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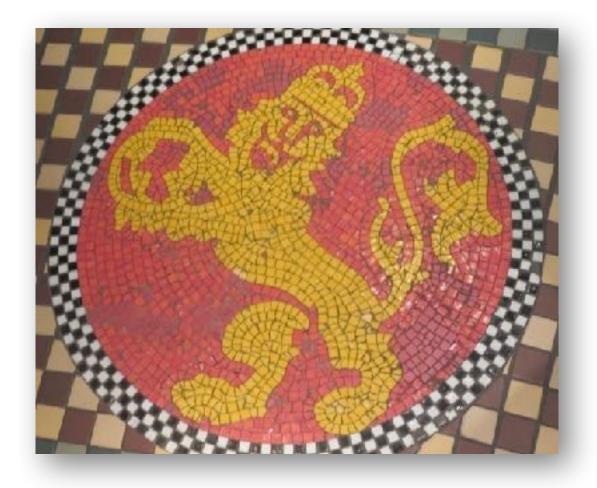
Sat Mar 26th At Sea nearing New York: Hot dogs! In the 1950s & '60s, Jerry Sakowitz, one of our guests, worked in a midtown

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





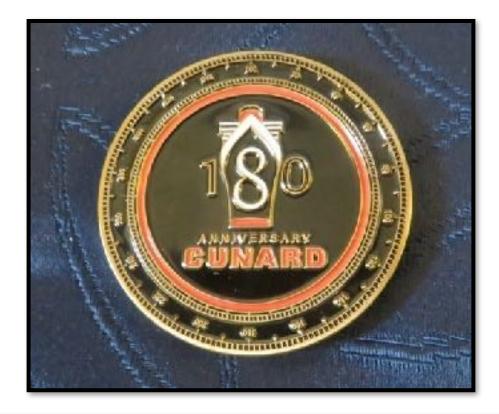


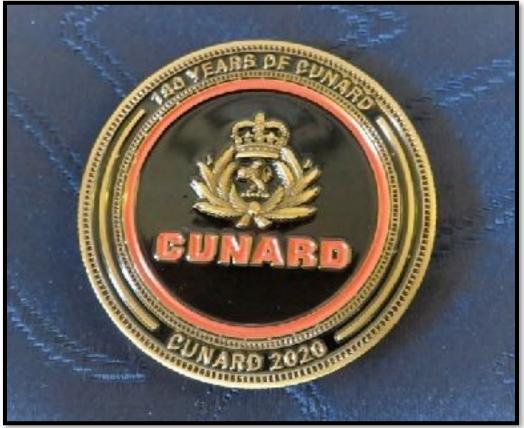


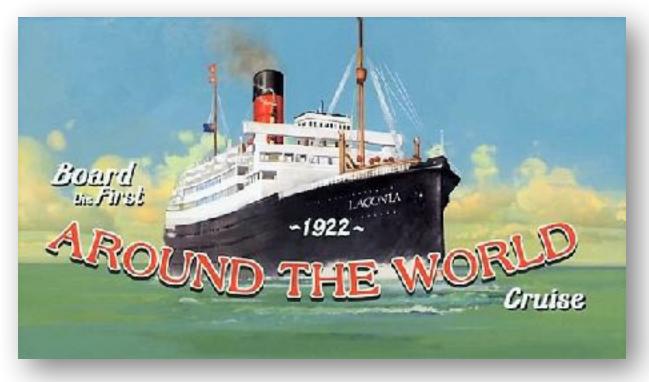
Many fellow passengers are booked for future Cunard voyages, including cruises around the world



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