The Norwegian Cruise Conference 2027

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
0900	**Moderator Anette Bonnevie Wollebæk**	Welcome and practical information
0905 - 0915	**Norwegian Coastal Administration – Einar Vik Arset**	Opening remarks and status update from the Norwegian Coastal Administration
0915-0925	**Norwegian Maritime Authority – Alf Tore Sørheim**	Update from the Norwegian Maritime Authority – regulations, Port State Control (PSC), and IMO developments
0925-0945	**Carnival Maritime – Marcin Banach**	Safe Margins – Navigation, Technology and Operational Readiness in Norwegian Waters
0944 -1005	**Pilot Service, NCA – Alf Arne Borgund**	The Pilot Service, safe navigation, and cooperation with the cruise industry
1005-1020	**Vardø Vessel Traffic Service, NCA – Trond Langemyr**	Experiences from the cruise vessel restrictions (wind limitations) after one year
1020-1040	**Routeinfo (NCA) – John-Morten Klingsheim / Tor Erlend Gjærde**	Cruise routes, voyage planning, and Route Exchange

1040 – 1100 Coffee break

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
1100 - 1120	**Emergency Response Division, NCA – Kjetil Aasebø**	The NCA's preparedness and response capabilities for cruise ship incidents
1120-1140	**Joint Rescue Coordination Centre (JRCC) – Andreas Ingsøy**	Search and rescue, emergency preparedness, and inter-agency cooperation
1140-1200	**Police / Norwegian Police Security Service (PST) – Hans-Martin Gridseth**	Security, situational awareness, and current threats
1200-1220	**Svalbard (speaker TBD)**	Cruise traffic, emergency preparedness challenges, and lessons learned from Svalbard
1220-1240	**MSC Cruises – Ian Meachem**	The industry's operational perspective and participation in the discussion

1240-1340 Lunch

1340-1350	**Cruise Norway – Monica Berstad**	The industry and destination perspective ahead of the panel discussion
1350-1400	**AECO – Frigg Jørgensen**	Expedition cruising, collaboration, and the way forward, ahead of the panel discussion
1400-1410	**CLIA – Evangelos Tountas**	Ports and destinations, safe and sustainable development, and collaboration
1410-1445	**Debate** **Moderator:** **Elise Fiske,** **Maritimt Forum Nordvest**	Participants: Einar Vik Arset, NCA Alf Tore Sørheim, NMA Evangelos Tountas, CLIA Frigg Jørgensen, AECO Monica Berstad, Cruise Norway Michal Forland, Port of Bergen

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
1445-1505	**AECO – Mark van der Hulst**	Operating in a Sensitive Soundscape – AECO's Collaborative Approach to Underwater Radiated Noise in the Arctic
1505-1525	**CLIA – Hans Chen Braas**	Charting the Future Course for Cruise Lines

1525-1550 Coffee break

1610-1630	**Norwegian Coastal Administration – Elisabeth Aarsæther**	Topic to be confirmed
1630-1650	**Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU) – Odd Sveinung Hareide**	AI in maritime operational use
1650-1700		Closing remarks

1900 Conference dinner at Pir

Day time venue



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)*

