

Editorial Highlights

Spring/Summer 2026

UPFRONT

Keynote

We ask the leader of a major cruise brand to offer their perspectives on the state of the industry and the outlook for their company over the next 12 months. More to be revealed soon...

Marketwatch

An eclectic round-up of global news, views, opinions and insights that cover all segments of the passenger shipping industry.

CRUISE BUSINESS

Featured interview: Mark Tamis, President, Seabourn

Feature: *Hospitality perfection*

In this issue our feature takes a deeper dive into the thriving small-ship luxury sector to explore how brands define hospitality perfection and what it takes to get, and stay, in this exalted category. We talk to both the established brands in this category and the new market entrants who are seeking to take luxury up a notch. Third-party market experts including ship managers, designers, hotel operations experts, destination experience specialists and others join the feature to add their considered insights.

PLUS Executive interviews with:

- Gus Antorcha, President, Princess Cruises
- Ernesto Fara, President, The Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection
- Bert Hernandez, President, Silversea Cruises
- Sam Seward, President, Quark Expeditions
- Jennifer Tombaugh, CEO, Tauck
- Philippe Wong, CEO, Aranui Cruises
- Trey Byus, Chief Expedition Officer, Lindblad Expeditions
- Bud Darr, President and CEO, Cruise Lines Industry Association

FERRY BUSINESS *in association with Interferry*

Featured interview: Philippe Holthof continues our series of feature interviews by speaking with a major leader in the ferry business sector. More to be revealed soon...

Feature: *Classified services*

Regulatory and market changes drive classification societies to continually evolve the services they offer to help shipping companies maintain high levels of compliance, efficiency and sustainability. In this feature we invite leading classification societies to discuss their sometimes overlooked and under-utilised services that have a compelling upside for ferry operators.

PLUS Executive interviews with:

- Mike Corrigan, CEO, Interferry
- Stuart Garrett, Managing Director, Northlink Ferries
- Marios Iliopoulos, Owner, Seajets
- Craig Tornga, Director, Alaska Marine Highway System
- Donna Gauci, CEO, SeaLink Marine & Tourism
- Oluwadamilola Emmanuel, General Manager, Lagos State Waterways Authority
- Serge Buy, Canadian Ferry Association
- Michael Grey, Freelance Correspondent

BUILDING & REFURBISHMENT

Feature: *Engine room evolution*

New products are driving a revolution in the engine room. From energy-efficient propulsion systems and hybrid technologies to advanced monitoring tools and automated controls, these innovations enhance reliability, reduce emissions and streamline operations, giving operators smarter, cleaner and more sustainable engineering solutions. Naval architects, yards and suppliers discuss the products that are delivering huge operational advances below decks.

Report

Cruise order book – cruise lines and shipyards share their highlights and talk about recent launches. We also review the progress being made on key newbuilds that are due to debut in H1 2026:

Ship name	Cruise Line	Shipyard	Delivery date
Disney Adventure	Disney Cruise Line	Meyer Werft	Q1 2026
Njord	Ocean Residences	Meyer Werft	Q1 2026
Orient Express Corinthian	Orient Express Sailing Yachts	Chantiers de l'Atlantique	Q1 2026
Emerald Kaia	Emerald Cruises	Halong Shipbuilding	Q2 2026
American Encore	American Cruise Lines	Chesapeake Shipbuilding	Q2 2026
Mein Schiff Flow	TUI Cruises	Fincantieri	Q2 2026
Norwegian Luna	Norwegian Cruise Line	Fincantieri	Q2 2026
Viking Mira	Viking	Fincantieri	Q2 2026
Explora III	Explora Journeys	Fincantieri	Q2 2026

PLUS:

- ❖ *Ferry order book* – a review of the highlights in the global order book that are continuing to keep this industry sector buoyant.
- ❖ *Repair and refurbishment highlights* – mapped highlights of significant projects completed in Q4 2025 and Q1 2026 and a look ahead to some of the projects scheduled during the rest of 2026.

MARINE OPERATIONS

Feature: *AI-enabled marine operations*

Artificial intelligence-enabled technologies are transforming marine operations, driving greater efficiency, safety and sustainability across cruise and ferry sectors. From predictive maintenance and fuel optimisation to smarter navigation and passenger service enhancements, AI is reshaping daily operations. Industry suppliers share how their AI-enabled products are making a big contribution to optimising operations.

PLUS executive interviews and reports from marine operations experts

Additional topics covered include:

- ❖ Safety and security
- ❖ Water and waste management
- ❖ Environmental and hygiene
- ❖ HVAC

ONBOARD EXPERIENCE

Feature: *Experiential design*

Experiential design is redefining passenger shipping, turning vessels into immersive destinations. Blending architecture, technology and storytelling, cruise and ferry designers are creating environments that engage the senses and deepen emotional connections. In this feature, notable designers share insights into where their creative direction might take passengers in the future as the industry pursues design-led experiential perfection.

PLUS interviews and reports from onboard experience experts and influencers

Additional topics covered include:

- ❖ Retailing and concessions
- ❖ Entertainment & systems
- ❖ Food & beverage
- ❖ Galley & restaurant

PORTS & DESTINATIONS

Feature: *Satisfaction guaranteed*

Cruise line experts discuss the most meaningful passenger satisfaction metrics and reveal the enduringly popular itineraries that continually hit high scores for both the port and the destination, examining how service quality, shore excursions, cultural authenticity, and seamless operations contribute to memorable guest experiences and long-term brand loyalty.

Interview: *A planner's perspective*

Continuing the series started in 2020, our Spring/Summer issue will feature another well-known face in the world of itinerary planning. Marcus Puttich, director of destinations at TUI Cruises, will share personal perspectives on a range of contemporary issues, including longer and overnight stays, slow cruising, sustainable tours and destination immersion.

Regional reports

A series of interviews, commentaries and reports about ports, destinations and shore excursions in each of the following regions:

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| ❖ North America & Canada | ❖ Northern Europe | ❖ Africa, Gulf & Indian Ocean |
| ❖ Central America & Caribbean | ❖ Mediterranean & Black Sea | ❖ Asia Pacific |
| ❖ South America | ❖ Middle East | |

FURTHER INFORMATION

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