

# THE NORWEGIAN CRUISE CONFERENCE 2026



## PROGRAM THURSDAY JANUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>

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 Meachern, 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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