

THE NORWEGIAN CRUISE CONFERENCE

2026



PROGRAM THURSDAY JANUARY 22ND

0800-0900 Registration

INTRODUCTIONS

0900-0910 Welcome

Moderator: Anette Bonnevie Wollebæk, The Norwegian Coastal Administration

0910-0940 Updates from the Norwegian Government

Einar Vik Arset, Director General, The Norwegian Coastal Administration

Alf Tore Sørheim, Director General, The Norwegian Maritime Authority

PART 1: ENVIRONMENTAL DEVELOPMENTS

0940-1000 Perspectives on environmental development, challenges and preparedness from CLIA

Hans Chen Braas, Regional Director for the Nordics and Baltics, CLIA Europe (Cruise Lines International Association)

1000-1015 World heritage fjords and zero emission Legislation

Henrikke Roald, Assistant Director General, Department of Legislation and Contracts, The Norwegian Maritime Authority

1015-1045 Coffee break

1045-1105 How ports and destinations are preparing for zero-emission requirements

Monica Berstad, Managing Director, Cruise Norway AS

1110-1125 Affected by zero-emission requirements. What now?

Rita Berstad Maraak, Port Director, Stranda Port Authorities

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PART 2: EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

1125-1145 Navigating safety through collaboration
Frigg Jørgensen, Executive Director, AECO - Association of Arctic Expedition Cruise Operators

1145-1205 Port Operations and Emergency Preparedness
Ian Meachem, Head of Technical Port Operations, Global Port Operations Department, MSC Cruises

1205-1225 Reducing operational risk during coastal and fjord navigation
Marcin Banach, Captain, Carnival Corp & plc

1225-1325 Lunch

PART 3: MARITIME EMERGENCY RESOURCES

1325-1345 Keeping Ships Safe: Norway's emergency towing services and IMO regulations
Kjetil Aasebø, Head of Department for Operation and Coordination, The Norwegian Coastal Administration

1345-1405 Fire and rescue-Maritime incident response groups in Norway
Ann Christin Rognmo Olsen, Head of Section, Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection (DSB)

1405-1425 Search and rescue preparedness in Norway – Perspectives from the JRCC
Andreas Ingsøy, Rescue Coordinator, Norwegian Search and Rescue Agency (HRS)

1425-1445 Inside Norway's maritime fire & rescue response: The RITS Task Force Approach
Sindre Egeness, Fire Chief, Maritime rescue operations with special fire brigade teams (RITS)

1445-1500 Pilot operations status
Erik Blom, Pilot Director, The Norwegian Coastal Administration

1500-1530 Coffee break

PART 4: IN REAL LIFE

1530-1550 Pilot operations challenges
Geir Pettersen, Maritime Pilot, The Norwegian Coastal Administration

1550-1610 Wind restrictions and enforcement
Trond Langemyr, Vessel Traffic Operator, Vardø Vessel Traffic Service (VTS)

1610-1640 What would you do? A tabletop exercise on safety, security and preparedness
A mix of relevant contributors present on stage. Discussions where the floor is also open.
Led by Kjetil Aasebø from the Norwegian Coastal Administration

1640-1650 Summary Remarks
Arve Dimmen, Director of Navigation Technology and Maritime Services, The Norwegian Coastal Administration

CONFERENCE DINNER

1900 Aperitif at Thon Hotel Ålesund

1930 We wish you a warm welcome to the Conference Dinner at Thon Hotel Ålesund
(Remember to register)



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