



## Holland America Line Reveals 15 Guest Competitors for 'Dancing with the Stars: At Sea' Champions Cruise Departing Jan. 10, 2016

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*Winners representing each ship selected to compete for coveted Mirrorball Trophy*

SEATTLE, Jan. 7, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Holland America Line has announced the 15 winning guest finalists who will compete on the "Dancing with the Stars: At Sea" Champions Cruise Jan. 10, 2016, aboard *ms Nieuw Amsterdam*. Each winner represents one of the ships in Holland America Line's fleet (including the former *ms Ryndam* and *ms Statendam*) and was selected via the onboard "Dancing with the Stars: At Sea" dance competitions held throughout the past year on every sailing.

The 15 guests and their professional shipboard dance partners will perform and compete in the main show lounge for guests. The winning couple will walk away with the coveted Holland America Line "Dancing with the Stars: At Sea" Mirrorball Trophy and title of Holland America Line's "Dancing with the Stars: At Sea" Champion.

"The onboard dance competitions have been fierce this year and we've seen incredible talent among our guests throughout this program," said Orlando Ashford, Holland America Line's president. "These 15 guests rose above the rest to earn their spot on the Champions Cruise, and we look forward to awarding the Mirrorball Trophy to the best of the best at the end of the cruise. Good luck to all of the competitors."

The finalists who will compete on the "Dancing with the Stars: At Sea" Champions Cruise are:

- Stephanie Wilson of Maitland, Florida, representing *ms Amsterdam*.
- John Justin Lannin of Portola Valley, California, representing *ms Eurodam*.
- Katrina Pedersen of Provo, Utah, representing *ms Maasdam*.
- Remco Van De Weerd of Amsterdam, Netherlands, representing *ms Nieuw Amsterdam*.
- Stephen Reynolds of Atlanta, Georgia, representing *ms Noordam*.
- Cara Henry of Hannon, Ontario, Canada, representing *ms Oosterdam*.
- Rick Kerby of Sarasota, Florida, representing *ms Prinsendam*.
- Eduardo Antonio Aguilar Castro of Mexico City, Mexico, representing *ms Rotterdam*.
- Vivianne Bakker of Amsterdam, Netherlands, representing *ms Ryndam*.
- Susan De Villez of Fullerton, California, representing *ms Statendam*.
- Sunao Magara of Orlando, Florida, representing *ms Veendam*.
- Elise Jensen of Mangerton, New South Wales, Australia, representing *ms Volendam*.
- Dwight Cenat of Jacksonville, Florida, representing *ms Westerdam*.
- Gisele Meloche of Windsor, Ontario, Canada, representing *ms Zaandam*.
- Harold Aarons of Brooklyn, New York, representing *ms Zuiderdam*.

Joining the Champions Cruise to perform in a special production show are professional dancers and "Dancing with the Stars" champions Kym Johnson and Tony Dovolani. Celebrities set to perform are America's favorite TV mom Florence Henderson and television personality Carson Kressley.

The "Dancing with the Stars" talent will dazzle the audience in the main show lounge as they perform new dances and numbers from the hit television series, which is produced by BBC Worldwide Productions. Additional events on the cruise include a special fashion show featuring the glamorous show costumes and a chance to meet the dance pros and celebrities, ask questions and take photos with them.

The Jan. 10 Champions Cruise visits the eastern Caribbean, sailing roundtrip from Fort Lauderdale, Florida, with calls at Grand Turk, Turks & Caicos; San Juan, Puerto Rico; Philipsburg, St. Maarten; and Half Moon Cay, the line's award-winning private island in the Bahamas.

Holland America Line's partnership with "Dancing with the Stars" culminates with this Champions Cruise following a successful, three-year collaboration.

For more information about Holland America Line, consult a travel professional, call 1-877-SAIL HAL (877-724-5425) or visit [hollandamerica.com](http://hollandamerica.com).

**Editor's note:** Photos from previous theme cruises are available at <https://www.cruiseimagelibrary.com/c/vgwsnsqb>.

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South America circumnavigations and exotic Australia/New Zealand and Asia voyages; four annual Grand Voyages; and popular sailings to the Caribbean, Alaska, Mexico, Canada/New England, Bermuda, Europe and the Panama Canal. The line currently has a new 2,650-guest ship, *ms Koningsdam*, on order for delivery in April 2016, as well as a second Pinnacle Class ship due for delivery in November 2018.

The company recently announced \$300 million in brand enhancements to secure its position at the leader in premium cruising. Fleetwide, the ships feature innovative initiatives and a diverse range of enriching experiences focused on destination immersion and personalized travel. Guests can expand their knowledge on board at the Culinary Arts Center, presented by Food & Wine magazine; Explorations Cafe, powered by The New York Times; and Digital Workshop powered by Windows. Outstanding entertainment fills each evening at venues including Lincoln Center Stage, Billboard Onboard and B.B. King's Blues Club. The dining experience can be savored at a variety of restaurants with menus that feature selections from Holland America Line's esteemed Culinary Council that comprises world-famous chefs who design dishes exclusively for our guests.

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