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 Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines

Lulu gives Fred. Olsen something to 'Shout' about!

Our ever-popular **Music at Sea** programme returns for 2009, bigger and better than ever. This year's headline act is one of the UK's most consistently popular female artists – Lulu! who'll be appearing on *Boudicca* (BD0927).

We're delighted to have the voice behind such evergreen hits as "Here Comes the Night", "Leave a Little Love", "Try to Understand" and of course "Shout!" on board. Such an iconic personality is sure to prove a big hit with our guests, as will our many other stars of the 'Music at Sea' season. Lulu will be on board *Boudicca* for three days and perform twice on both nights - so everyone on board should get a chance to see her, performing a tribute to the magic of Motown.



Motown Magic

Lulu will be appearing with Jazz FM's popular presenter and jazz trumpeter Leo Green and Friends performing the timeless hits of Motown, as well as some of her own familiar numbers such as 'Shout!'. 2009 is the 50th anniversary of the founding of Motown Records, so we're delighted to be able to celebrate that great American label's contribution to popular music.



The Drifters

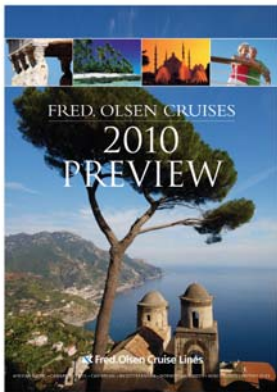
Along with Lulu, acts in the Music at Sea season include: the perennially popular The Drifters – who were such a success earlier this year on *Balmora*– performing their scores of hits (BL0921); Jazz legends Kenny Ball and his Jazz Men (BM0921); television personality Jimmy Tarbuck and his friend and co-host Kenny Lynch (BW0918); returning favourites Dominic Halpin and The Honey B's (BD0927 and BL0922); Tenorissimo (L091931 and D1002); as well as 60's legends The Merseybeats (BD0929).

This year's Music at Sea promises to be the best ever

And to make things even better, these great acts are all available without a supplementary charge - in addition to all the usual Fred. Olsen entertainment and facilities. Full details will be listed in our 'Music at Sea' brochure, which will be sent to you on release (planned for late May).

Make sure you don't miss out!

A record breaking day!



With newspapers seeming to delight in doom and gloom it sometimes feels like the whole world is about to stop. We are pleased to say that while the economic situation is no doubt serious, life does go on – shown no more clearly than by 19th March (the launch date of our summer 2010 programme to Oceans members) being the best booking day in Fred. Olsen's history. January 20th, 2009 the previous record day falls into second place.

It goes to show that whatever the situation, Oceans members do appreciate the relaxed style of cruising, traditional standards and value for money that a Fred. Olsen cruise represents. We give our thanks to all our Oceans members for their continued support.

Winter 2010/11 Advance Registrations

With record demand for summer 2010 cruises, the release of the winter 2010/11 programme is sure to be just as popular. As ever, we are giving Oceans members the opportunity to secure their favourite itineraries before they are released on general sale, for the best choice of cruise and cabin availability. And remember, reserving cruises now means you will benefit from the Oceans Members' 5% discount on prices. Please refer to the enclosed Advance Registration form for full details.



MEET THE FUTURE CRUISE MANAGERS

Amy Locke

I trained as a dancer until I was 19, when unfortunately had I had to retire due to an ongoing injury. With a passion for travel, I moved to work in the industry, in travel agents and as an overseas representative. In 2002, I joined Travelscope Cruises as Operation Supervisor working on board the *Van Gogh* and *Athena* and at the Gloucestershire-based office.

I am very pleased to now be part of the Fred. Olsen team on board *Boudicca* as the new Future Cruise Sales Manager and I look forward to meeting many of you when you cruise with us.



Amy Locke

Rosemary Reid

Hello to you all and warm wishes from the sunny Caribbean. My name is Rosemary Reid, I'm the new Future Cruise Sales Manager and Oceans Club representative on board the beautiful *Braemar*.

Having joined the company in February, I can say that both colleagues and guests have given me a very warm welcome – that special "Fred. Olsen feeling" is certainly infectious!

I have worked in the travel industry for 11 years. Joining my first ever cruise ship in Vancouver, Canada after finishing college was a life changing moment and the start of my love affair with a life at sea. Over the intervening years I have been lucky enough to sail to destinations worldwide, most recently as a port lecturer specialising in Central America, the Caribbean and Europe.

My varied career in travel serves me very well in this job. It certainly helps me answer your questions anyway! My experience is quite extensive, I have lived in Greece, worked for an airline and at an airport, have spent time as a travel agent and as a travel concierge – all this in addition to my life at sea!

I am looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible – welcoming you to my new home, *Braemar*, and to a lifetime of travel adventures with Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines.



Rosemary Reid

Each year see ships from the Fred. Olsen fleet visiting new places across the globe as two vessels embark on Grand Voyages, sailing for up to three months on exciting journeys of exploration.

2011 Grand Voyages

Thailand

January 5th 2011 will be a memorable day as passengers on both *Black Watch* and *Balmoral* set sail from Southampton. The two ships will cruise together to Tenerife before separating, each travelling off to some spectacular destinations on a "once in a lifetime" experience that many choose to repeat subsequently.

Black Watch will depart the UK for 77 nights, sailing over 19,000 nautical miles on an exploration of the exotic melting pot of cultures that is South America. Calls include unusual ports such as Castro in Chile and Salaverry in Peru, as well as iconic names including Buenos Aires, the Falklands and transiting the Panama Canal.

With the whole world to see, *Balmoral* needs a full 108 days to circumnavigate the globe. While passengers on board bond together as only those on a voyage of epic proportions can, the cruise gives the chance for very special experiences, from the sights and sounds of Phnom Penh, to aerial tours above the Great Barrier Reef; from an exploration of Lima to the unmissable pyramids of Egypt. A world cruise is always a special event.

Full details of these fantastic sailings will be sent to you in our Grand Voyages brochure before the on-sale date of Tuesday 12th May. Individual cruise sectors may be Advance Registered using the form enclosed with this issue of Cruiselines.



Dubai Marina at night



Machu Picchu

Scenic Summer



Everyone knows that Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines is proud of its long Norwegian heritage, making us experts on sailing in northern waters. Our new 'Scenic Summer' brochure celebrates this knowledge, highlighting a series of cruises that operate to spectacular parts of the world through the summer.

This is a glorious time to visit Scandinavia and The Baltic, with warm temperatures, long sunshine-filled days and light nights, in fact on some cruises the sky barely darkens at all at night.



Boudicca, Norway

For details of the cruises featured, please visit our website or call our brochure line on 08705 772299.



'My Cruises' at www.fredolsencruises.com

It seems that technological developments are never ending and the 'next big thing' soon falls by the wayside as something new replaces it. If used sensibly though, technology can help to make life easier and our new website enhancements are designed to do just that.

'My Cruises' gives you more control over your Fred. Olsen holiday bookings. You can book, view, manage and update your current bookings from the convenience of your computer at the time that suits you best, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. With the security protection of a personal username and password you can now do all of the following at your convenience:

- Book and manage your future cruises
- Change personal details
- View your cruise history
- View your Ocean's Club membership status and check on your points level (you can also download the latest Cruiselines here)
- View weather reports for your planned ports of call via a live feed
- Check fly-cruise and pre- & post- cruise holiday options (where confirmed)
- Complete your Passenger Information Form online
- Research and book Shore Excursions for your future cruises

To see the improvements and view your own Fred. Olsen bookings, log onto www.fredolsencruises.co.uk

Cruise and Walk Holidays with Ramblers Worldwide Holidays

One of the best ways to experience our exciting range of destinations is on foot. Get truly off the beaten track, up close to famous city sights or view an unspoilt bay from a rolling hillside: walking brings you so much closer.

Together with Ramblers Worldwide Holidays, we offer a unique cruise and walk experience on a range of itineraries, so you can discover some of the world's most wonderful places on foot. Please refer to the Ramblers Worldwide Holidays insert enclosed with this issue of Cruiselines.



Black Prince Farewell Season entertainment highlights

With the longest serving member of the Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines fleet set to retire later this year, *Black Prince's* farewell season has a fantastic programme of entertainment lined up to mark the end of her memorable part of cruising history.

Passengers on the four final cruises will enjoy various quayside entertainment for their send off, welcome champagne receptions and as part of a programme of activities on board will be captivated by acts such as:



The Merseybeats (BP0921)

Founding members of this popular act will be on board with their band, performing some of their '60's chart hits, such as "Wishin' and Hopin'", "Don't Turn Around", "Last Night" and many more.



The Fortunes (BP0911)

Originally riding high in the charts with their hits "You've Got Your Troubles" and "Here It Comes Again" when *Black Prince* first set sail, The Fortunes' success continued into the '70s with releases such as "Storm in a Teacup" and "Freedom Come, Freedom Go".

Steve Love Band (BP0912 & BP0924)

Having performed across the length and breadth of the UK and previously entertained cruisers on our 'Music at Sea' programme, this band returns to Fred. Olsen to perform covers of favourite hits, from a wide range of artists and eras.

The Bandit Beatles (BP0922)

With an almost identical look and sound to the original mop tops, this professional tribute act has toured the world, performing over 1,200 shows to great acclaim. A wonderful way to relive the sound loved by so many, that defined the 60's.

The Supreme Divas of Motown (BP0923)

The Supreme Divas will be coming all the way from the USA to deliver Motown classics with all the glitz, glamour and pizzazz that these timeless hits deserve.

Tufty Gordon (BP0912, BP0923, BP0924)

A multi-talented entertainer, compère and musician, Tufty Gordon brings over 50 years experience of delighting audiences to *Black Prince*.

With this fantastic line-up we can see why these Farewell cruises are selling out already! Visit our website for further details.



Barbara is 'Celebrate Sixty' Winner

To celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of the peak birth years for 'baby boomers' in 1947/48, and the corresponding record numbers of British people celebrating their sixtieth birthdays, we provided a 'Celebrate Sixty' package with our compliments to all passengers who celebrated their sixtieth birthday on board during 2008. As well as receiving a reprint of a newspaper of their date of birth, £60 on board spending credit, a champagne breakfast and pre-dinner cocktails, those celebrating were entered into a prize draw to win sixty days worth of free cruising.

The winner of this draw was Mrs Barbara Walton who was delighted with her prize and wrote in to thank Fred. Olsen, enclosing a picture of herself enjoying her birthday cruise. And to tell us...

"...I am so thrilled to be the lucky winner of the 'Celebrate 60 on us' and look forward to being able to choose 30 days of free cruising with my husband..."

A HAPPY EVENT ON BOUDICCA

Happy couple met on Braemar

Love was in the air recently, when passengers Mr and Mrs Jeffery were married on the idyllic island of Barbados, during a cruise on *Boudicca*.

They chose to hold this very special event during a Fred. Olsen cruise as they originally met three years ago on a *Braemar* Caribbean cruise. As they told Cruiselines...

"We decided on this cruise, because we wanted to go back to where we met to get married..."

The Oceans representative on board *Boudicca* was delighted to help celebrate such a happy occasion with champagne, flowers and a photography session. Our best wishes to the happy couple!



Mr and Mrs Jeffery

On the horizon



So British Summer Time is upon us once more and, at the time of writing, *Black Prince* is our only ship near home waters.

Braemar and *Boudicca* are still a month away from returning to these shores, having both spent the winter basking in Caribbean sunshine. *Black Watch* is on the homeward leg of her most successful ever World Cruise, having taken in the South Pacific, Australia, the Indian Ocean and South Africa, giving almost 40 days ashore on her 97-night voyage. Still on the far side of the world, *Balmoral*, is preparing for calls in Alaska - a Fred. Olsen first. After leaving Japan *Balmoral* will thread her way through the Aleutian Isles, her visit of discovery carefully planned to coincide with the emergence of the inspiring spring flora and fauna.

Summertime proper will see all five ships return to the UK, offering our largest ever variety of British home ports, including: Greenock, Newcastle, Liverpool, Rosyth, Dover, Southampton, and Portsmouth. If you hadn't yet noticed, there are even some opportunities to embark in Ireland. All have been strategically selected to provide the best choice of local departures, to a host of destinations near and far.

Most of these ports are well known and loved, but the world is not so small that there are no places left to discover (at least not by our ships!). Gython and Pylos in the Eastern Mediterranean, Farsund in Scandinavia, and Digby and Gaspé in Canada are firsts for us this year. Also new are the much closer to home, Chatham and Greenwich, as *Black Prince* makes her final curtain-calls to these towns steeped in naval history. On the subject of *Black Prince*, her final cruises still have a few precious cabins left for anyone wishing to bid her a fond farewell.

Across our fleet, our on board products and facilities will carefully and discreetly begin to reflect the direction we feel is needed to keep us near the forefront of cruising in the modern era. Some cabins and suites have been re-graded here and there, while new menus will be introduced to better reflect our passenger's tastes. Smoke-free interiors will be a breath of fresh air to most, while below decks the latest technology will be utilised to manage fuel and water treatment efficiencies. At all times, we continue to closely monitor what you - our regular customers - want from us, in order that we can continue to tailor our ships to your cruising needs.

Along

Helen Long
Oceans Club Administrator



TOP POINTS

As you may know, we like to thank our most frequent cruisers by awarding a choice from our Crystal Collection to the passenger with the highest number of Oceans points on each cruise. This is presented at the Oceans Cocktail Party on board.

Please see the below for the latest list of our winners in ship and cruise order.



THE CRYSTAL COLLECTION

BW951	06-Jan-09	Mrs Elaine Cornford	BL031	04-Jan-09	Mr David Campbell
BW951	06-Jan-09	Mrs Sandra Sanders	BL031	04-Jan-09	Mr & Mrs Charles Haines
BW951	2nd sector	Mr Walden Jenkin	BL031	04-Jan-09	Mr & Mrs Desmond Tickle
BW951	2nd sector	Mrs Margaret Marshall	BL032	17-Jan-09	Mr Ernest Early
BW951	3rd sector	Mrs Rita Hesford	BL032	17-Jan-09	Mrs Sheila Bullock
BW951	3rd sector	Mrs Molly Blunden	BL032	17-Jan-09	Sir Lawrence and Lady Byford
BW951	4th sector	Mr & Mrs Gerald Glover	BL032	17-Jan-09	Mr & Mrs Winston Lunn
BW951	4th sector	Mrs Olga Burrows	BL033	27-Jan-09	Mr & Mrs George Hills
BW951	4th sector	Mr Shaun Gratton	BL033	27-Jan-09	Mrs Judy Mariani
BW0902	13-Apr-09	Mr & Mrs John Prosser	BL034	14-Jan-09	Mr & Mrs Kevin Harrison
BW0902	13-Apr-09	Mrs Gillian Tourbay	BL034	14-Jan-09	Mrs Joyce Godwin
BW0902	13-Apr-09	Miss Nadia Tourbay	BL03412	14-Jan-09	Miss Kathleen Mulligan
BW0903	18-Apr-09	Mr & Mrs John Casterton	BL03412	14-Jan-09	Mr & Mrs George Crawshaw
BW0903	18-Apr-09	Mr Richard Boots	BL03413C	14-Jan-09	Mr Hans Karl Otto Franke
BD077	15-Jan-09	Mr & Mrs John Speed	BL03413	14-Jan-09	Mrs Olga Idle
BD077	15-Jan-09	Mrs Winifred Leeke	BL03423	17-Mar-09	Mr & Mrs John David Brewin
BD078	29-Jan-09	Mrs Barbara Ward	BL03423	17-Mar-09	Mr Ivan Ager
BD078	29-Jan-09	Mr Robert Banks	BL03421	17-Mar-09	Mr & Mrs Raymond Battersby
BD079	12-Feb-09	Mr Phillip Watkin	BL03421C	17-Mar-09	Dr Michael CH Jackson
BD079	12-Feb-09	Mr & Mrs William Nicholson	BL03425	17-Mar-09	Miss Clair Potter
BD080	26-Feb-09	Mrs Kathleen Gosling	BL03425	17-Mar-09	Miss Elizabeth Potter
BD080	26-Feb-09	Mr & Mrs Peter Prowse	BL03426	17-Mar-09	Mr & Mrs Philip Howard
BD081	12-Mar-09	Mr & Mrs Graham Jenkins	BL03426	17-Mar-09	Miss Jose Spray-Yates
BD081	12-Mar-09	Mr & Mrs Ralph Dumbell	BL03456	07-Apr-09	Mr & Mrs Terence Morrell
BD082	26-Mar-09	Mr & Mrs Gilbert Edge	BL03456	07-Apr-09	Mr & Mrs Arthur Rees
BD082	26-Mar-09	Mr & Mrs John Wescombe	BL03451	07-Apr-09	Mr & Mrs Peter Williamson
BD083	09-Apr-09	Mr John Richard Veysey	BL03451	07-Apr-09	Mr & Mrs William Allan
BD083	09-Apr-09	Mr & Mrs Wallace Jennings			
BP901	05-Jan-09	Mr & Mrs Thomas Godfrey	BM219	08-Jan-09	Mr Keith Johnson
BP901	05-Jan-09	Mr Phillip Godfrey	BM219	08-Jan-09	Mr & Mrs Frederick Odgers
BP902	19-Jan-09	Mr & Mrs Kenneth Waugh	BM220	22-Jan-09	Mr & Mrs Ronald Briggs
BP902	19-Jan-09	Mr Terry Pearson	BM220	22-Jan-09	Mr & Mrs Neville Nunn
BP903	15-Feb-09	Mr & Mrs Arnold Quarmby	BM221	05-Feb-09	Mrs Dorothy Sorrie
BP903	15-Feb-09	Mr & Mrs George Dawson	BM221	05-Feb-09	Mr & Mrs Kenneth Ruskell
BP904	28-Feb-09	Mrs Dora Carter	BM222	19-Feb-09	Mr & Mrs Colin Ackroyd
BP904	28-Feb-09	Mrs Patricia Kinnear	BM222	19-Feb-09	Ms Sarah Rathbone
BP905	12-Mar-09	Mr & Mrs Ian Glass	BM223	05-Mar-09	Mr & Mrs Roy Beck
BP905	12-Mar-09	Mr & Mrs Frank Walters	BM223	05-Mar-09	Mr & Mrs William Stark
BP906	30-Mar-09	Mr & Mrs Gilbert Myers	BM224	19-Mar-09	Mr & Mrs John Polglass
BP906	30-Mar-09	Mr & Mrs Samuel Paterson	BM224	19-Mar-09	Mr & Mrs William Matthews
BP907	10-Apr-09	Mrs Patricia Greene	BM225	02-Apr-09	Mr & Mrs James Miles
BP907	10-Apr-09	Mr & Mrs Geoffrey M Bilbruck	BM225	02-Apr-09	Mr & Mrs Alexander Rodgers
BP0908	23-Apr-09	Mrs Irene Watkins	BM226	16-Apr-09	Mr & Mrs Gerald Lucas
BP0908	23-Apr-09	Mrs Audrey Westby	BM226	16-Apr-09	Mr & Mrs Jack Berry
BP0908	23-Apr-09	Mrs Ethel Hesketh			