



Cruise Weekly today

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

Kollar honoured

CRUISE Lines International Association Australasia Head of Training & Development Peter Kollar has taken out the Talent Development category in the Seatrade Cruise Awards overnight.

Announced during a virtual ceremony as part of the first ever Seatrade Cruise Virtual conference, the award highlighted his Cruise Champion module & the CLIA Members Hub - to view the ceremony [CLICK HERE](#).

Scenic was also honoured in the Expedition Cruise Initiative of the Year category for the Scenic Neptune submersible on board *Scenic Eclipse*.

CLIA mandates testing of all passengers

IN A world first, Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) ocean members across the globe have agreed to conduct 100% testing of passengers and crew on all ships with a capacity of more than 250 people.

Billed as an example of the cruise industry leading the way to a safe resumption of operations, a negative test result will be required for any embarkation.

The move was announced overnight by CLIA Global President & Chief Executive Officer Kelly Craighead (pictured), who said "we see testing as an important initial step to a multi-layered approach that we believe validates the industry's commitment to making health, safety and the well-being of the passengers, the crew and the communities we visit our top priority".

Speaking at the Seatrade Virtual



conference, Craighead noted that cruise lines had already been working for many months with experts worldwide to develop protocols for a resumption.

She said CLIA members were optimistic that these measures would allow for a "gradual, phased resumption of cruising to continue in more markets".

The conference also included a State of the Global Cruise Industry keynote session led by

the leaders of the world's four largest cruise operators: Carnival Corporation's Arnold Donald, Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings' Frank Del Rio, Royal Caribbean Group's Richard Fain and MSC Cruises' Pierfrancesco Vago, all of whom were optimistic about a resumption of sailing from the United States this year.

However Del Rio noted the long lead-in time required to get a vessel operational after it has been laid up, including repatriating crew and implementing scores of health and safety measures.

Fain and Donald highlighted the successful gradual resumption of cruising in Europe, while Vago noted while there were hopes of a vaccine, it "won't be the magic wand".

"Vaccines will be part of the solution, but testing will be the solution," he said.

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THE Arno XI (pictured), the fastest boat of its weight ever built, can now be yours.

Classified as a hydroplane, the 1952-built vessel is 1 of 1, and has an engine modelled on a Ferrari racecar's.

Arno XI stunningly still holds the weight class record of 241.71 kilometres per hour it hit on Lake Iseo in Italy in 1953.

Listed with duPont, the classified advertisers have not labelled it with a price, but it is believed the owner will let the craft go for \$US12 million.

If that's not enough to tempt you, Arno XI is so cool it was originally proposed to Enzo Ferrari himself, who ordered it immediately be built - I bet you can't say that about what you drive to work.



No local Azamara, Celebrity seasons

ROYAL Caribbean Group's Azamara brand has announced it will not restart operating until Europe's 2021 summer season, with the cancellation of all prior departures.

In addition, Celebrity Cruises has advised of the suspension of its full 2020/21 summer program in Australia and Asia, while Royal Caribbean's pause is now in place until 30 Nov.

Azamara will now kick off its next season on 20 Mar next year with an *Azamara Quest* cruise ex Lisbon, while details of Celebrity's planned return haven't been made public yet.

Sister ship *Azamara Journey* will resume operations a few weeks later, on 09 Apr 2021, and then on 09 May *Azamara Pursuit* will recommence with a series of Greece voyages.

Azamara cited ongoing uncertainty around COVID-19, adding that "in addition to individual country restrictions, our surveys indicate guests will not be comfortable travelling until later in 2021".

Hurtigruten chat

THERE are still a limited number of spaces available for today's exclusive webinar with Hurtigruten Asia-Pacific Managing Director Damian Perry, who will be interviewed by *Travel Daily's* Bruce Piper at 1pm AEDT.

The online session is being conducted in partnership with the Travel Industry Hub as part of a series of CEO Conversations this month, which also include chats with Cover-More Group Chief Executive Officer Judith Crompton next week, followed by interviews with The Travel Corporation Chief Executive Officer Brett Tollman and Webjet Chief Executive Officer John Guccis.

For more information and to register sign up for free at thetravelindustryhub.com.

Seabourn cancels

SEABOURN Cruise Line has announced voyage cancellations for *Seabourn Odyssey*, *Seabourn Ovation* and *Seabourn Encore* for 2020 and the start of 2021.

The three ships will be out until 15 Jan, 18 Apr and 28 May respectively, with the cancellation of additional voyages a "proactive action" to deal with the circumstances continuing to evolve from the global response to the COVID-19 situation.

Guests who have paid in full will receive a 125% future cruise credit of the base cruise fare paid to Seabourn, while those with bookings under deposit will receive a future cruise credit valued at 125% of the deposit paid.

CLIA UPDATE



with Joel Katz
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Testing will take us forward

CLIA today confirmed one of the most important measures that will underpin the extensive new health protocols cruise lines will adopt globally in response to COVID-19.

A global commitment to 100% testing of all passengers and crew – applicable for all ocean-going cruise line members worldwide for ships carrying 250 or more people – represents a major step forward for our industry as we work to build confidence among travellers, governments and communities.

This confirmation will provide a vital reassurance to health authorities as we discuss the wider measures under development across the cruise industry, including governments in Australia and New Zealand.

Backed by additional screening measures such as temperature checks, health declarations and medical reviews if necessary, the 100% testing commitment means every passenger and crew member will need to test negative to COVID-19 before being allowed to board.

For crew, it will involve multiple stages of testing as well as minimum quarantine periods and ongoing periodical testing.

Together with other recent advances, this announcement brings us one step closer to achieving a responsible revival of cruising around the world.



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