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Cruise Weekly today

Cruise Weekly today features two pages of all the latest cruise industry news, plus a cover page from Regent Seven Seas Cruises.

Legendary RSSC

RESERVATIONS open on Thu for Regent Seven Seas Cruises' (RSSC) 2024 and 2025 'Legendary Journeys'.

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RCG buys Crystal Endeavor

ROYAL Caribbean Group (RCG) has been confirmed as the purchaser of the Crystal Endeavor expedition yacht which was on the auction block following the collapse of Crystal Cruises parent Genting Hong Kong (CW 18 Feb).

The ship will sail under RCG's Silversea Cruises brand as Silver Endeavour - the fifth expedition ship in the line's 11-strong fleet - with the company paying USD\$275 million for the vessel.

Endeavour, which was delivered to Crystal just last year (CW 22 Nov 2021), has capacity for 200 guests, as well as a submarine and helicopter, which Silversea MD Roberto Martinoli said would no longer be part of its offering.

The ship is currently in Gibraltar, after being arrested in South America following the collapse of Genting and Crystal in Feb (CW 07 Feb), with RCG to take delivery of her as soon as next week.

She will sail in Antarctica in place of the 132-guest Silver Explorer, with guests booked on that ship to be moved to Endeavour.

There was keen interest in the ship's auction (CW 16 Feb), with other bidders including The Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection and Heritage Group, the business of former Silversea owner Manfredi Lefebvre d'Ovidio which had already acquired the Crystal Cruises brand along with Crystal Symphony and Crystal Serenity.

RCG has taken out a 15-year loan to finance the deal, with the first two years involving interest-only payments.

The purchase price is significantly less than the USD\$385 million which Genting Hong Kong paid for the ship's construction, making it the most expensive passenger ship ever built at USD\$1.9m per berth.

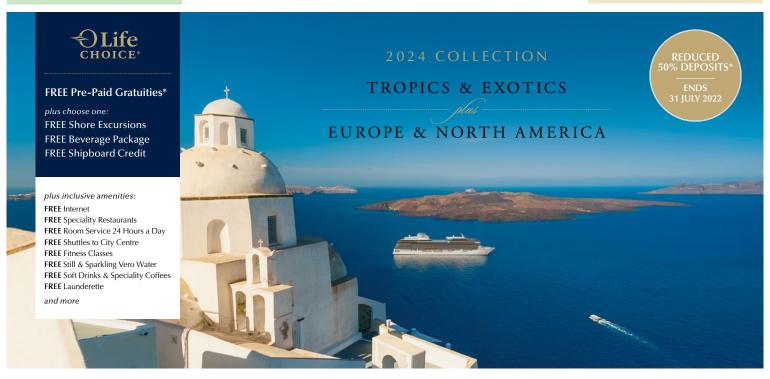
CDC stops counting

THE Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) has confirmed the cessation of its COVID-19 monitoring program for cruise ships.

The colour-coded scheme which classifed vessels based on their status and protocols is no longer in effect, the agency announced overnight.

Updated guidance for cruise ships to mitigate and manage COVID-19 transmission will be available in the coming days, and the CDC will also continue to provide recommendations for lines to follow.

The CDC said it had worked closely with the industry and its stakeholders "to provide a safer and healthier environment for cruise passengers and crew", with ships now having access to tools to manage their own COVID-19 mitigation programs.





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A SUPER-RARE orange lobster has been saved from becoming seafood, as staff at a restaurant granted him his life.

Named Cheddar, the orange crustacean was about to become someone's dinner at the not so aptly named 'Red Lobster' location in Florida, before the staff's show of mercy.

Staff at Red Lobster reached out to Ripley's Aquarium of Myrtle Beach, which sent two members of its husbandry team to the restaurant to bring Cheddar to his new home.

The lucky orange lobster will acclimate at the facility's scientific research provision before moving to the aquarium.

According to Ripley's, orange lobsters are even more rare than blue lobsters: at one in 30 million versus one in a million.

It is not the first time a rare lobster has been rescued at the chain, with a calico crustacean saved from death last year.

Ponant gets polar

PONANT'S Le Commandant Charcot has taken guests to the geographic North Pole for the first time.

The symbolic achievement coincided with Wed's Bastille Day, the national day of France, Ponant's home. Le Commandant Charcot

became the first French vessel to reach this latitude in Sep (CW 08 Sep 2021).

C360 confirms exhibitors new & old

NEW cruise lines have joined a packed trade show at next month's Cruise360, including Disney Cruise Line (pictured), Explora Journeys, Hapag Lloyd Cruises, Heritage, and Quark.

The new exhibitors will join other well-known brands and destinations from around the world, as Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) confirmed a full house of 44 major exhibitors.

New destination and Executive Partner exhibitors for the 25 Aug event include Cruise360 headline sponsor Qatar Tourism, alongside flag carrier Qatar Airways.

The event will also include CLIA charity partner Mercy Ships.

The Association's local Director of Membership & Events Marita Nosic said this year's trade show will provide a valuable opportunity to reconnect with the world's cruise lines and find out more about new exhibitors.

"It's a chance to meet representatives of multiple cruise lines all in the one place, while also connecting with top CLIA executive partners and cruise destinations from around the

TM cruise expert

TRAVELMANAGERS has

appointed a national Cruise

Product Manager, Lia Malone.

She will work more closely

suppliers and will expand the

cruise expertise of personal

TravelManagers' national

partnerships office last month.

with specialist partner

travel managers.

Malone joined

world," she said.

Cruise360 will be held at the Hyatt Regency Sydney, featuring a full-day line-up of expert speakers and cruise industry leaders.

This year's event is the first

since 2019, and will also feature a new industry-wide welcome cocktail party on the night of 24 Aug, open to all delegates.

Tickets for the event are available online HERE.



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