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### NCLH + RCG cancel remainder of 2020

**NORWEGIAN** Cruise Line Holdings (NCLH) and Royal Caribbean Group (RCG) have announced an extension of their suspensions of global cruise voyages.

Royal Caribbean Group's suspension will include Azamara's 2020/21 summer sailings throughout the Southern Hemisphere but will exclude Singapore sailings.

Regent Seven Seas Cruises' 2021 world cruise is also out.

Guests who are currently booked on cancelled voyages on Norwegian Cruise Line, Oceania Cruises or Regent Seven Seas have been asked to contact their travel advisor or the cruise line for more info.

Royal Caribbean Group said it would be reaching out to its guests and travel partners to share further details.

## Viking will test daily

**VIKING** is setting a high bar for the safe resumption of ocean cruising, with the installation of a facility on one of its ships which will enable daily onboard coronavirus testing of all passengers and crew members.

The cruise line has confirmed the completion of the first "full-scale PCR laboratory at sea," on board *Viking Star*, able to process daily non-invasive saliva tests for a full complement of 930 passengers as well as the crew.

Viking's Vice President Maritime Operations Matt Grimes said the project had been under way for several months, with the completed laboratory "moving us one step closer to operating cruises again, without compromising the safety of our guests and crew".

Having capacity for daily testing would set Viking's standards even higher than the plan announced

last month by Cruise Lines International Association, which has mandated pre-cruise tests for all passengers (**CW** 07 Oct).

Grimes said the new Centers for Disease Control & Prevention guidelines for the resumption of cruising (**CW** yesterday) were "clearly aligned with our public health research, and we welcome the agency's push towards testing, as we believe this is the only way to safely operate.

"In our view, continuous PCR testing, along with our extensive onboard hygiene protocols, will lead to making Viking ships a safe place to get away and to explore the world," he said.

The new onboard testing facility will be demonstrated later this month when *Star* arrives in Oslo, with Viking expected to also unveil its own comprehensive COVID-safe operating procedures for the return of voyages.

### Cruise Weekly today

**Cruise Weekly** today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news plus a front cover from **Cunard** and a full page from **CLIA**.

### Cunard gets big

**CUNARD** Line's big balcony event is currently offering travellers a complimentary double-upgrade from an Inside Stateroom to a Balcony.

This sale finishes at the end of the month - **front page**.

### Join up with CLIA

**CRUISE** Lines International Association (CLIA) is inviting travel partners to join in 2021 and reap the exclusive benefits available next year, as well as the support to navigate the industry's revival - **back page**.

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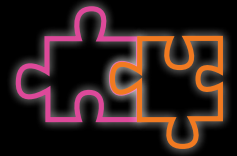
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## PORTHOLE

**SURF** brand Vissla's Creators & Innovators Upcycle contest often draws some fantastic entries, and this year, the owner of Earth Technologies, a zero-waste factory in Los Angeles that pioneers "eco-surfboard technology", has come up with a board made entirely of ocean plastics.

The surfboard is made chiefly from straws, scrap carbon fibre and now even used masks.

"We literally were upcycling as we went," said Earth Technologies owner Ryan Harris. "Basically, this whole board was made out of trash.

"Once we got it into the water, and it worked, it performed, I was like, alright, sick."

The surfboard will be raffled off to benefit Vote the Ocean, a non-profit with the ocean's interests at heart, with all funds raised matched by Red Bull.

To enter the raffle, [CLICK HERE](#).

## Scare-nival spooks Sydney



**THERE** were no evil clowns at this Carnival - just Carnival Cruise Line's mascot Frangelica (pictured and inset).

Perhaps in an attempt to scare some sense into the *Cruise Weekly* staff, Carnival's



resident arachnid made its way to Macquarie Centre on our doorstep of Macquarie Park on Sat to help welcome in Halloween and spook some of the children of Sydney's northern suburbs.

Frangelica usually hangs her hat at the bow of *Carnival Spirit*, but on the weekend the spooky spider oversaw personalised pumpkin carvings and dished out pumpkin buckets and Carnival merchandise, in addition to serving up a frightful amount of arachnophobia.

Families even had the chance to win a family cruise, set to sail in 2022.

## Viking incentive

**VIKING** has launched a new travel agent incentive aimed at generating bookings and boosting market activity in the lead up to the Christmas season.

All new river, ocean and expedition bookings and rebookings this month will go into the draw to win a first prize of \$1,000 worth of Rewards by Viking points.

Two other winners will receive \$250 in points each.

For more information, head to [rewardsbyviking.com](http://rewardsbyviking.com).

## Chimu savings

**TRAVELLERS** can currently claim 25% off Chimu Adventures' 2022/23 Antarctic season aboard *Ocean Endeavour*.

The Antarctica sale is also offering reduced down payments and book with assurance/sail with confidence policies.

The earlybird deals are available to new *Ocean Endeavour* bookings for the season made by 18 Dec, unless sold out earlier.

Down payments start at \$1,450, with departures available in the sale including the 12-day Discover Antarctica from \$10,415 and the 14-day Uncharted Antarctica: East and West Peninsula from \$13,555.

There are also several departures to the Antarctic Circle, including a Christmas and New Year's Eve itinerary, and an 11-day Antarctic Whale Journey - [CLICK HERE](#).



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