



Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news, plus a full page from **Cruise360**.

CLIA webinars

CRUISE Lines International Association's (CLIA) webinars will help travel advisors get the most from Cruise Month this Sep.

CLIA will host two lunchtime webinars to help its agent members.

The webinars will explain how travel agents can get involved and make use of the marketing resources available to them with next Mon's 'How to get involved in Cruise Month' webinar taking place at 12pm.

There will also be a 'Video 101' webinar at 12pm on Fri 12 Aug - **CLICK HERE**.

Rhine water levels impacting cruise

AS LOW water levels risk closing the Rhine (**pictured**), the cruise industry is closely monitoring the situation, which has been impacted by record high temperatures across Europe.

Water levels on the Rhine are set to fall perilously close to the point at which the river would effectively close - a situation which has seen Uniworld Boutique River Cruise Collection deviate two voyages.

A spokesperson for Uniworld told **Cruise Weekly** the line has thus far been lucky to have not been affected further, with a small amount of rain arriving recently providing modest aid to the situation.

Water levels in some key sections of the Rhine on which Scenic Group's brands operate has it also preparing to adjust guest travel arrangements when required, and altering some river



cruises "to allow for the safe navigation of our ships", it told **Cruise Weekly**.

"Our team is committed to finding the best possible solution for each individual cruise...to ensure the minimal disruption to our guests' experience and itineraries," Scenic said.

"We will always do our utmost to deliver the best experience for our guests."

Scenic Group is also reminding guests its complimentary River Cruise Cover is included in all Scenic Luxury Cruises & Tours & Emerald Cruises bookings, as an added assurance.



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A 62-YEAR-OLD sailor has survived for 16 hours in a capsized boat off the Spain.

The Frenchman survived in an air bubble inside his capsized boat in the Atlantic Ocean before being rescued by Spanish coastguard divers in what they described as an operation "verging on the impossible".

Rescuers actually first located the vessel as the sun set, but rough seas meant they had to wait until morning to help free the man, who was left under the boat for the night.

In the morning, the man was airlifted to safety and taken to hospital for checks, and was discharged soon afterwards with no issues.

Cruise shares dive from note offering

ROYAL Caribbean Cruises' shares dived 10% on Tue after a USD\$900 million note offering.

News of the offering sent peers Carnival Corporation and Norwegian Cruise Line Holding lower as well.

Bolette's Dover return



FRED. Olsen Cruise Lines will return to Dover with a selection of late northern hemisphere summer sailings from later this month.

The cruise line will offer a selection of late summer cruises from Aug to Nov to destinations including Norway, France, Spain, and the Adriatic.

Flagship *Bolette* (pictured) will sail from Dover across the next three months, offering the chance to take in the vistas and volcanoes of the Azores and Madeira, sail into the heart of the Norwegian fjords, and explore three Scandinavian cities on a six-night break.

Bolette's first cruise from Dover this year will be the eight-night 'Scenic Isles and Lochs of Scotland', where guests can enjoy a picturesque sailing of the impressive Sound of Mull, explore the remote islands of Orkney and Shetland, and look out for whales and birdlife alongside marine wildlife charity ORCA.

"We have offered cruises from Dover for many years,

and we are really pleased to be returning again this summer... our ships always receive such a warm welcome," said Director of Product & Customer Service Clare Ward.

"Our Journey Planners have hand-crafted these late summer sailings specially, taking advantage of the south-easterly location of the port to maximise the experiences on-board and ashore for our guests."

Croisi Mekong

CROISIEUROPE cruises are returning to the Mekong, following two years of interruptions.

The cruise line is resuming operations on the river on Sun, the first river operator to do so.

The nine-day cruises between Ho Chi Minh City and Siem Reap take guests to the temples of Angkor and the floating villages on Tonle Sap.



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