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Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines announces two-year training partnership with Maritime Skills Academy

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines has announced a two-year partnership with the Maritime Skills Academy to further enhance the level of training of its on board crews.

The courses include Bridge Resource Management which uses a team approach to achieve safe operation and trains bridge team members to be aware of their responsibility, prepared to recognise workload demands, risk factors and the ability to handle any situation. Another training course will focus on using the ship's steering systems.

Paul Clifton, Head of Crewing at Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, said:

“We are thrilled to have agreed a new partnership with the Maritime Skills Agency which demonstrates our commitment to continually investing in our crew.

“This training will provide our deck and technical officer teams with the opportunity to further strengthen their skills and knowledge.”

The partnership is a further extension to the services that the Viking Maritime Group already provide Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, with 12 Cadets on board *Bolette*, *Borealis* and *Balmoral*, for which Chiltern Maritime, part of the Viking Maritime Group, provides full Cadet management, support and administration.

Josip Kulas, Director of Training and Simulation at Viking Maritime Group, said:

“This collaboration signifies a strategic approach towards enhancing the proficiency and safety of seafarers, as well as ensuring the overall operational excellence of cruise vessels.

“It not only ensures regulatory compliance but also fosters skill development, enhances operational efficiency, and upholds safety standards in the cruise industry, ultimately contributing to the overall success and reputation of the organisation.

“This new partnership ensures that all delegates have access to the latest industry best practices and technological advancements. It solidifies both organisations’ commitment to safety, excellence and career development.

“It fosters a culture of continuous learning and improvement, ultimately benefitting the organisation, its employees and the maritime community as a whole.”

The Maritime Skills Academy is part of Viking Maritime Group.

To find out more about working at sea with Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines and to

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