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'As we await the time we can explore again, let's remind ourselves of the many beautiful and exciting experiences that lie ahead of us.'

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Monique Ponfoort

Vice-President Asia Pacific



Cruise Weekly today

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features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news, a front full page from **Ponant**, and a full page from **TD Training Academy**.

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New training option

CRUISE Weekly's parent company, Business Publishing Group, has today launched the new **Travel Daily** Training Academy as a way for cruise lines, destinations and other suppliers to educate travel agents - see the [back page](#).

RCL to return to sailing on 01 Aug

ROYAL Caribbean Cruises (RCL) has extended its cancellation of almost all its sailings through to the end of Jul, with China the lone exception.

RCL's new date for resumption globally will be 01 Aug, but it is targeting a 01 Jul restart in Asia.

Royal Caribbean Cruises Chairman & Chief Executive Officer Richard Fain said he was unsure on exactly what a full global restart will look like, but it will be fully-prepared, with proper health and hygiene protocols in place.

"We also need to restore the confidence of many by being transparent in our actions and communicating extensively," Fain said.

"We don't expect this is going to be someday somebody blows a horn and all the ships start operating right away...we think that it will be a gradual start... a



little like how society is opening up."

RCL also experienced a wider loss than expected of US\$1.4 billion for the first quarter.

The company noted its focus would turn to four key principles: ensuring the safety of guests and crews, proactively enhancing liquidity, protecting RCL's brands and defining and preparing for a "new normal".

Since the last earnings call, Royal Caribbean Cruises has raised US\$4 billion through a secured bond issuance and increased revolver capacity; a US\$3 billion reduction in its 2020 capital expenditures, a US\$800 million 12-month debt amortisation holiday from certain export-credit backed facilities, and has substantially reduced its operating, sales, marketing and administrative expenses.

Royal Caribbean International (RCI) President & Chief Executive Officer Michael Bayley added his cruise line is already in talks with more than 40 ports around the world about when ships can return.

RCI's *Adventure of the Seas* arrived in Jamaica today, after finally receiving blessing from the country's Prime Minister yesterday (**CW** y'day).

Pictured: Richard Fain.

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IT MIGHT not exactly be a choice time in which to exhibit your wares, but Latvian design studio Zeltini ha shown its new "amphibious home" the Z-Triton.

The electric boat-tricycle mashup triples as shelter you can sleep in at night, and was created for expeditions, the studio said.

The electrically powered vehicle can travel over land or water, has a tiny kitchen and room to sleep, and will be available to rent next year.

Let's just hope you don't run out of power in the middle of nowhere!

New CLIA Chair

ROYAL Caribbean International MD ANZ Gavin Smith has been appointed as the new Chairman of Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) Australasia (**CW** breaking news).

The appointment was made following CLIA's annual general meeting yesterday, with Smith replacing the outgoing Sture Myrmell (**CW** yesterday).

Smith leads a newly formed Executive Committee comprising of Myrmell (P&O Australia), Stuart Allison (Princess), Ben Angell (NCL), Sarina Bratton (Ponant), Lynne Clarke (MSC), Steve Odell (Regent Seven Seas & Oceania) and Andrew Millmore (Virgin & Windstar).

Townsville volunteers



THE Port of Townsville is working together to support the local community, in partnership with Townsville City Council and other various bodies.

Over the past few weeks, Port volunteers have helped Community GRO Community Kitchen, attending centres in the Upper Ross and Garbutt districts to help prepare meals and deliver food to people in need (**pictured**).

In Jun, the Port will collect food donations for Food Relief via collection bins distributed within

the Port community.

Staff have also donated meals to the team at the at Reid Park COVID-19 clinic, with 20 grocery cards worth \$250 each also distributed to families in need, with the help of the local Triple M station's *Pricey for Breakfast*.

\$2k has also been donated to the Mission to Seafarers, with the injection coming alongside goods and money donated by maritime company Smit Lammalco, the Port's Marine Pilots and Kate's Campaign for Change.

More lines plot return to the seas

CRUISING now looks set for a potential resumption in earnest from 01 Aug, with Norwegian Cruise Line Holding's Norwegian Cruise Line, Oceania Cruises and Regent Seven Seas Cruises overnight joining Royal Caribbean International, Celebrity Cruises and Azamara (see **page 1**) in extending their current temporary pause of cruise operations until 31 Jul.

Virgin Voyages has also delayed the debut of *Scarlet Lady*, with the line's first ship now scheduled for its maiden revenue cruise on 16 Oct - preceded by a "Richard's Birthday Bash" shakedown sailing planned for 14 Jul.



Roll on International Visitors

MANY restrictions have been relaxed in New Zealand as the number of new cases of Covid-19 is down to around zero or 1 each day. 96% of people have now recovered, and there has been no incidence of community transmission for some time. Restaurants, hairdressers, cafes, and bars are opening and so are many retailers, as we begin to adapt to a new way of doing things.

The tourism industry has been asked to switch to domestic tourism – marketing to New Zealanders. In a country where the largest export industry has been international tourism, this might be a laudable aim, but will not work, even in the short-term. There are simply not enough customers to sustain a profitable tourism industry, we need overseas visitors.

But no indication yet of when our borders will be open – the best guess is in Oct, limited to Australians, which will make a big difference. The next steps must include cruise tourism. Cruise has the capacity and ability to accelerate international tourism, and we are already hearing operators say they will welcome cruise.



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