



Cruise Weekly today

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

A massive reward!

VIKING has launched its biggest Rewards by Viking competition prize, to celebrate its new campaign, 'The Heart of Exploring' (**CW** 02 Jun).

The cruise line is launching what it is calling "the biggest incentive in the travel industry", with one lucky agent to win \$10,000 in Rewards by Vikings points.

To enter the competition, travel advisors need to book a Viking river, ocean, or expedition voyage between from 01 Jun and 31 Aug.

Every new booking will automatically earn an entry into the draw, with additional new bookings creating multiple entries.

Govt "fully supportive" of cruise terminal

EXCLUSIVE

CRUISE Lines International Association (CLIA) has already engaged with the New South Wales Minister for Transport Jo Haylen's office regarding a third cruise ship terminal for Sydney, **CW** can reveal, with Managing Director Joel Katz vowing to "hold her to her words".

Katz said by all indications, Haylen is fully supportive of the cruise sector's position that Sydney is capacity constrained, and a solution needs to be identified.

"We want to hold the minister to her words, which is that the process is going to restart, the Port Authority is going to be looking at all the options, and the industry is going to be closely consulted," Katz declared.

"We know all of the other states and territories have now got their development plans, so they're

all very focused on the economic development, visitation, and jobs cruise delivers, so it's important NSW Government doesn't rest on its laurels.

"Our message to the NSW Government is if New South Wales wants to maintain its position as the key port in this region, then it needs to address the capacity issue."

Katz said while all stakeholders are likely to have a different perspective on where the next cruise terminal should be, he believes having the capacity for turnarounds is crucial.

"The key things we look for as an industry are the right kind of infrastructure to support the ships, whether it's turnaround or transit, good transportation links, the appropriate facilities for passengers, for crew, for storing luggage," Katz said.

"Obviously, it needs to be in

some way that is not going to cause a great deal of upset or dissent by the community.

"Once we know what the options are, the industry will be very clear in presenting its perspective on each of those options."

Although Katz declined to weigh in on where the next terminal in Sydney could be, he said CLIA would be supportive of the cruise industry's oft-mooted white whale of sharing Garden Island with the Navy (**CW** 29 May).

"We do have the experience in the past of sharing the facilities on Garden Island, where the Navy has allowed certain vessels to dock when they needed to because of capacity constraints," he said.

"That worked well at the time, and that would definitely be something that we would support."

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Norwegian takes 3 for the sea in Sydney

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line and its partner Take 3 for the Sea are nearing the one-year anniversary of their partnership (*CW* 15 Sep 2022) and to celebrate in a befitting manner, the two initiated a beach clean-up on Fri. Also marking Thu's upcoming World Ocean Day, Norwegian invited 15 partners to Robertson Park in Sydney to get their hands dirty and clear some of the trash washed up on the shore. At the end of just one hour of cleaning, the group had collected seven kilograms of rubbish - made up of almost 300 pieces of packaging, more than 250 plastics bags, and countless amounts of toothbrushes, brushes, combs, hair ties, and more.



THE NCL team.



HOUSE of Travel Australia Chief Executive Officer Joe Araullo, NCL Vice President & Managing Director Ben Angell, and Take 3 for the Sea Chief Executive Officer Jacquie Riddell.



NCL Business Development Manager Chris Catanzariti "catches" something which certainly doesn't live in the ocean!

SOME of the trash collected.



THE team processes some of its findings.



NCL PR Manager Anna Bathgate, CLIA Communications Director Jon Murrie, Anne Wild & Associates Account Director Leanne Fonagy and Take 3 for the Sea's Sigrid Iredell.



FLIGHT Centre Independent Director of Global Operations Astrid Richardson and Global Head of Brand & Marketing Allie Sparr with NCL Director of Sales Damian Borg.



NCL Business Development Specialist Sam Morgan, Manager Trade Marketing Jacinta Baker, Business Development Manager Chris Catanzariti, and Senior Manager Sales Angela Middleton.



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AN AMERICAN family has become horrified as a snake furiously slithered onto their boat, while they were enjoying a sunny day out on a lake.

The group was enjoying their Memorial Day holiday when it saw something moving alongside them on Lake Pleasant in Arizona.

They soon realised it was a snake, which ragingly swam up to the boat and slithered on board, forcing everyone into the air and onto the seats.

Multiple passengers can be heard shrieking, on a video capturing the incident, which also shows one man attempting to push the snake back into the water - [HERE](#).

Silversea webinars

SILVERSEA Cruises is offering a limited-time expedition exclusive webinar to invite travellers to journey to the Kimberley, the Arctic, Antarctica, and the Galapagos.

The expert-led webinars will be combined with some of Silversea's best door-to-door fares on 95 expedition voyages.

A Kimberley, Papua New Guinea and Micronesia webinar will be held on Thu, while an Antarctica & the Arctic webinar will be held next Tue - register for the webinars [HERE](#).

NCL expands on shore

NORWEGIAN Cruise Line (NCL) has expanded its immersive offerings ashore, unveiling six new excursion categories.

The new classes include 'Beyond Blueprints', 'Gourmet Tours', 'Go Local', 'Let's Take a Selfie', 'Small Group Tours' and 'Design Your Day'.

Beyond Blueprints is a selection of 15 tours which uncover the design secrets and stories of some of Europe's most iconic architectural landmarks, including those in Barcelona, Lisbon, Belfast, Amsterdam, Copenhagen, Oslo, and Helsinki.

Gourmet Tours is designed for the foodie-driven traveller, with a suite of experiences taking guests behind the scenes to uncover the secrets of the local cuisine of some of Europe's most iconic culinary destinations.

Go Local will see guests uncover the everyday rhythms and customs of life in destinations such as Europe, Asia, South America, and South Africa.

Let's Take a Selfie, which is already proving very popular, delivers the ultimate destination photos in worldwide locations, with a knowledgeable guide sharing the perfect angles and most picturesque spots to capture.

Small Group Tours travel with no more than 16 guests per departure, providing a more intimate experience of some of the most popular NCL excursions available in idyllic destinations like Italy, Greece, and Spain.

Design Your Day will see



bespoke experiences curated for the individual traveller, from private wine tastings to a five-course dining experience at a Michelin-starred restaurant.

"We are committed to delivering unparalleled experiences across our fleet and the over 400 destinations we visit," President David Herrera said.

"Travellers are looking for more immersive vacations, from longer itineraries to more authentic experiences, which is why together with our destination partners we've created a collection of new on-shore offerings designed to create unforgettable moments for our guests."

RCYC appointments

THE Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection (RCYC) has announced three key leadership appointments, which will further bolster the cruise line's operational and strategic initiatives.

Mark Lockwood has moved into the role of Chief Product Officer, while Jens Gorka now holds the position of Senior Vice President Shipboard Operations.

RCYC has also welcomed Clayton van Welter as Vice President Marine Operations.

"In our endless pursuit of perfecting the ultra-luxury experience for our guests, this new leadership structure will establish a strong foundation for effective collaboration and performance, and unlock our potential for innovation and growth," said Executive Chair & Chief Executive Officer Jim Murren.

"Their collective passion and experience will be integral to offering a consistent, unparalleled guest experience at sea."

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