



### Cruise Weekly today

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

### Bolette inaugural

**FRED.** Olsen Cruise Lines' new flagship *Bolette* has set sail for Dover ahead of her inaugural maiden voyage.

The 1,338-guest *Bolette*, which was purchased by Fred. Olsen last summer (**CW** 20 Jul 2020), has been in lay-up in Scotland for 10 months, while the team has carried out a refurbishment to her internal and external areas.

*Bolette* is named after the great-great-grandmother of company Chairperson Fred. Olsen Jr.

She left Rosyth late last week, and is due to sail beneath the iconic Forth bridges on her way to Dover.

## A Glamore-ous leader

**CARNIVAL** Cruise Line (CCL) has announced the appointment of its new Vice President, Kara Glamore, who will succeed the outgoing Jennifer Vandekreeke (**CW** breaking news Fri).

Glamore, formerly Director of Marketing & PR, will be supported by former Director of Sales Anton Loeb, who has been promoted into the newly created role of Senior Director Sales & Marketing.

Glamore joined the CCL team in 2019 after working for Expedia.

"I'm honoured to take this next step as Vice President," Glamore enthused.

"There is much to look forward to once we resume cruising within Australia - Aussies will have more opportunities to explore their beautiful backyard by sea than ever before, and Queenslanders will be able to enjoy the fun of a Carnival cruise

without leaving the state as *Carnival Spirit* moves to her new Brisbane homeport.

"I'm beyond excited to continue working with our incredible partners in this new role – they will be instrumental in welcoming cruising back into Australia."

Loeb, who was a founding member of the CCL team in Australia, has grown the cruise line's trade presence, engagement, and trust in the local market.

CCL credited Loeb for building the sales team to what it is today, and he will now lead the development of the cruise line's above-the-line communications.

Outgoing Vice President Vandekreeke (**CW** 18 Jun) congratulated both appointments, saying CCL could "not be in better hands", adding that the two "truly embody Carnival's core values".

### New Oceania cruises

**OCEANIA** Cruises has debuted new Europe and Tahiti cruises.

The 16 new voyages will take place early next year aboard *Nautica* and *Regatta*, after they return from their drydocks.

Through next Apr and Jun, *Nautica's* European voyages will range from 10–24 days, and will visit the French and Italian rivieras, the islands of Greece, the Holy Land and the Canary Islands.

*Regatta* will reprise her in-demand Tahiti itineraries, with the addition of three new 10-day roundtrips from Papeete, commencing in Feb next year.

Both ships will have emerged from their drydock by 01 Apr 2022, at which point the more than US\$100 million OceaniaNEXT rebuild program will be finished.



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## Save with Viking

**SAVE** up to \$5,200 per couple and book risk-free on Viking's Christmas voyages.

The cruise line is celebrating Xmas in Jul, with those booking before the end of the month able to access the savings, available across a range of voyages departing over the holiday season.

Included are cruises on the Lower Mississippi, a range of ocean sailings in popular regions around the world, and river cruises on the waterways of Europe, with visits to the continent's Christmas markets.

Viking's Risk-Free Guarantee is also available until the end of the month, offering travellers the freedom to change their plans up to 14 days before departure.

Included in the offer are the 15-day Grand European Cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest, the eight-day Rhine Getaway from Amsterdam to Basel, and more.

## Discover your leaders



**PRINCESS** Cruises has announced *Discovery Princess'* senior officers, led by Captains Gennaro Arma and John Smith (pictured).

Officially bringing the ship into service from the shipyard in Monfalcone will be Captain Arma, joined at the launch by an experienced team of executive officers, including Chief Engineer Vincenzo Alfi, Staff Captain Alessandro Genzo and Hotel



General Manager Richard Harry.

When Captain Arma is on leave, Captain Smith will take over the navigation and leadership of *Discovery*, and will serve together with Chief Engineer Tomislav Ljoka, Staff Captain Petar Lesic and Hotel General Manager Jasper Wolthuis.

*Discovery* will arrive in less than 200 days, when she'll be homeported in Los Angeles during next year's northern spring for an inaugural season of Mexican Riviera and Coastal California cruises (**CW** 19 May).

"The entire Princess team, both ashore and at sea, would like to congratulate and recognise Captain Arma and Captain Smith on their notable and hard-earned appointments to lead our newest ship" said President Jan Swartz.

"Their meticulous focus to always look out for our guests is a testament to the level of service Princess is proud to deliver.

"The first *Discovery Princess* guests will have the pleasure of sailing with an esteemed inaugural leadership team".



**QUEEN Mary** might be about to sink in California!

No, not the Cunard Line flagship, *Queen Mary 2*, but instead, *RMS Queen Mary*, a retired British ocean liner permanently moored in Long Beach.

The ship, which did indeed sail for the Cunard-White Star Line - the successor to the modern-day cruise line - currently serves as a tourist attraction, featuring restaurants, a museum and a hotel.

However, the aging *RMS Queen Mary* could cost Long Beach up to USD\$175 million to preserve and maintain over the next 25 years, leading the city to explore its options for the ship.

Unfortunately, it could cost even more — up to USD\$190 million — to recycle for scrap or sink into the ocean.

Long Beach will soon need to make a decision, as it formally took control of the ship last month after the company that held her lease filed for bankruptcy protection.

It has been recommended that as much as USD\$289 million worth of renovations were needed to keep parts of *RMS Queen Mary* from flooding.

According to documents filed recently in bankruptcy court, *RMS Queen Mary* needs at least USD\$23 million in immediate repairs to prevent it from potentially capsizing.

It seems like right now, the industry can't catch any breaks.

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