

SCRIBBLINGS



From Bill Miller

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Above: the Statendam arriving at New York (Sep 1980)

Tue Apr 26th At Home in Secaucus: After morning chores & then back home, I take time to “play” with my little ships – nearly 2,000 models of liners, freighters, even tiny tugs & oil barges. There’s lots of artistic license on my part, but I do follow a general schedule. It all brings back bygone days – and the ships themselves come off their shelves and, well, see the light of day. PS: The skyscraper models – another passion of mine – mostly come from our good friend Mike Merwine, who runs the splendid Infocustech from out in Allentown, Pennsylvania.





*Above: Altogether, I have 6 dioramas – including New York’s Chelsea Piers.
Below: An enchanting view from our generous friend Capt Justin Zizes of the midtown Manhattan skyline seen on a spring afternoon, looking south from the upper Hudson River.*



I often receive calls from people wanting, say, information on how to find a bygone passenger list. A successive family member might be writing a family history and an ocean passage is included. Today, it was a call wanting passenger information from a crossing (from New York to Southampton) in Sep 1958 aboard the Queen Mary (seen below off Lower Manhattan)



A message today from our good friend Terry Foskett, former purser on Canadian Pacific and then on Cunard. He wrote, "Fifty years ago today, I joined Cunard and QE2 in Southampton. I remember Eric Brown took me on a familiarization tour of the ship and how awestruck I was having only previously worked on a 27,000 grt vessel [the *Empress of Canada*]. The Assistant Hotel Manager Accommodation i.e Purser at the time was Ken Allen."



Above: The Empress of Canada at Liverpool



Above: The QE2 at Sydney

Wed Apr 27th At Home in Secaucus: The global cruise industry's restart is continuing to move forward. In May, as 347 cruise ships are expected to sail. That is a big gain of ships from April, when 300 ships were in service, compared to 264 in March, and just 47 ships in May 2021. Of the 347 ships set to cruise in April, they represent some 82 cruise brands and just over 550,000 berths.



Norwegian Gem & Norwegian Getaway at New York



Viking Sky departing from Miami



Celebrity Reflection outbound at Miami by Andy Hernandez