



On the bridge of the PRIDE OF HAWAII are Capt. Kjell Nesheim, MEBA Pres. Ron Davis, Chief Engineer Richard McPhail, Staff Chief Engineer Matthew McKeon, Calhoon School Director Joyce Matthews and C/E John Cullen.



The PRIDE OF HAWAII underwent successful sea trials in Emshaven, Holland before sailing to Baltimore for her U.S. debut. The HAWAII is the largest U.S.-flagged passenger ship ever built.

## The Pride is Back in U.S. Cruise Shipping

### NCL Welcomes Third Vessel to Hawaii Trade

NCL America has taken delivery of its third massive new cruise ship slotted for the Hawaii trade – the 965 foot long PRIDE OF HAWAII. The largest U.S.-flagged cruise ship ever built is teeming with American mariners from top to bottom including MEBA officers in all licensed positions. The vessel joins her two sister ships in the inter-island Hawaii cruise market – the PRIDE OF ALOHA and the PRIDE OF AMERICA. U.S.-owned, U.S.-flagged and U.S.-crewed, the PRIDE OF HAWAII signals the return to prominence of the Stars and Stripes to the cruise industry – a market dominated by foreign-flag vessels.

The PRIDE OF HAWAII weighs in at 93,500 gross tons and can carry over 2,400 passengers along with almost 1,000 crewmembers.



Aboard the ship, Calhoon MEBA Engineering School Director Joyce Matthews networks with (l-r) Congressman Dutch Ruppersberger, School Deck Dept. head Scott Conway and PRIDE OF HAWAII Master Kjell Nesheim, the "Capt. Stubing" of the vessel.



In late April, NCL hosted a Capitol Hill ceremony timed with the PRIDE OF HAWAII's arrival in Baltimore where it picked up additional crewmembers and earned a needed Coast Guard Certificate of Inspection. Left to right are NCL President and CEO Colin Veitch, 1st A/E Lindsay Smith, Sen. Daniel Inouye (D-HI), head bartender Kenneth Scott who towers over the Senator, First Officer & Navigator Ming Yuen, Staff Chief Engineer Matthew McKeon, Staff Captain Ron Chrastina, Environmental Officer Tim Maguire and MEBA President Ron Davis.

At the stack of the PRIDE OF HAWAII are F. Brooks Royster, III (Executive Director of the Maryland Port Administration), Bill Van Loo (MEBA Baltimore Branch Agent) and Dutch Ruppersberger (Maryland Congressman).





A waterfall pours down near the "Waikiki Beach Pool" area aboard the PRIDE OF HAWAII.



From Baltimore, the PRIDE OF HAWAII headed to Miami to conduct promotional activities. Following a brief stay, the ship transited through the Panama Canal on her way to the West Coast. In Panama, Admeasurer (Tonnage Surveyor) Eric Rodriguez hobnobs with C/E John Cullen.



The Man B&W engines aboard the HAWAII are part of an incredibly vast engine room expertly attended to by MEBA officers.



Staff Chief Engineer Matt McKeon gave MEBA officials a lengthy tour of the PRIDE OF HAWAII's engine room. Left to right are CMES Director Joyce Matthews, MEBA Pres. Ron Davis, Chief McKeon and Instructor Barry Van Vechten.



Hawaii lawmakers ushered legislation through Congress that established U.S.-flag cruising in the 50th State thus providing a real boost to the Hawaiian economy and numerous employment opportunities for MEBA and SIU members. Left to right are Rep. Neil Abercrombie, Sen. Daniel Akaka and Sen. Daniel Inouye.



The PRIDE OF HAWAII seen as it transits through the Panama Canal on its way to San Francisco for a series of promotional events. It then sailed for L.A. for its christening before making its way to Hawaii to begin its regular inter-island itinerary.



The Spinnaker Lounge is a nice place to sit down, order a drink and get comfortable aboard the PRIDE OF HAWAII.



As part of its regular itinerary, the PRIDE OF HAWAII will depart every Monday from Honolulu and spend a full day in Hilo, Hawaii; two days in Kahului, Maui; a day in Kona, Hawaii and two days in NDwiliwili, Kaua'i.



Evans Hoyt is the Captain of the PRIDE OF AMERICA and oversees what is arguably, along with the HAWAII, the most advanced ship under U.S.-flag. Evans has been with the vessel for a year and previously shipped sensitive military cargo to overseas war zones aboard Ready Reserve Force fleet vessels. (Photo: Joe Jahoda)



Third Officer Ian Maury stays vigilant on the bridge of the PRIDE OF AMERICA. A few weeks later he was brought aboard the PRIDE OF HAWAII to help the ship make a smooth debut.



Chief Engineer Paul Musotto presides over a complicated operation that is seamless for pleasure cruise passengers. He has headed up the engine room on the PRIDE OF AMERICA since its shipyard construction. (Photo: Mimi Totten)

3rd A/E Christopher Ryals keeps a watchful eye in the engine control room monitoring critical systems throughout the ship.



Deck cadet and future member Kaitlin Mulgrew getting sea time aboard the PRIDE OF AMERICA.



The PRIDE OF ALOHA made a stop at a San Francisco shipyard recently for a tune-up before returning to the booming Hawaii passenger vessel trade. Left to right are Chief Mate Dan Davis, Captain Jay Chavez, S.F. Rep. Jim Anderson and S.F. Patrolman Ed McCormack.



The PRIDE OF ALOHA was the first of three U.S.-flag vessels deployed into the Hawaii trade by NCL America. Left to right are some of the MEBA officers aboard the ship including (l-r) Chief Mate Dan Davis, Assistant Engineers Evan Hafford, William Hibbard, David Rigual and Chief Engineer Dennis Leggett.