



CATCH THE WAVE

Convention 2009

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Because this is the first time we've held a **Convention At Sea** we appreciate receiving your comments and questions. Your Convention Committee plans to include in its communications to you some of the questions that we receive and their answers. It will become a part of our updating of members about the idiosyncrasies of holding a **Convention At Sea**.

Some questions were answered in **Newsletter No. 1** and details were provided on the **Booking Form** regarding what was included in the price. A copy of the form can be obtained from the **POWERtalk International** website and we encourage you to look there before asking questions that may already have been answered in those documents.

There is a **correction to the price of an E2 Cabin**. The total price for E2 cabin should be listed as \$2,112.44.

Be sure to fax your booking form and information to:

Burnaby Cruiseshipcenters

Fax: 604-299-7407

To facilitate all our planning we hope you will send your **first deposit before November 1**.

Here are some more **QUESTIONS** and **ANSWERS**:

Q.1 If dates for Serenade of the Seas are not posted yet for 2009 why do we have to book so far ahead?

A.1 *The cruise line starts posting and booking 18 months prior to the cruise. To ensure sufficient cabins are reserved for our Convention, we have asked members and guests to book 20 months in advance to allow us time to confirm cabins and finalize convention preparation.*

Q.2 Do you have to belong to our organization to make the deposit?
Are spouses invited?

A.2 *No. Anyone wishing to attend as a member or a guest is requested to put down the deposit. You are invited to bring your spouse, friends, family and/or past members.*

Q.3 Will the same travel company that is handling the cruise ship arrangements, arrange flights through Cruiseshipcenters?

A.3 *That information will be provided in a Newsletter when available.*

Q.4 Is there specific information on travel insurance cost except the recommended RBC travel insurance? Does the cruise line have an insurance program?

A.4 *Information will be provided in a Newsletter when available.*

Q.5 I understand the \$250 holds a room for me, but is it refundable at a later date?

A.5 *In Newsletter No.1 we advised that \$50 of the deposit is non-refundable.*

Q.6 Are these guaranteed final prices?

A.6 *Yes, the prices quoted are for the cruise. You will also have your travel costs.*

Q.7 What are other costs for the convention?

A.7 *There will be a convention registration fee to cover convention costs announced later. It will be comparable to previous convention fees.*

Q.8 Will seminars and business meetings occur aboard ship and/or can we do any touring during the 7-day week?

A.8 *The Committee has been working with the Cruise Ship Centers for the past year to ensure that business and training can fit around the tours planned for this ship. Several tentative programs were prepared proving that both can happen. You will not only have your convention but your vacation also.*

Q.9 Would the cruise line honor Crown and Anchor Club discounts on this cruise? Former Royal Caribbean Cruisers are members of this club.

A.9 *Information will be provided when available.*

Q.10 Do I have to indicate a roommate now? Can this be done later?

A.10 *If you do not yet know who your roommate will be, please indicate "unknown" or "please assign". Later you can advise us the name of your roommate, but in the meantime we will know how many cabins to book.*

For further information, keep checking the **POWERtalk** website and watch for newsletters through your CLO.

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