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The Newsletter of the Solent Maritime Society

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Future Meetings;

February 24th - *Mervyn Rowlinson - life of U-Boat Commander, Julius Fritz Lemp.*

Please note that the March meeting has been moved from the 31st to the 24th.

March 24th - *Members Evening; Alternative Transport, Trains, Planes & More!*

April 28th - *Richard Jolliffe - Hamburg and the Elbe.*

May 26th - *Chris Dorman - Panama Canal + More!*

June 30th - *Members Evening; Red Funnel, evening cruise departure 18.00pm.*

July 28th - *Paul Gosling - Even more Gadabouting.*

August 25th - *Guest Speaker; William Mayes - TBC.*



STROOMBANK - arriving on the 16th, KGV Dock (West side) from Liverpool.

Photo: David Hornsby

SOLENT SHIPPING NEWS - JANUARY

The **Thames Ship Society** are doing some trips down Southampton water for their members and have extended the invitation out to SMS. Solent Cruises 2026 will take place on 25th April, 4th July and 5th September.

The trips last 6 hours and cover **Southampton, Fawley, the Solent, St Helen's Anchorage and subject to weather conditions, part of the Nab Anchorage**. The TSS uses one of Solent & Wightline's catamaran vessels, usually the "Solent Cat" for the trips. The trips have a small £2 supplement for non TSS members. Bookings are currently being taken for the first trip on 25th April. The cost is £45 per person. If any Solent Maritime members are interested, please see the TSS website for contact details so that a booking can be made.

<https://www.thamesshipsociety.org.uk/Contacts.htm>

Further details about the TSS trips for 2026 can be found here;

<https://www.thamesshipsociety.org.uk/2026Programme.htm>



MAERSK MONTE OLIVIA - on the 3rd departing from SCT3/4 berth for Bremerhaven. Photo: Chris Brooks





***MAERSK FELIXSTOWE** - arriving at SCT5 for a short 6-hour call; from Altamira. Photo: David Hornsby*



***KIEL EXPRESS** which passed inbound for SCT3/4 berth having arrived from Rotterdam. Photo: Chris Brooks*



CRUISE SHIP NEWS - JANUARY

- Below is a list if **NEW & SECOND HAND** Cruise Ships entering service this year 2026. There is definitely a shift in the industry this year with standard 'class' units still being built by the major lines. However there are some unusual and interesting new Ships/Lines coming into play in the industry.

<i>Ship Name</i>	<i>Owner / Operator</i>	<i>In Service</i>	<i>Notes</i>
DISNEY ADVENTURE	<i>Disney Cruise Line</i>	March 2026	Ordered for Star Cruises in 2016/7 for delivery 2020 transferred to sister line Dream Cruises as the GENTING WORLD, due to Genting bankruptcy the ship was never built and Disney brought it in 2022. Finally after several delays it will enter service in Asia.
NORWEGIAN LUNA	<i>Norwegian Cruise Line</i>	March 2026	Sister to Prima, Viva & Aqua.
FOUR SEASONS 1	<i>Four Seasons Yachts</i>	March 2026	Hotel chain Four Seasons will unveil the unique 'yacht' design cruise ship. 1st ship of the line.
EMERALD KAIA	<i>Emerald Cruises</i>	April 2026	The 3rd cruise yacht for the river brand.
OE CORINTHIAN	<i>Orient Express Sailing Yachts</i>	May 2026	First ship of the line.
VIKING MIRA	<i>Viking Ocean Cruises</i>	June 2026	2nd LNG powered ship for the line.
LEGEND OF THE SEAS (II)	<i>Royal Caribbean International</i>	July 2026	First Royal Caribbean ship to reuse an old name. The original built 1996 came to Southampton in 2006.
MEIN SCHIFF FLOW	<i>TUI Cruises</i>	July 2026	Sister to Mein Schiff Relax.
EXPLORA III	<i>Explora Journeys</i>	August 2026	Coming to do a few cruises out of Southampton later this year.
CAPTAIN ARTIC	<i>Selar Expeditions</i>	November 2026	To be the first Solar powered ship and operate in the expedition sector.
SEVEN SEAS PRESTIGE	<i>Regent Seven Seas Cruises</i>	December 2026	Sister to Seven Seas Grandeur.
MSC WORLD ASIA	<i>MSC Cruises</i>	December 2026	3rd World Class, of a planned eight ships!
VIKING LIBRA	<i>Viking Ocean Cruises</i>	December 2026	
MAGELLAN DISCOVERER	<i>Antarctica 21</i>	December 2026	
ADORA FLORA CITY	<i>Adora Cruises</i>	December 2026	Chinas 2nd purpose built cruise ship for the market. Maiden voyage scheduled for early 2027.
AMERICAN ENCORE	<i>American Cruise Line</i>	May 2026	Coastal Riverboat
AMERICAN MAVERICK	<i>American Cruise Line</i>	June 2026	Coastal Cruiser
AMERICAN RANGER	<i>American Cruise Line</i>	September 2026	Coastal Cruiser
VISION or IDEAL	<i>Cheng Zhen Cruises</i>	February 2026	Ex Goddess of the Night, built 2004. LAID UP since 2023 when SeaJets brought her off of Carnival Corp.
VIDANTAWORLDS ELEGANT	<i>Vidanta World's</i>	April 2026	Another hotel chain based in Mexico entering the market. But this time with the former CROWN MONARCH built in 1990 that has operated short term in Crown, Cunard, Gambling market, Voyages of Discovery, Phoenix Reisen and more!
MITSUMI OCEAN SAKURA	<i>Mitsui Ocean Cruises</i>	May 2026	Ex Seabourn Sojourn, built 2011. Joining her sister Seabourn Odyssey, now Mitsui Ocean Fuji
VESTLAND ADVENTURER	<i>Vestland Classic</i>	Summer 2026	Entering service in summer for the Classic cruise line that also owns some of the old Hurtigruten ships.
CORDELIA SKY	<i>Cordelia Cruises</i>	September 2026	Ex Norwegian Sky, built 1999.
MARGARITAVILLE AT SEA BEACHCOMBER	<i>Margaritaville at Sea</i>	September 2026	Ex Coast Magica, built 2003.
STAR EXPLORER	<i>Windstar Cruises</i>	September 2026	Ex World Explorer, built 2019.

Southampton DECEMBER Visitors;

CRUISE SHIP ARRIVALS

AURORA [3], IONA [3], MSC POESIA [3, 9, 16, 23, 30], VENTURA [3], QUEEN ANNE [4, 11], QUEEN VICTORIA [4], ARCADIA [6], BALMORAL [6, 20, 30], AIDA NOVA [8, 19], QUEEN MARY 2 [11], AIDA MAR [13], BOREALIS [28]. TOTAL CALLS: **20** TOTAL SHIPS: **12**

Portsmouth DECEMBER Visitors;

BOREALIS [4, 14], SPIRIT OF DISCOVERY [5, 19], SPIRIT OF ADVENTURE [6, 21], VIKING VELA [16], VIKING NEPTUNE [26]. TOTAL CALLS: **8** TOTAL SHIPS: **5**

****Maiden Call**



HMM SOUTHAMPTON - departing from SCT5, for Singapore. Employed on the FE3 service which will call at Felixstowe instead of Southampton from April, so it is likely to be her last call for the time being. Photo: Chris Brooks



Richard's Memory Box.

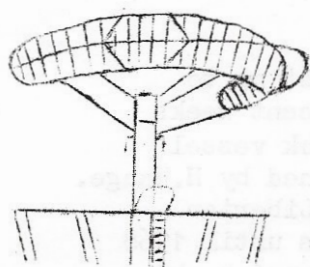


On 10th September 1993, I went down to the docks to view an unusual visitor to Southampton which was the cruise ship Enrico Costa of Costa Cruises seen docking at berth 38/39. She was built as the French passenger ship Provence in 1951 in the UK by Swan, Hunter & Wigan Richardson of Low Walker, UK. She was 15,889gt and Re-engined in 1990. Originally named the ENRICO C. for Costa Line the “Costa” part of the name was added in 1987 - ‘ENRICO COSTA’. In 1995 StarLauro Cruises (now MSC) brought her and named her SYMPHONY. They sold her to Golden Sun Cruises in 2000 and became the AEGEAN SPIRIT. This did not last long and in 2001 she was chartered to The World Cruise Company, a Canadian firm that undertook world cruises. For this she was named OCEAN GLORY I & finally after a long career she as named CLASSICA and broken up at Alang in November 2001/2.

Photo: Richard Jolliffe



RIX BAY - passing Crosshouse late afternoon on 9th January with WYEKNOT on stern, having spent 3 days at Princes Wharf loading a scrap cargo for Bilbao in Spain. Photo: David Hornsby



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FUTURE MEETINGS.

JANUARY 27th. - 7.30p.m. - The Lounge, Missions to Seamen,
Queen's Terrace, Southampton.
Illustrated Review of Southampton Shipping during 1969
by Bert Moody. Guests will be welcome.

FEBRUARY 24th. - 7.30p.m. FILM SHOW.

Programme will include "A Cruise on the 'Reina del Mar' "
and "The Friendly Ship" dealing with the 'Transvaal Castle'
now 'S.A.Vaal'.

MARCH 24th. - Our Chairman, Mr. Bob Brown will give an
illustrated talk on "Ship Wrecks".

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SHAW SAVILL LINE'S NORTHERN STAR

Members may be interested to know that the Shaw Savill
Line's NORTHERN STAR will be open for inspection on Saturday
17th and Sunday 18th January, between 1.0p.m. and 4.0p.m. each
day.

A charge however is being made on this occasion - 10s/-
for adults and 5s/- for children under 14. Tickets can be obtained
from the Information Bureau, The Junction, Southampton or from
Favourite Boat Cruises, Royal Pier, Southampton (10.0a.m. - 1.0p.m.
daily).

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