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Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines partners with CLIA to host IMO Maritime Safety Committee on board 'Braemar' in Southampton

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines was pleased to partner with the Cruise Lines International Association ('CLIA') to welcome 28 senior officials from the International Maritime Organization's ('IMO') Maritime Safety Committee on board its cruise ship, *Braemar*, in Southampton in June 2019.

The IMO delegates – from Asia, Europe, Africa, North America and South America – gathered on board *Braemar* in the Port of Southampton, as part of an in-depth familiarisation visit. The group comprised of Captains – serving and retired – and senior maritime officials.

During the visit, the IMO delegates were given information on the safety-related processes and procedures relating to a cruise ship operation, including survival craft and evacuation, emergency power generation, fire extinguishing, as well as learning about associated human factors. The group also visited the engine control room and navigational bridge, and had the opportunity to observe a complete passenger muster drill.

Stuart Ferguson, Head of Quality & Resource at Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, said:

“We would like to thank the IMO Maritime Safety Committee for taking the time to visit Fred. Olsen’s *Braemar* in Southampton, and we hope that they found it a useful opportunity to familiarise themselves with the complex workings and operations of a cruise ship.

“During the visit, we covered a number of key issues relating to passenger shipping, from life-saving appliances to environmental legislation and regulation, and we know that seeing a cruise operation first-hand is always the most beneficial way to learn about our diverse industry.

“We are committed to continuing to work with CLIA and IMO in the future to help to develop and improve awareness and knowledge within our growing industry.”

Rob Griffiths, Vice President, Maritime Policy for CLIA, said:

“We could not have asked for more from the Captain and entire crew and the feedback was completely positive the delegates, on what was notably the 101st session of the IMO Maritime Safety Committee.

“The ship was in outstanding shape and all members of the crew we encountered conveyed exactly the kind of professionalism that we would hope to project from our sector of the industry. The delegates found their time onboard to be both informative and enjoyable.”

Photo caption:

Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines’ Captain Victor Stoica (front row, centre), Master of *Braemar*, and Stuart Ferguson, Fred. Olsen’s Head of Quality & Resource (front row, second from right), were pleased to partner with the Cruise Lines

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For further information on Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, visit the website at www.fredolsencruises.com To find out more about CLIA and the IMO, go to <https://cruiseexperts.org/> and www.imo.org respectively.

Fred. Olsen Cruise Line operates in the UK with four intimately sized ships for a more personal cruising experience.

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