



Coordinator's Corner

Ahoy there!

Although this month's newsletter is short, it is a most important one. Please take time to read it thoroughly.

We are trying to finalize all payments and registration information and we don't want to miss anyone.

At a time of year when most regions are holding their conferences, this would be a good time to discuss the convention. Encourage anyone who hasn't yet booked for this unique and exciting convention to do so immediately.

After our full Convention Planning Committee meeting in June you will start hearing more about the outstanding offerings for this convention. Always feel free to contact us with your questions and comments and check out those on the convention website.

Doris Ginther

POWERtalk Convention Coordinator



Hello there, mates!

By this time most of you should have seen the Royal Caribbean deposit amount processed on your credit card statement. If you have not seen this charge, please contact me as soon as possible. In some cases the credit cards have expired as a result of the time delay between the Registration Deadline and the actual processing date by Royal Caribbean

International. Many thanks to all the members for the prompt responses to my e-mails.

If you have indicated that you will be sharing with someone and that person has not submitted his/her registration form and/or payment you will be required to pay the additional \$250.00 deposit to hold that stateroom until you find a roommate. In the event that you choose not to share, the single rate is 200% of the cruise portion. All other charges remain the same.

Good news! For those of you who haven't yet signed up, there are still cabins available in Balcony Category E-1 and E-2, Ocean View Category H, and Inside Category N. The booking form is available in PDF (<http://www.powertalkconvention.com/RegistrationInfo/PowerTalkBookingForm.pdf>) and WORD on the convention Cruise Information page (<http://www.powertalkconvention.com/CruiseInformation.html>).

The Cruiselines are moving to electronic documents/ticketing, much like the airlines. This will expedite documents for an international membership such as POWERtalk making it much more convenient and efficient. It will be of utmost importance that all passengers registered for the cruise have an e-mail address and are able to print out their documents. Please make sure that you have contacted me by e-mail so that I can verify your e-mail address. Keep me updated should you make a change.

Until next time,

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION REQUEST

COMPTROLLER'S CORRECTION CORNER

During the period between May 16th and May 19th, a listing of all persons in a Region who are booked on the 'Serenade of the Seas' Convention Cruise was submitted to each Region President and Region Treasurer and/or Finance Chairman.

Region Presidents should verify with members that their names, and those of their guests, are listed **exactly, and I do mean exactly**, on the Region list as they appear on their valid Passport. Anyone whose name appears on the Cruise manifest and does not match that on the appropriate form of identification, could result in a delay at check-in---or worse, being denied permission to board the ship.

Members, please, double-check to make certain your name, and that of any guest(s), is spelled correctly according to the form of identification being used. If there are any corrections, please advise your Region President and/or Treasurer who will in turn send any corrections to me.

The list sent out to Regions also shows who are members and who are guests---so if you have guests coming with you, please ensure that they are checked in the 'guest' column. Also, be sure that if you are a 'member' of ITC that your name is checked in the 'member' column.

You might be interested to know that we currently have 395 persons booked on the cruise.

Please help to ensure that our records are correct so that we can **Set Sail on Time with Everyone on Deck to "Catch the Wave."**

I'm excited – and I hope you are too.

Joan Gordon, Comptroller

THE NAUTICAL ORIGINS of Some Common Expressions

As the Crow Flies -

When lost or unsure of their position in coastal waters, ships would release a caged crow. The crow would fly straight towards the nearest land thus giving the vessel some sort of a navigational fix. The tallest lookout platform on a ship came to be known as the **crow's nest**.



Three Sheets to the Wind -

A sheet is a rope line which controls the tension on the downwind side of a square sail. If, on a three-masted fully rigged ship, the sheets of the three lower course sails were loose, the sails would flap and flutter and were said to be "in the wind." A ship in this condition would stagger and wander aimlessly across the sea.