

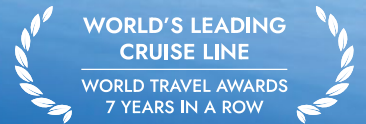
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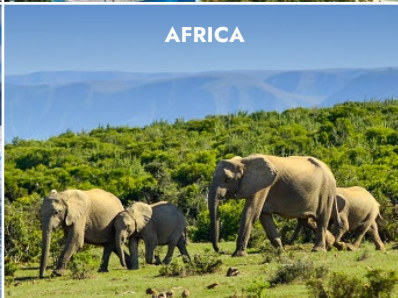
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O'Sullivan out, Lloyd in as NZCA CEO

NEW Zealand Cruise Association (NZCA) Chief Executive Officer Kevin O'Sullivan has retired, with Chair Jacqui Lloyd (**pictured**) named to the position.

O'Sullivan will leave at the end of Jun, following a handover period, which will see Lloyd start her new position on 01 Jun.

She will continue as Chair until she starts her new role, with her replacement to be announced in due course.

Her most recent role was Destination Marlborough General Manager.

O'Sullivan has been NZCA's Chief Executive for the last four-and-a-half years, having also served on the board for 15 years, while holding the role of Environment Southland Regional Harbourmaster.

Both Chief Execs are attending



Seatrade Cruise Global in Miami from 27-30 Mar.

Former Chair Debbie Summers said O'Sullivan will be missed immensely by all in the industry.

"He has worked tirelessly and in particular, throughout our battle to restart these past years,"

Summers said.

"As Chair I particularly appreciated Kevin's relentless positivity and sheer determination as he liaised and negotiated with the many stakeholders required to enable the sector's recovery post-COVID.

"NZ cruise is in a better place for all his efforts."

With more than 20 years of tourism, cruise, and senior management experience, Deputy Chair Tansy Tompkins said Lloyd is the perfect person to lead NZCA through the next phase of the sector's recovery.

"Jacqui's extensive tourism background, senior leadership experience and relationship skills will help NZCA to further develop strategic alliances, unite our sector and expand our presence on the world stage as the cruise industry rebounds," she said.

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MORNINGTON Yacht Club has drifted into stormy seas recently amid unhappiness over “misogynistic and offensive” boat names bequeathed by some of the regatta’s younger members.

The Age has reported complaints have been made about boats with names such as *Himalayan Women*, *Screaming Seamen*, and *Big Black Tiller*, which amuse some of the Club’s younger sailors.

Although private yachts have a strong tradition of double entendres, a Club spokesperson told *The Age* a chat has been had with some of the “comedians”.

“We’re looking at developing a code of conduct when it comes to boat names, so if there’s any kind of obvious double meaning...we can point to the rules and say no”.

UnCruise new CFO

UNCruise has announced Silas Cheever as its new Vice President of Finance, succeeding long-time executive CFO Eric Gier.

Cheever has spent almost 10 years with UnCruise, and most recently served as Senior Manager of Finance.

Before UnCruise, Cheever spent more than two years with meal kit company HelloFresh.

Vega caps Antarctic season



SWAN Hellenic’s *Vega* has completed her first Antarctic season with a unique cultural expedition cruise to South Africa.

The line’s second purpose-designed ice-class ship has reached Cape Town, from where she is about to embark on a series of unique cultural expedition cruises of West Africa.

Her 20-day voyage crossed the Drake Passage, explored the South Shetland Islands, the Antarctic Peninsula, and South Georgia, before sailing on to Cape Town via Gough Island, and Tristan da Cunha, the most remote inhabited archipelago in the world, which was last visited by a ship in 1919.

Vega’s first Antarctic Season has seen her take around 1,200 guests on 11 cruises of singularly spectacular regions and locations, including the Falklands, Portal Point, Port Lockroy, the volcanic Deception Island, the Lemaire Channel, and Iceberg A-76, once the world’s largest, and now roughly the size of Cornwall.

Despite some challenging weather, *Vega* managed to

complete more than 120 expeditions in almost five months.

“We’re extremely proud of our guests’ wholehearted appreciation of *Vega*’s first Antarctic cultural expedition cruises,” Chief Executive Officer Andrea Zito enthused.

“Even in some truly severe weather conditions, including the notoriously challenging Drake Passage, the exceptional seakeeping characteristics of the ship and expertise of the crew meant the comfort of our guests was never compromised and we could take them safely on nearly every planned expedition.

“Now we look forward to taking our guests to discover unique sites along the West African Coast for the first time in our history.”

Swan Hellenic will now look forward to the naming ceremony of its largest ship *Diana*, which will be held in Amsterdam on 04 May (**CW** 24 Feb).

Luxury travel icon Valerie Wilson, founder & Chief Executive Officer of Valerie Wilson Travel, will serve as godmother of *Diana*.

Cruise Calendar

Current ports of call in Australia and New Zealand.

SYDNEY	<i>Carnival Splendor</i>	28 Mar
	<i>Norwegian Spirit</i>	28 Mar
MELBOURNE	<i>Grand Princess</i>	28 Mar
PORT ADELAIDE	<i>Majestic Princess</i>	28 Mar
PORT LINCOLN	<i>Pacific Explorer</i>	28 Mar
BRISBANE	<i>Pacific Encounter</i>	28 Mar
CAIRNS	<i>Coral Princess</i>	28 Mar
	<i>Viking Mars</i>	28 Mar
FIORDLAND	<i>Celebrity Eclipse</i>	29 Mar
PICTON	<i>Noordam</i>	28 Mar
WELLINGTON	<i>Noordam</i>	29 Mar

A Viking Vacation

A **NEW** double cruise package to Iceland and Norway is available with Fred. Olsen Cruise Line.

Exclusive to Australians, travellers can save on the cruise and stay ‘Viking Vacation’ if they book by the end of next month.

Departing England, the 2024 package will combine two back-to-back cruises across 18 nights.

It begins on 15 Apr 2024 with a flight from Australia - **CLICK HERE** for more information.