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Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features three pages of all the latest cruise industry news, including a cover page from Regent Seven Seas Cruises and a photo page from last night's CLIA Cruise360 cocktail party.

RCI Singapore '24

ROYAL Caribbean International (RCI) has announced 2023-24 year-round cruises from Singapore to Thailand, Vietnam, Japan, and more. RCI's Spectrum of the Seas' 2023-2024 season will see longer cruises make a comeback from Singapore, with a mix of new five to 12-night sailings.

The line's crowd favourite three- and four-night getaways, first introduced last month, will round out the ship's Asia season.

Island Escape sinks into receivership

EXCLUSIVE

NEW Zealand-based Island Escape Cruises has had receivers appointed, with the line's 32-guest Island Escape also understood to have been arrested in the Port of Broome where it has lain idle while successive departures of the company's foundering Kimberley 2022 season were cancelled (CW 22 Jul, CW 08 Aug).

Official company records lodged late yesterday afternoon confirm that the Bank of NZ appointed Neale Jackson and Natalie Burrett from insolvency firm Aucklandbased Calibre Partners "to be the receivers and managers of all the property of Island Escape Cruises (NZ) Limited (in receivership) under the provisions of a general security agreement dated 14 October 2021".

At this early stage it's unclear what the status of outstanding deposits and passenger refunds is, with the appointment following the cancellation of yet another departure which had been scheduled earlier this week.

It's just over a month since the company's freshly appointed CEO Erik Helseth assured Cruise Weekly that guests booked on the cancelled Kimberley cruises would receive refunds (CW 21 Jul) amid rising complaints on social media about the boutique small ship operator.

Helseth at that stage said the company was "working day and night to resume operation" as more and more passengers expressed their dismay online.

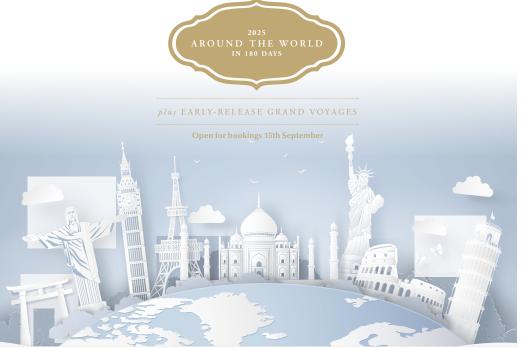
Now the company's Facebook page has been taken down, although the Island Escape Cruises website remains active, and shockingly is still accepting bookings and payments for upcoming departures including an imminent 16 Sep Broome to Darwin voyage.

Former CEO Peter Bissett confirmed his resignation effective 04 Jul, while another former director, Christina Riisnes who is also Norway's honorary Consul in Auckland, told CW she had resigned in Jun, although she continues to still be listed on the NZ Companies Register official records, alongside Oslo-based Ole Kristian Sperre.

UK-based Marine Debt Management has reported the arrest of the ship, which was ordered by the Bank of NZ and Export Finance Norway.

After initially assuring Cruise Weekly a month ago that "we are in the final stages of solving the issues," Helseth has not responded to questions about the status of the cruise line, while the newly appointed receivers were not able to provide further details prior to CW's deadline today.







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CRUISE Welcome back cruise, we missed you!

LAST night saw Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) and its members host a #LoveCruise welcome cocktail party to celebrate the today's Cruise360 conference. Held at Cafe del Mar Sydney at Cockle Bay Wharf, the night brought together the Australian cruise community for the first time in almost three years, as it celebrated the revival of sailing in the region. Attendees last night and at today's conference are also invited



Sarah Fenton from MTA.



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THE marine mammal-led overthrow of humanity may finally be here, with sailboats off the coast of Europe reporting a rise in orca attacks.

While there is (currently) no record of a orca killing a human in the wild, two boats were reportedly sunk by killer whales off the coast of Portugal last month, in the worst such encounter since authorities have tracked them

Even more concerning, scientists don't know why the increase in attacks is being observed, however, some are hypothesising orcas are stimulated by the water pressure produced by a boat's propeller.

Let's hope that's the case, and not that they've developed a taste for human flesh!

New Alaska pier

A WATERFRONT parcel of land in Juneau has been donated by Norwegian Cruise Line Holdings (NCLH) to the Alaska-native owned Huna Totem Corporation.

It is planned for the parcel to be converted to a new pier with preferential berthing rights for NCLH cruise lines, as well as a welcome centre, which will provide a significant boost to the local economy.

Huna Totem is expecting to submit plans for the yearround facility before the end of 2022.

Carnival Luminosa on sale



CARNIVAL Cruise Line has this morning opened reservations for the inaugural Australian season of its new Carnival Luminosa (pictured) the local addition to the Carnival fleet confirmed by CEO Christine Duffy (CW 08 Jun).

The ship is currently sailing as Costa Luminosa and will transfer to Carnival after a mini-makeover, commencing sailing out of Brisbane on 06 Nov.

The ship will boast a "vintage funnel design" harking back to Carnival's original ships such as Mardi Gras, Carnivale and Festivale, and will also feature many familiar onboard spaces.

Luminosa will operate in Queensland through until 13 Apr next year when she will reposition to Alaska.

Local itineraries will include short cruises to popular Australian ports, week-long Great Barrier Reef and South Pacific sailings, longer voyages to New Caledonia, Vanuatu, Fiii. NZ and Papua New Guinea, and a transpacific repositioning to Seattle via Tahiti.

A four month Alaska schedule will operate from May, and then Luminosa is scheduled to head back Down Under for the 2023/24 season via Japan, the

Philippines and Indonesia.

"We couldn't be prouder to welcome Carnival Luminosa to our fleet and start our highly anticipated sailings from Brisbane, followed by unique bucket-list itineraries in Alaska," said Duffy.

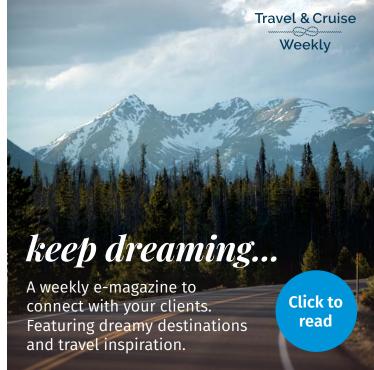
Features of the ship can be viewed by **CLICKING HERE**, while her itineraries are at carnival.com.

Windstar to Arabia

WINDSTAR Cruises has added Arabia to its 2023/2024 sailing schedule.

The cruise line has just released a new brochure with details on Arabia explorations to the Red Sea and Persian Gulf beginning in Nov 2023 on the 312-guest Star Legend.

"With impressive UNESCO sights, beautiful beaches and wildlife, top-rated golf courses, amazing snorkeling and diving, and of course, great shopping, Windstar is excited to introduce our guests to the Red Sea and Persian Gulf with new itineraries in Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Egypt, Oman, United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, and Qatar," explained President Christopher Prelog.





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