclined 90-degree curves, or "camelbacks".

With a maximum speed of up to 60 kilometres, the roller coaster then engages in a 360-degree downward and upward helix, which forms the end of the

303-metre track, before the vehicles reach the station again.

At its peak, the roller coaster will take riders up to 55 metres above sea level.

Adventure saving

CRUISE Traveller is offering discounts of 15% on Adventure Canada trips to some of Earth's "least-populated places".

The *In the Wake of the Vikings* voyage takes travellers to Iceland and Greenland, and those booking through Cruise Traveller by 01 Jun can get a free one-night's stay and pay no single supplement.

Special relaxed booking conditions are also on offer for the 12-night trip aboard *Ocean Endeavour*, from Reykjavik to Kangerlussuaq, such as a reduced booking deposit of US\$500 per person.

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