



Thursday January 28 2027

Safety, Emergency Preparedness and Environment in Norwegian Waters

1. SAFETY – Safe Navigation and Operational Development

This session explores how regulations, operational services, technology, and collaboration can contribute to safer cruise operations in Norwegian waters.

Speaker	Presentation / Topic
Norwegian Coastal Administration (Kystverket) – Einar Vik Arset	Opening remarks and status update from the Norwegian Coastal Administration
Norwegian Maritime Authority – Alf Tore Sørheim	Update from the Norwegian Maritime Authority – regulations, Port State Control (PSC), and IMO developments
Carnival Maritime – Marcin Banach	Safe Margins – Navigation, Technology and Operational Readiness in Norwegian Waters
Norwegian Coastal Administration, Pilot Service – Jo Even Tomren	The Pilot Service, safe navigation, and cooperation with the cruise industry
Vardø Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) – Trond Langemyr	Experiences from the cruise vessel restrictions (wind limitations) after one year
Norwegian Coastal Administration, Routeinfo – Klingsheim / Gjærde	Cruise routes, voyage planning, and Route Exchange

2. EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS – When Incidents Occur

What happens when preventive safety measures are not enough, and how prepared are the authorities, rescue services, and the cruise industry to respond to a major incident? This session focuses on cooperation and coordination between authorities and the cruise industry.

Speaker	Presentation / Topic
Norwegian Coastal Administration, Emergency Response Division – Kjetil Aasebø	The Norwegian Coastal Administration's preparedness and response capabilities for cruise ship incidents
Joint Rescue Coordination Centre (JRCC) – Andreas Ingsøy	Search and rescue, emergency preparedness, and inter-agency cooperation
Police / Norwegian Police Security Service (PST) – Hans-Martin Gridseth	Security, situational awareness, and current threats
Svalbard (speaker not yet confirmed)	Cruise traffic, emergency preparedness challenges, and lessons learned from Svalbard
MSC Cruises – Ian Meachem	The industry's operational perspective and participation in the discussion

3. ENVIRONMENT AND THE FUTURE OF CRUISING – Sustainability and Collaboration

How can the cruise industry continue to develop in Norway while ensuring that environmental considerations, local communities, safety requirements, and regulatory obligations are appropriately addressed?

Speaker	Presentation / Topic
AECO – Mark van der Hulst	Operating in a Sensitive Soundscape – AECO's Collaborative Approach to Underwater Radiated Noise in the Arctic
CLIA – Hans Chen Braas	Charting the Future Course for Cruise Lines
CLIA – Evangelos Tountas	Ports and destinations, safe and sustainable development, and collaboration
Cruise Norway – Monica Berstad	The industry and destination perspective ahead of the panel discussion
AECO – Frigg Jørgensen	Expedition cruising, collaboration, and the way forward, ahead of the panel discussion
Norwegian Coastal Administration (Kystverket) – Elisabeth Aarsæther	Topic to be confirmed before final placement in the programme



Day time venue: Quality hotel Ålesund

Quality hotel Ålesund will be our day time venue and special offer for participant accommodation.

Conference Dinner

We wish you a warm welcome to the Conference Dinner at Pir Cowork downtown Aalesund. A short walk from the hotel. *(Remember to register)*

