



### Endeavor on track

**CRYSTAL Endeavor** is on track to debut in the northern summer, Crystal Cruises has announced.

Production for *Crystal Endeavor* recently resumed, after the ship was originally set to launch last Aug.

Crystal has cancelled *Endeavor* voyages through 01 May, and is currently reviewing published summer itineraries, but the cruise line is maintaining positivity about the ship's launch date.

Some of the upcoming destinations planned for *Crystal Endeavor* include the Atlantic Isles, Antarctica, Argentina, Brazil and more.

### Cruise Weekly today

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

## RCL lends a hand to travel advisors

**ROYAL** Caribbean Group (RCL) has confirmed that Australian travel advisors will be included in a new US\$40 million (A\$51 million) support program announced just before Christmas.

The Pay It Forward program will be the second phase of Royal Caribbean's RCL CARES, supporting travel advisors as they look to rebuild their businesses.

Pay It Forward makes a US\$40 million pool of funds available to qualifying travel advisors, initially in North America, although a proportion of the funds will be attributed to international markets, including Australia, with Royal Caribbean to share more information later in the month.

The North American rollout will see advisors able to apply for three-year, interest-free loans of up to US\$250,000.

As with RCL CARES, the program will launch in North America



first, and then be adapted for international markets to best suit their various needs and legalities.

"We know our travel advisor friends are suffering too, and we will get through this tough period together, just as we always have," said Royal Caribbean Group Chairman & Chief Executive Officer Richard Fain.

"Our travel partners have stood strong beside us for more than 50 years, and we are determined to be there for them now.

"We're going to get to the other side of this challenging time."

RCL also recently appointed former Marriott International President & MD Amy McPherson (**pictured**) to its board.

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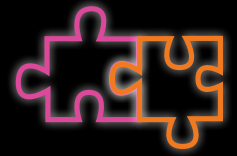
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**WHILE** cruising is sometimes criticised for polluting the environment, dirty water is something found ashore a lot more often - particularly in the city of Boston where baseball's Red Sox are known for using the rallying cry of "dirty water".

That may soon become moot, with Massachusetts state considering ordering water authorities to inform residents of their dirty deeds.

A bill currently on the desk of Governor Charlie Baker requires residents to be notified any time raw sewage ends up in a local river or water body.

Wastewater operators would be required to send out e-mail or text notifications to local and downstream residents within two hours of discovering a sewage discharge, and updates every eight hours for as long as the problem persists.

They would also have to publish information online.

## Ponant adds nine more



**PONANT** has announced its "commitment-free" registration for nine new Australia and New Zealand luxury expeditions is now available.

Guests can register expressions of interest before itinerary details are finalised and sales are opened later this month.

The range of nine new small-ship itineraries has been developed by Ponant's Australia and New Zealand expedition specialists, and have been designed to introduce guests

to rarely visited regions in New Zealand's Subantarctic Islands, Tasmania, Western Australia (**pictured**) and more.

Highlights include the Antipodes Islands, Macquarie Island, Ningaloo Reef, Rowley Shoals, and food & wine destinations such as King Island and the Tamar Valley.

"Interested parties can register now - no deposit is required, and you can always opt out with no penalty," said General Manager Sales & Marketing Asia Pacific Deb Corbett.

"Pre-registration means you will be one of the first in line when sales officially open towards the end of Jan.

"Our consultants will then be in touch with more details, including voyage pricing, to discuss if you would like to proceed."

Some of the nine itineraries include the 10-night Jewels of the West Coast Broome to Fremantle cruise departing 22 Sep and the eight-night Highlands of South Western Australia journey return from Fremantle departing 02 Oct.

## Carnival news

**CARNIVAL** Cruise Line has announced 56 cruises on offer out of Sydney from Jul 2022 through to Jun 2023.

Australian-based *Carnival Splendor* will be making over 130 port calls to 17 destinations across Australia, Fiji, New Caledonia, New Zealand and Vanuatu.

Program highlights include an increased amount of calls to the Great Barrier Reef, New Zealand and Tasmania, and an increased amount of weekend getaways to Tangalooma.

Meanwhile, Carnival has advised impacted guests and travel advisors of the cancellation of *Carnival Spirit's* 12 Jun 15-day repositioning cruise from Singapore to Brisbane.

Guests will have the option of a future cruise credit and onboard credit package, or a full refund.

Carnival said the cancellation of the repositioning cruise will not impact its Brisbane-based *Carnival Spirit* season, which is set to kick off on 27 Jun.

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