

SCRIBBLINGS



From Bill Miller

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Sat Mar 26th At Sea nearing New York: Hot dogs! In the 1950s & '60s, Jerry Sakowitz, one of our guests, worked in a midtown

Manhattan office. He told me, “Sometimes I’d take a longer lunch, then a bus over to the West Side & just walk along the piers. I just loved seeing the big liners and I well remember that they so often docked one after the other. The Italian Line was at Pier 84, the *United States* – my favorite – was next door at Pier 86 and the *Queen Mary* or the *Queen Elizabeth* was at Pier 90. I dreamed of one day sailing on one of these magnificent ships, the great Atlantic liners. I’d have a hot dog & a bottle of Coca Cola for lunch and then ate as I walked. I seem to remember the hot dog – with mustard & sauerkraut – cost 15 cents!”



Luxury Liner Row in 1956 – the Queen Mary (top), United States, America, Constitution & Cristoforo Colombo







Many fellow passengers are booked for future Cunard voyages, including cruises around the world



*There was to have been some celebrating in 2020, but alas Covid interrupted ...
but just the same, a commemorative for Cunard's 180th was issued*





2022 is the 100th anniversary of the first around-the-world cruise – onboard Cunard's Laconia



In other Cunard news: Capt Inger Klein Thorhauge, Cunard's first female captain, has been appointed master of the new Queen Anne (she is seen here with Commodore Chris Rynd on the left; his successor Commodore Chris Wells on the right)





Chitchat on the Boat Deck: An 87-year-old lady from Derbyshire in England tells me: “I just spent 4 weeks on the *Queen Mary 2*, went home for 4 days and now I’ve returned for another 5 weeks!” ... A Belgian couple (from Antwerp) shares: “This is our 44th voyage. We started over 30 years ago, but with quite a splash. It was aboard the *Sea Goddess*, then considered the most luxurious cruise ship afloat. There had been a charter, but which was cancelled at the last minute, only 10 days before departure from Venice. We were offered a cruise to the Dalmatian coast & Greece, but at 70% off the normal rates. So, our first cruise was in a suite and with a butler!” ... A retired professor

from Cambridge University tells me: “I have lectured about six times on Swan Hellenic Cruises, on their wonderful little cruise ship *Minerva*. They offered the most wonderful cruises to the Mediterranean with high emphasis on education and enrichment. Every lecturer was an expert – on history, ruins, antiquities. The passengers booked largely because of these lecturers.”



*Last night on the Queen Mary 2 ... soft moonlight glows through the cabin
window*