



### Cruise Weekly today

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

### Sun setting on Sky

**CALEDONIAN** Sky will sail her final season with Captain Cook Cruises Fiji, the line announced, with the ship set to depart the country in Nov.

The vessel will sail a full cruise schedule, including seven-night sailings to the Lau Islands and the remote north, three- and four-night sailings to the Yasawa and Mamanuca islands, and 14-night expeditions to Tonga, before she leaves Captain Cook in Oct.

The cruise line first announced its long-term charter of APT's Caledonian Sky last May at the 2023 Fiji Tourism Exchange (**CW 08** May), replacing its prior ship *Reef Endeavour*.

## Carnival's record revenue despite P&O news

**CARNIVAL** Corporation announced overnight a record second quarter revenue of US\$5.8b and operating income of US\$560m, outperforming its initial guidance.

The company's record second quarter results come against the backdrop of the sunsetting of P&O Cruises Australia (**CW 05** Jun) - part of a plan to increase guest capacity for its namesake Carnival Cruise Line (CCL) brand.

Carnival is now expecting a full year 2024 net yield guidance of approximately 10.25%, thanks to continued strong demand, while the company also raised its full year adjusted net income guidance by approximately US\$275 million.

Carnival's cumulative booked position for the remainder of the year also continues to be the best on record in both price and occupancy, with 2025 even higher



in both categories.

The company's CCL line is still the highest-returning brand in its stable, which will see Carnival increase the brand's representation from 29% in 2019 to 37% in 2028.

This will include two P&O Australia ships, in addition to three Costa Cruises vessels.

Other highlights from Carnival's results include an almost US\$500 million improvement in second quarter net income compared to 2023, and adjusted net income, outperforming its Mar guidance by nearly US\$170 million.

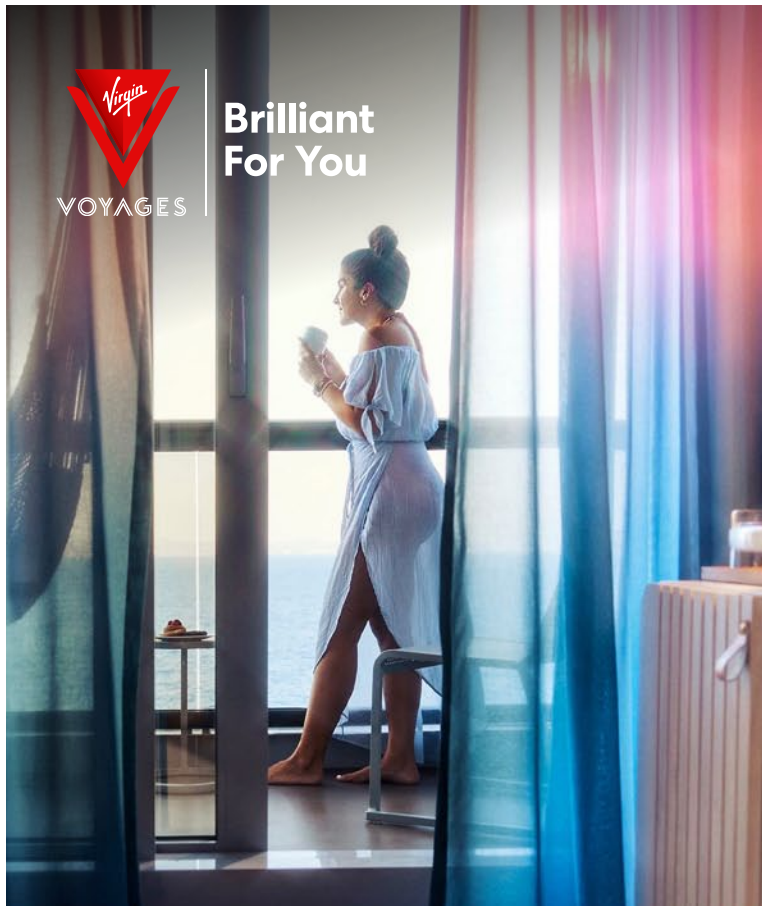
Total customer deposits also reached an all-time high of

US\$8.3 billion, surpassing the previous record by US\$1.1 billion.

"We have made incredible strides in improving our commercial operations, strategically reallocating our portfolio composition and formulating growth plans, while strengthening even further our global team, the best in the business," Chief Executive Officer Josh Weinstein said.

"Off the back of that effort, we closed yet another quarter delivering records, this time across revenues, operating income, customer deposits and booking levels, exceeding our guidance on every measure.

"Based on continued strong demand trends, we are taking up our expectations for the year with net yields now forecasted to top ten per cent and propelling us towards double-digit returns on invested capital." *MS*



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**PARISIANS** are threatening to poop in the Seine in protest, following the city's plans to hold Olympic events in the notoriously polluted waterway.

Recent water tests showed the Seine is still too contaminated for competition, despite Paris' insistence it would be ready for the Games.

Protesters have railed against the high cost of purifying the Seine, in which swimming has been banned for 100 years.

President Emmanuel Macron and Mayor of Paris Anne Hidalgo originally pledged to swim in the Seine to prove its safety, and with its cleanliness now looking out of reach, Parisians are threatening to poop in the river.

Both politicians have sensibly postponed their plans.

## The art of cruise

**CROISIEUROPE** is celebrating the 150th anniversary of impressionism with a brand-new itinerary on the Seine.

The cruise will showcase artists such as Claude Monet, Pierre-Auguste Renoir, Alfred Sisley, and Frederic Bazille, who all lived on the banks of the Seine.

The five-day cruise sails from Paris to Normandy, exploring destinations such as Rouen, Honfleur, and Cote d'Albatre.

## SeaDream goes grand



**SEADREAM** Yacht Club has introduced its Grand Yachting Voyage Collection, a series of longer cruises.

The selection of two Grand Yachting Voyages for 2025 and six for 2026 will range from 21 to 35 days, combining existing cruises into longer journeys.

Some of the sailings also combine transatlantic crossings with exploration of Caribbean islands and European shorelines, including a trip from Palm Beach to Oslo.

"The Grand Voyage Collection showcases the spectacular diversity of SeaDream's itineraries," the cruise line's head Andreas Brynstad said.

"We have selected some of the best itineraries we offer, and combined them into extended, carefree yachting experiences.

"Many of our guests already enjoy extended vacations on board...these voyages give our guests more of everything - more time to explore the unique destinations at their own pace,

more time to unwind and relax, and more time to truly enjoy the SeaDream experience."

The cruise line is also set to visit new ports in the Mediterranean this year, on 36 different itineraries exploring the French and Italian Rivas, Southern Italy, the Aegean Sea, and more (**CW** 20 May).

**Pictured:** *SeaDream I*.

## Oceania Polynesia

**OCEANIA** Cruises is offering more in-depth explorations in Polynesia next year than ever before, with its most expansive season in the region.

The diverse selection of itineraries includes the must-sees in French Polynesia such as Papeete, Nuku Hiva, and several overnight stays in Bora Bora, with *Nautica* and *Regatta* based in the region in both winter and summer.

The season will be highlighted by 10-day round trips from Papeete.



## CLIA UPDATE

with Joel Katz  
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### Our crew are the heart of cruising

**YESTERDAY** our global cruise community celebrated International Day of the Seafarer, honouring all those working at sea, including nearly 250,000 people on cruise ships.

As any cruise fan has experienced, these are the people who form the very heart and soul of cruising, whose warmth and professionalism are the reason guests keep coming back again and again.

But our seafarers are not only consummate hosts.

Their skills and dedication are vital to our safety, backed by ongoing training that plays a critical role in upholding strict cruise regulations.

They are also vital to our future, aiding cruise ships' onboard sustainability efforts and our journey to net-zero cruising.

They are the key to innovative technologies, including alternative fuels and next-generation propulsion systems.

They also operate the advanced systems to reduce waste and protect our oceans.

We're incredibly proud of our diverse and dedicated international workforce with retention rates of upwards of 80% - levels unseen in other areas of hospitality - take a moment to browse our [workforce report](#).

