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## Dry docks to impact RCG's Q2 earnings

**ROYAL** Caribbean Group's Q2 net yield growth will be negatively impacted by dry dock days, according to a recent Truist equity research report.

The bank holding company met recently with senior management from Royal Caribbean, with executives revealing some of the company's newer, larger ships will require work in the near future, deferring higher growth until later in the year.

Management characterised this year's earnings growth as more of a "valley year" when compared with 2027, the report said.

Tailwinds for the quarter will include the launch of *Legend of the Seas* (pictured) as well as Royal Beach Club Santorini, both scheduled to debut during the northern summer.

Longer-term drivers of growth include the launch of Celebrity River Cruises next year, alongside



Perfect Day Mexico, which will begin to benefit Royal Caribbean's bottom line by 2028.

The company is also expecting the delivery of three new ships in 2028, which it said should provide a meaningful uplift to yields.

Royal Caribbean asserted that approximately 70% of its fuel exposure for Q1 is hedged, and it anticipated being even more opportunistic in the near term given current prices.

Management noted that being aggressive at today's rates would help provide greater certainty around fuel expenses, supporting its ability to hit multi-year earnings targets.

Royal Caribbean also said it was "very pleased" with performance in the key Caribbean market, despite the region's extremely competitive environment, and continued to expect underlying net yield growth for FY26. *MS*



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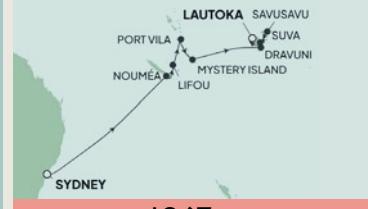
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## The dream is over for local Alaskan line

**FIFTEEN-YEAR-OLD** small-ship cruise line Alaskan Dream Cruises has ceased operations, cancelling all future sailings for travellers.

The closure has left many travellers scrambling to adjust plans for the upcoming Alaska cruise season, with the line saying it has contacted passengers and travel advisors directly with information about next steps.

Alaskan Dream operates seasonally and does not offer cruises during the winter, meaning the line was not sailing on any departures at the time of its closure.

The cruise line typically offered itineraries ranging from five to 10 nights primarily focused on Southeast Alaska and the Inside Passage, including stops in Juneau, Ketchikan, Skagway, and Sitka, where it was based.

Alaskan Dream operated a fleet of four small vessels: its flagship



*Alaskan Dream (pictured), Admiralty Dream, Baranof Dream, and Chichagof Dream, which accommodated between 40 and 80 passengers.*

The local Allen family owned the business, making it the only

cruise line in the state run by Indigenous Alaskans.

Voyages heavily featured local heritage as part of their programming, often including visits to villages like Angoon, Kake, and more. *MS*

NCL back to S. America

**NORWEGIAN** Cruise Line (NCL) has announced it will return to South America and Antarctica for the 2027-28 winter season, following a two-year hiatus.

The cruise line's *Norwegian Star* will sail to the region between Dec 2027 and Mar 2028, where she will offer 15-night cruises from Buenos Aires, Argentina and San Antonio, Chile.

The voyages will feature stops at Elephant Island in Antarctica, as well as ports in Patagonia and Tierra del Fuego, including Puerto Montt.

Additionally, *Star* will operate transatlantic crossings to and from Europe.

The ship was originally scheduled to return to the region in 2025-26, before being cancelled due to a fleet redeployment initiative.



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**CHINESE** scientists have uncovered entire colonies of life thriving more than 10 kilometres below the surface of the ocean, in conditions once thought impossible.

Unlike most organisms on Earth, which rely on sunlight for photosynthesis, these deep-sea inhabitants get their energy from chemicals like methane and carbon, according to reporting from science & tech title *Futura*.

This methane and carbon leaks through cracks in the ocean floor, and scientists believe it may sustain even more deep-sea communities that have not yet been found.

Scientists are also urging caution, as deep-sea mining practiced by nations like the United States and China could irreparably damage fragile ecosystems that we're only just beginning to understand - or haven't even found yet.

## Play it again, Viking



**VIKING** hosted its world cruise guests aboard *Viking Star* at an exclusive Australian Brandenburg Orchestra performance in Sydney last week.

The event took place on Thu at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, on what was day 48 of the world cruise.

Guests headed to Verbruggen Hall to enjoy a program of Baroque masterpieces, featuring works by Handel, Quantz, Mozart, and Monn, complemented by Viking's renowned hospitality.

The private performance followed the cruise line's recent

announcement it will continue its partnership with the Brandenburg for a third consecutive year in 2026 (**CW** 03 Feb).

Viking guests and travel advisors will enjoy enhanced access to the Brandenburg season through premium tickets, VIP events, social media giveaways, and special opportunities, such as select dress rehearsals and behind-the-scenes tours. **MS**

**Pictured** are senior manager communications Jo Harris, marketing coordinator Teegan Nordstrom, and PR manager Nicole Tapster.

### Bigger port for Tampa?

**FLORIDA'S** Tampa Bay may be able to accommodate larger cruise ships in the future, if a new terminal proposed by SSA Marine is approved.

The facility, dubbed Knott-Cowen Cruise Port, would be designed to cater for ships too big to fit under the city's Sunshine Skyway Bridge.

"We believe a new port on the seaward side of the Sunshine Skyway Bridge will complement current and future cruise activities in the region and will bring additional tourism to West Central Florida," SSA Marine said.

The multi-berth port would be built on 133 hectares of undeveloped coastal land, which is owned by SSA Marine.

However, there has not yet been a formal application submitted by the cruise terminal operator to rezone the property, and the proposal is facing strong backlash from locals, according to a report by *Tampa Bay Times*.

Construction is expected to take three to five years if the project receives a green light.



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