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Wishing you a very happy, healthy and peaceful 2007 accompanied, of course by wonderful music and exotic ports of call. In this UPDATE we will be having a look back over the events of 2006 and also forward to our news and plans for 2007 and beyond!

We think one of the best cruising highlights last year must have been for our friends at Hebridean International Cruises. Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth 2nd, celebrated her 80th birthday in 2006. There were many festivities and gala celebrations all over the UK and British protectorates. Her Majesty elected the Hebridean Princess as her private vessel to hold more birthday festivities with family and friends, sailing round the Scottish Isles. We do know that we here at Chancery Cruising constantly praise Scotland's only cruise line but if it's good enough for Her Majesty, what higher recommendation could there possibly be? As "Elite" partners of Hebridean International Cruises, please do call us for their brochure, itineraries and our special fares for the coming months: Call 020 7405 7056



Here's a little trivia for you... Did you know that Great Britain was the first country to issue postage stamps, which is why we are the only one in the world not to bear the name of the country of origin!

Congratulations go to Norwegian Cruise Line who are celebrating 40 years of cruising innovation. We are more than happy to celebrate with them as we are now in our 12th year of working together.

As ever, NCL pushed the boat out with the launch of the Norwegian Pearl on the 1st December 2006 and she is a very grand, big lady! She has 12 unique places to dine and 11 bars and lounges where you can just relax.



She even has a bowling alley (a cruise industry first!) and rock climbing wall aboard. When she heads out to Alaska or the Caribbean you will be able to choose from an impressive array of accommodations from the ultra luxurious Garden and Courtyard Villas to family friendly connecting staterooms and suites.

The launch for their newest ship, the Norwegian Gem is Friday 5th October 2007, we have already earmarked our diaries. We also hope to be able to contribute vastly towards filling all the new tonnage of ships that will be floating on our oceans. Why did we call it Planet Earth, when the majority of it is sea water?

The transition from Radisson Seven Seas Cruises to their new REGENT brand has gone without a hitch. We have sailed aboard the Regent Mariner (more of that later) and Regent Navigator, which are both all suite ships. In September we were invited to Greenwich to sample the delights of the Regent Voyager. What a beauty! Already kitted out with the new sophisticated Regent personality, she is certainly one of the most breathtaking 6 star ships we have had the privilege to sail. The whole fleet are undergoing the same changes, so please do call us if you wish to travel in 2007. We are staging Jazz on the Seven Seas aboard the Mariner from the 29th May 2007 for 9 nights in Alaska. Our revered artists will be Houston Person, Ken Peplowski, Joe Ascione, Dena DeRose, Howard Alden, Nicki Parrott, Richard Wyands, Paul Kreibich, Dan Barrett and Tom Kennedy. Can you imagine those fantastic artists, with the most stunning scenery and one of the world's most beautiful ships!! For full details visit www.jotss.com or call Michael or Angela: 020 7405 7056



November last year saw another wonderful collaboration of our selves and Regent when our 2nd Jazz on the Seven Seas sailed from Madeira to Fort Lauderdale aboard the Regent Voyager.

Once again we had a superb line up AND slightly ahead of schedule Regent have gone fully inclusive... NO MORE BAR BILLS!! We knew this was to be implemented in 2007 but to the delight of our guests they brought the date forward. So our congratulations go out to Regent who now are in a class of their own with our entertainment and their hospitality. Heartfelt congratulations also go to our dear colleague Cecilia Abert on the birth of her twin boy and girl, Oscar and Darcy in November last year. We hope you are managing to get some sleep now Cecilia and WELL DONE!

Many of you remind us constantly that you love to dance and whatever happened to the old Big Band Cruises aboard the

Norway and QE2? Well, we have done our research and we team up with our Holland America colleagues from Friday 10th August 2007 for a 9 night cruise stay from Boston visiting the historic New England coasts. You will be dancing on deck or wherever you choose to the fabulous sounds of the Brooks Tegler Orchestra, who will be featuring the big band tunes of Duke Ellington, Tommy Dorsey, Artie Shaw, Glenn Miller, Benny Goodman, Count Basie, and Gene Krupa. So polish up your patents, bring out those beautiful gowns and book your pedicures. You will be dancing until you drop whilst learning a piece of living history to boot, as John Tegler tells the tales behind the tunes!! Visit www.abbpas.com As our Angela is already practicing some of her old Ginger Rogers moves in the office, please call her to receive full details: 020 7405 7056.

We have fabulous news of our 7th Annual Jazz Party At Sea, it will be held once again on our floating jazz home the Norwegian Sun, sailing from Miami on the 3rd November 2007 for 7 nights, visiting the Western Caribbean and featuring "The Rhythms of the Americas" the whole route. This will be reflected in styles from classic, mainstream, modern, ragtime, Latin, we can't wait and hope as ever that you will be joining us!



Angela has been jetting and cruising somewhat, to say the least in 2006, so do turn the page to read her news, views and see her photos and projects for 2007.



Angela's column

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Wishing you all a very healthy and happy 2007. I hope that you are able to make your New Year resolutions come true and that when you reflect back on 2006, it will be with peace and wisdom.



Angela in her festive New Orleans feathers

2006 for me was quite an experience with many ups and downs; however I am choosing to regale you with the ups!

My travelling year commenced in March last year when I headed off to Fort Lauderdale to join the Regent Seven Seas Mariner. We had the most fabulous line up of jazz artists, fantastic ship, wonderful itinerary and perfect weather. Our theme for this brilliant cruise was "A Tribute to Brother Ray", featuring Ray Charles old side kick and best friend David "Fathead" Newman. He was joined by other legends of jazz and the most amazing jazz party ensued. It also happened to be my...? birthday whilst aboard, the musicians broke with their tradition and sang happy birthday. I also remembered why I loved Fort Lauderdale so much.

Talking of birthdays, I was back for a couple of weeks and then flew out to Chicago for our own Joe Segal's 80th birthday celebrations and tribute at the Chicago Symphony Center. TV and radio personalities were there to conduct interviews with Joe about his life in jazz. The concert line up were the who's who of jazz legends, it was a magical evening.

Whilst in Chicago we held an Annual Jazz Party At Sea meeting. Sadly our colleague Carolee Glasgow passed away in March

2006 but we had the privilege of meeting her charming daughter Janice Hutchings who has taken over the helm at Windrose Cruises, CA and is now a solid, valued member of our Consortium. Many issues were discussed and many goals achieved.



Janice Hutchings

May saw me flying out to Rome. I was very excited as I had lived there when I was younger, it was my base when I sang and danced my way round Italy as a "Cabaret Artiste"! After reacquainting myself with all the sights, I returned to the Regent Seven Seas Navigator, on which my son and I had sailed on our first ever Jazz On The Seven Seas with James Moody celebrating his 80th birthday in 2005 (Getting lost? So am I). It was as fabulous as ever and I am so looking forward to returning to Alaska in May aboard the RSSC Mariner with our exciting jazz schedule. **Please see our front page or call me to receive full details: 020 7405 7056**

As previously stated, I earned a living as a singing hoofer in my youth. All my old tuition and moves came back to mind on our past big band cruises where I used to dance up a

storm and help many a gallant dance host to the bar to resuscitate. For all you big band lovers we are staging just the cruise for you in August this year. We will not be singing in the rain, we won't need top hats, we won't be flying down to Rio, or following the fleet but will be sailing from Boston, in the warm August sunshine, to the historic New England ports of call with a magnitude of big band music to accompany us along our route. AND if you ask this gay divorcee "shall we dance?" I will definitely say "Yes". Sadly last year saw the demise of Martha Tilton and Anita O'Day who were legendary singers at the first ever jazz concert at Carnegie Hall in 1938. Our fabulous Brooks Tegner Orchestra will be re-creating that concert for you along with the wonderful tunes of Glenn Miller, Tommy Dorsey, Benny Goodman, Gene Krupa, Count Basie, Duke Ellington and many others. Please, relive music and dance history and join me aboard the M/S Maasdam on 11th August 2007 for the Annual Big Band Party At Sea. **Let's face the music and dance, I promise not to tread on your feet! 020 7405 7056 for all the details.**

After my annual holidays in August last year, which were somewhat protracted due to the terrorist events on 10th August, I buckled down to paperwork with all the details involved for our passengers and our



above from left to right: two guests of Junior and Gloria Mance Jazz on the Seven Seas 2006



Carolee and friends



Chancery Cruisers with Larry Coryell at his engagement party. Jazz on the Seven Seas 2006



David Sanchez and Claudia Act Jazz on the Seven Seas 2006



Our Bill with Curtis Fuller 6th AJPAS



Left:
Consortium Team

From left to right: some of the artists performing at the AJPAS passenger jam session.
Mike Farmer
Herbie Hudson
Jackie Jones
Patti Flynn
Ian Cornell

6th Annual Jazz Party At Sea. I wonder if people are aware of the amount of hard work involved in staging our own jazz cruises? The old days when I just used to meet you in Miami, made sure you had fun on the ship and see you safely on your way, seem a long way back. But we still love what we do and the fact you say that each year just gets better and also that you are so enthusiastic about our new plans and ships boosts us no end. Please do keep your letters and correspondence coming, it's always great to hear from you.

Finally November 2006 arrived and we flew out to the Louis Armstrong airport, New Orleans or "The Big Easy". It was everything I had hoped for and more. Jazz was playing throughout the airport, windows were made of stained glass depicting historical jazz scenes and icons. The weather was warm and the people so friendly and happy it was just a joy to be there. Sadly the weather changed to be somewhat chilly but it did not alter spirits one iota.

Our first evening was spent with the legendary world singer Charmaine Neville and a real house party ensued accompanied by the finest Creole home cooking one could imagine. We all ended up singing and dancing as if we had been partying together all our lives!

Our second evening was spent with noted members of the Mardi Gras Indian tribe. We kicked off by looking round the New Orleans Funeral Museum, then strutted our stuff and high stepped our way with front line musicians to Donna's Bar and Grill a real jazz "dive" where jazz music was born more than 100 years ago. It was fabulous, we ate, drank and danced until the small hours. I have to admit, with more than a touch of jet lag, I flagged until the next day.

Revived by coffee and beignets, gumbo jambalaya, crawfish etouffee, beef Po – Boys and hot bread pudding (a real New Orleans staple), I was ready for the off. All our passengers embarked safely, lifeboat drill was swiftly conducted and our first concert began at 5pm... we never looked back. Everyone said "A Lifetime of Jazz" was the best Annual Jazz Party At Sea – ever. Our musicians said how much they "felt the love in the room" and so did we! Our birthday boys, Joe Segal, Jimmy Heath and Bud Shank had the time of their lives. We raised money for the New Orleans Musician's Clinic. Two of our Chancery Cruising passengers bid and won a "Tootie" Heath drum skin that had been signed by all the drummers aboard and the musicians. Our passenger jam session was of the highest calibre of talent ever. I do have to say that the crème de la crème was

from the UK, with Herbie Hudson on vocals and harmonica, Patti Flynn and Humie Webbe singing up a storm, Mike Farmer on Sax, Jackie Jones on drums, Ian Cornell on soprano sax and Patricia Pawson on the vest frottoir (washboard to me!). Well done, you really did us proud! And yes, Jackie it was "Tea For Two".

Our birthday boys, Joe Segal, Jimmy Heath and Bud Shank looked younger and more invigorated as the week went on and we sailed back to New Orleans on a real Caribbean High.

I am extremely excited about our 7th Annual Jazz Party At Sea where our theme is "Rhythms of the Americas". We have a whole host of jazz styles for you... there is something for everyone. AND we are back in Miami sailing once again to the Western Caribbean and our floating jazz home the M/S SUN is being refurbished as I write. **Please see our insert for details and do call Michael and I quickly to book the staterooms of your choice : 020 7405 7056**

Well, that's about it for me for now. I am off in a couple of weeks back to Fort Lauderdale and Miami on ships business and to make our plans for 2008.

Have a wonderful year and I look forward to greeting you in May, August and November!



Left:
Our birthday boys, Jimmy Heath and Bud Shank had the time of their lives

above:
Commemorative Birthday cake for the birthday boys, Joe Segal, Bud Shank and Jimmy Heath

Susie and Ian Cornell placed the winning bid for a "Tootie" Heath drum skin that had been signed by all the drummers aboard and the musicians.

Stain Glass window at the Louis Armstrong Airport New Orleans.

Michael Driscoll and Angela Thomson in New Orleans 2nd line funeral procession

We have mentioned on our previous pages the new Regent Seven Seas Cruises brand.

We can enlighten you further. The Regent product can be found at the Regent Beverley Wilshire Hotel, CA, The Regent Bal Harbour, FL, The Regent South Beach, FL, as well as Kuala Lumpur, Dubai, Berlin, Singapore, Shanghai and many other locations. The hotels are also 6 star plus and you may be familiar with them. The Voyager, Navigator and Mariner are the floating versions, we know once you try them you will be spoiled. We will be holding a presentation with our friends at Regent at the end of February 2007. There will be champagne, canapés and background jazz. It will be held at the Aldwych Hilton, London. **So call 020 7405 7056 if you wish to attend, please ask for Michael.**

We have been watching Ronnie Scotts Club, 47 Frith Street, W1D 4HT with interest since it was bought by Sally Greene CBE.



Ronnie's is the logical culmination of Sally's career to date, bringing together her love of jazz, abilities in the restaurant trade and her restoration skills.

Our old friend Pete King sold Ronnie's to Sally in June 2005. He has been made honorary lifetime president of the club and is still a regular visitor and advisor. Chancery Cruising were much saddened at the demise of JARS (Jazz At Ronnie Scott's) magazine, although work is currently underway for a new magazine to be issued early this year, we will watch with interest. Membership to the club is £165.00 per annum. Visit www.ronniescotts.co.uk

Sadly, the lease expired on Chicago's Jazz Showcase. Joe and Wayne Segal had the party of parties New Year's Eve to say goodbye to their old building.

They have many negotiations going on at present to find a new building in a suitable location near to the old club. Chicago is pushing out the boat on Thursday 1st March 2007 and are presenting a fundraiser concert at The Auditorium Theatre. If you wish us to book your flights and hotel in Chicago to see Benny Green, Jack DeJohnette, John Faddis Big Band, Harry Allen, Henry Johnson, Danilo Perez, Donald Harrison, Willie Pickens, Von Freeman, Claudio Roditi and many, many others **call: 020 7405 7056.** Meanwhile keep visiting www.jazzshowcase.com to discover details of their new location and when they are re opening.

2006 was a very bad year for deaths, we lost some marvelous musicians who have appeared on many of our cruises and many more we would have loved to have seen:

Ruth Brown, Jay McShann, Kenny Davern, Maynard Ferguson, Wilson Pickett, Billy Preston, Gene Pitney, Cindy Walker, Lou Rawls and "The Godfather of Soul" James Brown are just a few. Their musical legacy will live on! Sadly Jazz Illustrator Jack Pennington who illustrated the picture below also left us.



"The Lady Is A Stamp".

We are hardly philatelists here at CC but we did note with interest, that on Wednesday 10th January 2007, performers from Jazz at Lincoln Centre sang Ella Fitzgerald classics to commemorate the unveiling of a new stamp bearing her image. The postage stamp, based on a 1956 photograph, captures the joy that Ella has brought to music. "Ella cared about her music, she cared about her fans, she cared about human beings, and above all she cared about being the very best that she could be" said her son Ray Brown Jr, this was echoed by the US Postal Service. Mayor Michael Bloomberg marked the occasion by making that Wednesday "Ella Fitzgerald Day" in the city. The girl deserves it!



Every year for our Annual Jazz Party At Sea, we design a commemorative booklet listing all our artists, their resumes and spaces for their autographs.

This year we decided to do something different on our back page and tell you what each consortium member does besides staging jazz cruises. So for those of you who were unable to attend last year we just want to tell you what went into our space. Read on: "London, England is the home of Holborn Travel Ltd. Holborn is the founding company of Chancery Cruising. Michael Driscoll and his lively team of experienced travel experts are versed not only in music cruising, cruising and holiday travel, they are also the leading travel specialists to the legal profession in England. Law Lords, leading Judges, Barristers and their Clerks appoint Holborn Travel for their business and tailor made holiday travel... so can you". **Same number: 020 7405 7056**

Our Music Cruise Departures for 2007

CRUISE NAME	DATES	DURATION	DESTINATION	SHIP
Jazz On The Seven Seas	29 May - 7 June 07	9 Nights	Seward (Alaska) / Vancouver	RSSC Mariner
Annual Big Band Party At Sea	10-19 Aug 07	9 Nights	Boston and New England	M/S Maasdam
7th Annual Jazz Party At Sea*	2-11 Nov 07	9 Nights	Western Caribbean	NCL's Norwegian Sun

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