

# Students unveil vision of the future for cruiseships

Cruiseships of the future are going to look very different based on the visions that Singaporean tertiary students conjured up for Royal Caribbean International's design competition.

Entitled Brainwaves: Reimagining the Future of Cruising, the contest asked the youths to design vessels featuring what they would want onboard if they were to go cruising in a decade or so.

Current cruiseship staples such as entertainment venues, plush bars and stately dining rooms were tossed overboard and replaced by holographic theatres, underwater and rainforest biodiversity surroundings, and plenty of hi-tech virtual and augmented reality facilities.

Clearly the cruise industry's next generation of passengers want to lead very active lives onboard as sports and other action facilities, often with strong connections to the sea, also featured heavily in the designs.

Competition winner Clifford Goh said his design, called SeaStadium, was inspired by the growing health and wellness trend among today's youth, and he sought to reinvent cruising as the premium destination for traditional as well as novel sporting and entertainment experiences including eSports.

"Combining this with the rise of health-conscious millennials, my



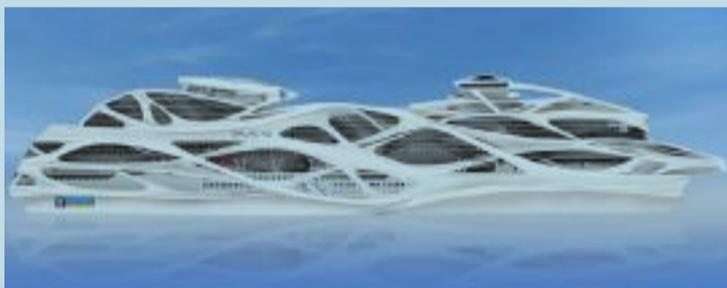
**BIG VISION:** Orion Da Yuhui's cruiseship design was inspired by whales and features two onboard beaches

**WINNING DESIGN:**  
SeaStadium  
by Clifford Goh  
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ideas allow for a range of athletic activities both onboard the cruise ship and at sea, delivering the ultimate retreat experience for travelers," Goh said.

The SeaStadium features a large multipurpose sports and entertainment arena on a catamaran.

On Watch wonders how quickly Royal Caribbean's naval architects will be incorporating many of these new features into future ship designs.



**VIRTUAL REALITY:** Finalist Gareth Seah's design would feature a holographic theatre

## Thomas Miller in the pink after golf day charity boost

A team from Thomas Miller Americas and guests raised \$206,000 for a Breast Cancer Research charity at its annual Play for Pink golf day at the Forsgate Country Club in New Jersey.

Players from the Thomas Miller-managed UK P&I Club and TT Club were among the 112 participants.

More shipping industry support came from Royal Caribbean Cruises, Disney Cruise Line, Bouchard Transportation, Harley Marine, Phoenix Bulk Carriers, Seaboard Marine, US Shipping, Dunlap Towing, Mediterranean Shipping Co, Chem-bulk Tankers, APMoller-Maersk, Diamond S Shipping, OEC Group and ACL.

The winning team, led by Tom Denniston, came from insurance broker Lockton.

Mike Jarrett, president and chief executive of Thomas Miller Americas, said: "In the last three years, we have raised just under \$500,000 with the commitment of the UK P&I Club and TT Club members, brokers, attorneys and industry experts in the Americas.

"Everyone is touched either directly or indirectly by breast cancer and Thomas Miller is delighted to bring the maritime community together to accelerate the research to eradicate this disease," Jarrett added.

# Mercy Ships Cargo Day hits fundraising record

Mercy Ships Cargo Day 2018 has so far raised well over \$700,000 for the hospital ship charity — beating last year's total.

The figure could rise further, providing vital funds for the many thousands of surgical and other procedures carried out by the staff of the 16,572-gt Africa Mercy (built

1980), currently on field service in Guinea, West Africa.

At the last count, a new record of \$717,642 had been raised, exceeding the \$672,000 in 2017.

So far, 77 companies have participated — 23 charterers, 17 shipowners, 27 shipbrokers, three port agents, three consulting/services

companies and four others. About 100 cargoes were given for fixing, seven address commissions donated along with 24 pledges of cash.

Don and Deyon Stephens founded Mercy Ships 40 years ago and since then it has worked in more than 70 countries and provided services valued at more than \$1bn.

About 2.5 million people have benefited directly from its free medical care, the charity claims.

The 450 surgeons, nurses, catering, administration and other workers onboard the converted Danish ferry work as volunteers who pay for their accommodation.

About 75 cents in every dollar is

said to go straight to funding the ship and the field services, with 25 cents for overheads and expenses.

Cargo Day remains open until all cargoes are fixed, generating further broker commissions and, hopefully, with other donations pledged. Visit [MercyShipsCargoDay.org](http://MercyShipsCargoDay.org) to help.

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