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### *Future Meetings;*

August 26th - *Members Evening - Decades on... Anything from 1955,65,75, etc.*

September 30th - Adam Ratcliffe - *Cruise Ships through the generations - part 2.*

October 28th - *Guest Speaker: Peter Lamb - No more for the Skylark!*

November 25th - Mike Lennon - *Eastern Mediterranean Shipping.*

December 30th - A.G.M & Andy Skarstein - *Solent Shipping Review 2025.*

### 2026

January 27th - Martyn Davies - *Continued views from the Ferry.*

February 23rd - TBC.

March 31st - *Members Evening - Alternative Transport - Trains, Planes & More!*

### *Society News;*

**DON'T FORGET!** - August will see the return of the "Decades On" evening. This is a members' evening, so make sure you bring your: slides, CD-Rs & memory sticks to the meeting with photos or short clips from years 1955, 1965, 1975, 1985, 1995, 2005, 2015.

**REMINDER!!! FREE Public Event!** - The OCEAN LINER SOCIETY in collaboration with the s.s.SHIELDHALL are offering a Mini Ship Exhibition on Saturday 30th August 2025. The ship will be open to visitors, FREE OF CHARGE, during the morning session where there will be tours, special exhibitions, and merchandise stands available to purchase shipping related items. This part is from 10am - 2pm. This could be followed by a sailing on the SHIELDHALL from 3.30pm-7pm. Ticket prices are £45pp or £45 with 20% discount if you are an OLS member.

**LAST REMINDER** - The society now has a Facebook page Please go online and 'Like' / 'Follow' the page if you are on Facebook. On the page you will see updates, news & photos of the Society. If you are friends with someone who likes ships in Southampton who is not a member get them to 'Like' our page as well. The link for the page is at the top of this page below my name.

## **SOLENT SHIPPING NEWS - JULY**

- The **SHEILDHALL** - this month saw her celebrate 70 years after being built in Renfrew, Scotland, by Lobnitz and Company. The Shieldhall was originally designed to transport treated sewage sludge.
- The new 2025 built **JISU FORTUNE** arrived in Southampton on Wednesday 2nd July 2025. Built for Geely Auto of Hong Kong and operated by Geely Jisu Logistics. It set sail on its maiden voyage at the port of Suzhou in eastern China's Jiangsu province on May 22. The ship will carry vehicles to European countries including the UK, the Netherlands and Belgium. JISU FORTUNE is the first owned ro-ro vessel of Jisu Logistics, a wholly owned subsidiary of Geely and has an overall length of 199.9 meters, a beam of 38 meters and 7,000 standard loading spaces.
- Another brand new ro-ro also arrived on Sunday 6th July. The **BYD HEFEI** was built by compatriot Guangzhou Shipbuilding International (GSI), a subsidiary of China State Shipbuilding Corporation (CSSC) and entered service on 7th January 2025. She is the third ship of this class, as of July 2025. The company Build your Dreams (BYD) now has seven of this class in operation.
- The new Neptune Multicat ordered at SeaWork by Williams Shipping will be named **WILLDISCOVER**, but no date yet confirmed for her August delivery.
- As mentioned by the Captain of *SOLENT CAT* during the WSS Solent cruise, Williams Shipping will be exporting wind turbine blades regularly from 40/1 berth instead of from Portsmouth. The first ones were recently loaded by **SCOT MARINER** and Williams have quay space available to store up to 100 blades.
- The Damen Shoalbuster 2609 **CT PRENTON** owned by Carmet Tugs of Eastham alongside at 20/1 berth is just using it as a lay-by berth, while awaiting her next job, having recently completed a contract in the Baltic at Oxelosund in Sweden.



**HMM PRIDE** - seen departing Southampton in the upper turning area, 8th July.

*Photo: Richard Jolliffe.*



*EVER FOREVER - arriving for SCT 3/4 from Baltimore.*

*Photo: David Hornsby*



*SAND FALCON - sailing to Thamesport, having arrived on 1st June from Gravesend.*

*Photo: David Hornsby*



*WILSON DIRDAL - in River Itchen after departing Princes Wharf, for Rotterdam.*

*Photo: David Hornsby*

# CRUISE SHIP NEWS - JULY

**ILMA** - made her Inaugural call to the U.K. when she docked in Portsmouth on Tuesday 8th July. She is the 2nd of three super cruise yachts built for the Ritz-Carlton Yacht Collection.

**NORWEGIAN JEWEL** - is scheduled for a call on the 14th September. She is one of a lovely class of ship in my opinion, a class that was frowned upon when built. It all started when Norwegian Cruise Line was brought by Star Cruises of Hong Kong in 2000. Two ships of the class were already on order for Star Cruises as **SUPERSTAR LIBRA & SUPERSTAR SCORPIO**. They were both transferred to Norwegian as the **NORWEGIAN STAR (II) 2001 & NORWEGIAN DAWN 2002**. The ships were a success and a further four units was ordered for delivery 2005-07. The others named; **NORWEGIAN JEWEL 2005, NORWEGIAN PEARL 2006, PRIDE OF HAWII 2006 (renamed NORWEGIAN JADE 2008) and NORWEGIAN GEM 2007**. In terms of Southampton visitors, **DAWN & PEARL** both arrived at Southampton during their delivery. The **JADE** was next to arrive in 2008 and the **STAR** arrived in 2020. Now the **JEWEL** will arrive next month! The only ship of the class to not visit the port would be the **GEM**.

**DISNEY FANTASY** - is the latest Disney ship to arrive in Southampton. She is based here July-October for a series of cruises. Disney by the end of 2025 will be running a six ship operation *Disney Destiny & Disney Adventure* are due to enter service in November & December respectively this year. Southampton have hosted *Disney Fantasy* in 2020 as well as *Disney Wonder* in 1999, *Disney Magic* 2021 & *Disney Dream* 2023.



## CRUISE LINE IN FOCUS - Disney Cruise Line

Incorporated in 1995, prior to this, however, Disney was a licensed partner of Premier Cruise Line from 1985-1993. After this, Disney approached both Carnival and Royal Caribbean; but neither could secure a deal. Originally called Disney Cruise Vacations, a letter of intent was signed in 1995 for the construction of two ships. These two ships would go on to become the most recognisable ships afloat, with their exterior based on a modern "RMS Queen Elizabeth." The two ships sailed for the line for 13 years when two new ships were added to the fleet, and then 10 years later, another class started construction. Six ships in this class have or will be built during the period of 2022-2029. By 2031, the line will have 13 ships! That is, depending on whether the original two are still in the fleet at this stage. A remarkable growth for originally a small line.

| Ship Name               | Built         | Tons      | F   | S   | P     | L       | In Service | Notes  |
|-------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----|-----|-------|---------|------------|--|
| <b>DISNEY MAGIC</b>     | 1998          | 83,969gt  | 2   | 22  | 2,700 | 984ft   | (1998- )   | Came to Southampton in 2021  |
| <b>DISNEY WONDER</b>    | 1999          | 84,130gt  | 2   | 22  | 2,700 | 984.5ft | (1999- )   | First Disney ship to visit Southampton in 1999   |
| <b>DISNEY DREAM</b>     | 2011          | 129,690gt | 2   | 23  | 4,000 | 1,114ft | (2011- )   | Based in Southampton during 2023 & 2024  |
| <b>DISNEY FANTASY</b>   | 2012          | 129,690gt | 2   | 23  | 4,000 | 1,114ft | (2012- )   | Based in Southampton this summer.  |
| <b>DISNEY WISH</b>      | 2022          | 144,265gt | 2   | 23  | 5,555 | 1,119ft | (2022- )   |  |
| <b>DISNEY TREASURE</b>  | 2024          | 144,256gt | 2   | 23  | 5,555 | 1,119ft | (2024- )   |  |
| <b>DISNEY DESTINY</b>   | 2025          | TBC       | 2   | 23  | 5,555 | 1,119ft | (2025- )   | Entering service in November 2025  |
| <b>DISNEY ADVENTURE</b> | 2022/<br>2025 | TBC       |     |     | 6,000 | 1,122ft | (2025- )   | Ex Global Dream (Dream Cruises) 2022 Purchased for \$40 million from the defunct Genting Group which cost \$1.6 Billion to build. In 2023 the ship was started on to be fitted out. Entering service in December 2025. |
| TBC                     | 2027          | TBC       | TBC | TBC | TBC   | TBC     | (2027- )   | On Order Wish Class  |
| TBC                     | 2029          | TBC       | TBC | TBC | TBC   | TBC     | (2029- )   | On Order Wish Class - will be owned by the Oriental Land Company.  |
| TBC                     | 2029          | TBC       | TBC | TBC | TBC   | TBC     | (2029- )   | On Order Wish Class  |
| TBC                     | 2030          | TBC       | TBC | TBC | TBC   | TBC     | (2030- )   | On Order   |
| TBC                     | 2031          | TBC       | TBC | TBC | TBC   | TBC     | (2031- )   | On Order   |

(F) Funnels, (S) Speed, (P) Passengers, (L) Length.

***Southampton JULY Visitors;***

***CRUISE SHIP ARRIVALS***

EMERALD PRINCESS [3, 17, 31], BRITANNIA [4, 18], QUEEN ANNE [4, 11, 27], CELEBRITY APEX [5, 17, 26], IONA [5, 12, 19, 26], MSC VIRTUOSA [5, 12, 26], ARVIA [6, 20], INDEPENDENCE OF THE SEAS [6, 13, 20, 25], AIDA PEARLA [7, 21], AURORA [7, 10, 26], MEIN SCHIFF 3 [7, 11], SEVEN SEAS GRANDEUR [7] SEVEN SEAS VOYAGER [7] NORWEGIAN DAWN [8, 18, 29], REGAL PRINCESS [8, 20], VENTURA [8, 12, 19], SKY PRINCESS [12, 19], ARCADIA [13], NORWEGIAN PRIMA [13], AZAMARA JOURNEY [15], QUEEN MARY 2 [15, 18, 25], **MAJESTIC PRINCESS\*\*** [18], VISTA [21], SEVEN SEAS NAVIGATOR [29], DISNEY FANTASY [31]

***Watch out for in AUGUST;***

**BRILLIANCE OF THE SEAS**<sup>^</sup> [30] <sup>^</sup>*last in port 2008.*

***Portsmouth JULY Visitors;***

SPIRIT OF DISCOVERY [4], **ILMA\*\*** [8], AIDA SOL [13], DEUTSCHLAND [21], SCARLET LADY [27], EUROPA [30].

***Watch out for in AUGUST;***

**BRILLIANT LADY\*\*** [18, 19, 20, 21], HEBRIDEAN PRINCESS [18, 19, 26, 27]

***\*\*Maiden Call***



***ILMA - on her maiden arrival to Portsmouth International Port, 8th July.***

***Photo: Mike Lennon.***



***MAJESTIC PRINCESS - maiden arrival to Southampton, seen departing on 18th July. Photo: Chris Brooks.***



***REGAL PRINCESS - outbound passing Calshot on 8th July.***

***Photo: Richard Jolliffe.***



***HMS TRENT - arriving in to Portsmouth on 25th July.***

***Photo: Mike Lennon.***



***ANJI ANSHENG - entered service in May 2025, seen departing Calshot on 13th July.***

***Photo: Chris Brooks.***



**ARMADA 78 02** - moored on Dock Head on 26th July during the WSS cruise.

**Photo: Richard Jolliffe.**



**ELISABETH SCHULTE** - at st. Helens anchorage on 26th July on the WSS cruise.

**Photo: Richard Jolliffe.**



**SAN LORENZO MAERSK** - outbound after an ad-hoc call to Southampton on 3rd July. **Photo: Chris Brooks.**



***CMA CGM PUGET - inward bound at Calshot on 1st July for SCT 3/4.***

***Photo: Chris Brooks.***



***SANTA CATARINA - outbound Southampton on 12th July, bound for Antwerp.***

***Photo: Chris Brooks.***



***MAERSK NEWBURY - outbound Southampton water taken on the WSS cruise.***

***Photo: Chris Bancroft.***



*SEVERN SCIMITAR - seen at Hythe on the 26th July WSS cruise.*

*Photo: Richard Jolliffe.*



*A Southampton throwback! The Sheildhall, Waverley & Balmoral all together at Town Quay in 1998.*

*Photo: Peter Lamb.*

*A big thank you to all those that contributed to this month's edition!*