

# SCRIBBLINGS



*From Bill Miller*

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*Above: The legendary Norway at Pier 90, New York*

**Sun May 1<sup>st</sup> At Home in Secaucus:** One queen to another! Our good friend Anthony Davis (formerly of London but now Hollywood) has taken us down memory lane, in particular Cunard memory lane, with several photos from the dual crossing of the then brand new *Queen Victoria* & the legendary *QE2* back in Jan 2008. The two liners crossed together, going westbound from Southampton to New York. Anthony was aboard the *Queen Victoria*.





**Mon May 2<sup>nd</sup> At Home In Secaucus:** Qantas announced today it will launch the world's longest non-stop commercial flight, with passengers

set to spend 19 hours in the air travelling from Sydney all the way to London by the end of 2025.



Sound the whistle! Carnival Cruise Lines announced today that they are very first major cruise line to have their entire fleet, 23 ships in all (and sailing from 14 different ports), back in service.



End of the line! A trio of Star Cruises ships are said to be getting scrapped in the near future. The *SuperStar Aquarius*, *SuperStar Gemini* and the *Star Pisces* have appeared this week on scrap reports as heading to the beach to be recycled. The three ships are currently located in Malaysia and should be heading toward Alang, India very soon. Of the trio, the *SuperStar Gemini* can trace its roots back to 1992 when it launched as the *Dreamward* for Norwegian Cruise Line. She was lengthened in 1998 at Lloyd Werft in Germany. She joined the Star fleet in 2012 after being in lay up in Greece following her Norwegian Cruise Line career as the renamed *Norwegian Dream*. The *SuperStar Aquarius* was commissioned as Norwegian's *Windward* in 1993. She was also lengthened in 1998, then becoming the *Norwegian Wind*. She moved under the Star Cruises brand in 2007.



The *Star Pisces* (below) was best known in Hong Kong serving in the short “cruise-to-nowhere” gambling market. She was originally built as the *Kalypso* for Baltic Sea ferry service. She became a Star Cruises vessel in 1994, then launching service from Singapore.

