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**ACRONYMS DICTIONARY:** <http://www.gaarde.org/acronyms/>

**AIRLINE FLIGHTS:** <http://kayak.com>

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**BEACHES:**

- Cocoa Beach (closest to Port Canaveral): [www.cocoabeachnow.com/](http://www.cocoabeachnow.com/)
- Melbourne Beach (south of Cocoa Beach): [www.melbournebeachnow.com/](http://www.melbournebeachnow.com/)

**BEN & JERRY SUITE OF FREEDOM:**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w4nA8k80x88> (Shared by 'Emmy')

**BLINKY THINGS:** <http://www.FlashingBlinkyLights.com>

**CARNIVAL'S EARLY SAVER PROGRAM:** <http://tinyurl.com/y9eeg2a>

**CAR RENTAL:** <http://www.mousesavers.com> for discount codes for several of the rental agencies.

**CELEBRITY CAPTAIN'S CLUB** — Added benefits on ALL Celebrity Cruises *except* Celebrity Xpedition. 🎵 Diamond level on RCI is "Elite" on Celebrity.

[http://www.americandiscountcruises.com/celebrity\\_captains\\_club.html](http://www.americandiscountcruises.com/celebrity_captains_club.html)

- Exclusive Captain's Club Celebration event
- Complimentary pressing of 2 garment items\*
- One complimentary bag of laundry (wash, dry, fold) on every sailing (item counts may vary based on itinerary water usage restrictions)
- One standard bag of laundry (wash, dry, fold) at a discounted price of \$20 on all Celebrity cruises of 12 nights or longer
- Complimentary dry cleaning of 1 garment item
- 90 complimentary Internet minutes (can be applied to any Internet package of equal or greater value)
- Access to the Captain's Club Lounge at Michael's Club for daily coffeehouse style breakfast and evening social hour
- Complimentary access to Persian Garden (port days only)

**CONSUMER'S COMPLAINT:**

To file a complaint in Florida: <http://www.800helpfla.com/complnt.html>

**CROWN & ANCHOR LOYALTY PROGRAM:**

<http://boards.cruisecritic.com/showpost.php?p=19081156&postcount=1>

**CRUISEMATES:** Contains ship reviews, info for first-time cruisers, and lots of opportunities to chat with other cruisers, <http://CruiseMates.com>

**CRUISE NEWS:** Gives news on seasonal and themed cruises and info about upcoming launches of new ships, <http://Cruise-News.com>

**CRUISE NEWS DAILY:** Provides matter-of-fact daily update on cruise news, such as delays on a cruise line unveiling a new ship or special deals on off-peak cruises. Sign up for a weekly e-mail dispatch or check the site daily for news items. <http://CruiseNewsDaily.com>

**CRUISE OPINION:** Passenger reviews. Most include their age, occupation, and number of cruises they've taken. Some share their e-mail address so you can send follow-up questions, <http://CruiseOpinion.com>

**DIALYSIS AT SEA:** Lists all ships outfitted to care for dialysis patients, <http://dialysisatsea.com>

**DISNEY'S BLOG BOARDS:** (like CruiseCritic), all about Disney parks & cruises, <http://Disboards.com>

**'EMMY' MEMOIRS:** <http://members.shaw.ca/emmysoo1/>

**FALMOUTH PIER:** Won't be ready in time so the Oasis to the Western Caribbean, so it will be stopping at Costa Maya until Nov 2010, <http://www.cruisecritic.com/news/news.cfm?ID=3253>

**'FLORIDA TALKS'** Thread —  
<http://boards.cruisecritic.com/showthread.php?t=516892&page=403>

**FROMMER'S REVIEW OF PORTS:**  
<http://www.frommers.com/blog/?plckCo...2-f82bbe2b29bf>

## **GASOLINE**

- Best Prices:
- ★ Gas Buddy: <http://gasbuddy.com/>
- ★ Map Quest (type in only zip code): <http://gasprices.mapquest.com/>
- Cost of Rental Car Fill-up

☆ 'SNelsonBrown', Oct/9/08: If you are returning a car back in here at Cape Canaveral. I did some checking today and if you do NOT fill your gas tank before turning it in, you will be charged \$6.999 a gal so save yourself a little bit of monies by stopping at one of the gas stations before you turn it back in.

**GERMAN RIVER CRUISE REVIEW:**

<http://Boards.CruiseCritic.com/Showthread.php?t=901463>

**GRAND CAYMAN WEBCAM:**

<http://www.caycompass.com/webcam/bayshore.shtml>

**GROSVENOR HOUSE**, London: <http://tinyurl.com/6baa8k>

**THE HOMEOWNERSHIP PRESERVATION FOUNDATION:** A non-profit organization based in Minneapolis and dedicated to reducing foreclosures and maintaining home ownership for American homeowners. It operates the Homeowners HOPE Hotline at 888-995-HOPE and receives calls for help from anyone who is having problems making their mortgage payments, avoiding foreclosure, or just squeaking through financially and needs a lower mortgage payment to make life easier. They provide the services of certified, professional, HUD-approved mortgage counselors who know all the different plans and programs out there and what it takes to qualify and how to apply for them. These counselors can work with your mortgage company to help you negotiate the modification or refinancing that will allow you to keep your home. They can guide you around the pitfalls in the mortgage game and even help you design a working budget. And it's all totally free.

<http://www.995hope.org/>

[ 'MaryF888', 12 July 2009, gave illuminating description of this organization.]

**INDEPENDENCE OF THE SEAS:** Being built,

<http://www.popularmechanics.com/outd...g/4282360.html>

**LIBERTY OF THE SEAS:** Review,

<http://boards.cruisecritic.com/showthread.php?t=884591>

**MARINE TRAFFIC:** In case you want your kids or family to track your journey, here's a website that will let them do it. <http://www.marinetraffic.com/ais/>

**"MIDNIGHT AT THE OASIS"** (song) by Maria Muldaur:  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CnLOSA\\_XZcY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CnLOSA_XZcY)

**MOSAIC** (Vocal Group) on Freedom OTS, June 2009:  
<http://tinyurl.com/kqa6z5>

**MY FUN TRIVIA:** <http://MyFunTrivia.com>

**NATION OF WHY NOT** (RCCL): <http://www.nationofwhynot.com/blog/>

## NEWS, LOCAL

- Florida Today: <http://www.floridatoday.com/>
- Port Canaveral Cruising:  
[http://www.port-canaveral-cruising.com/Port\\_News.htm](http://www.port-canaveral-cruising.com/Port_News.htm)
- Port Canaveral News (by Orlando Sentinel): <http://tinyurl.com/os97al>
- Orlando Sentinel (newspaper): <http://www.orlandosentinel.com/>
- Orlando WFTV: <http://www.wftv.com/>
- *Tampa Bay Times* (best local paper): <http://www.tampabay.com/>
- Tampa Bay Weather: <http://www.abcactionnews.com/default.aspx>
- *Tampa Tribune*: <http://www.tampatrib.com/>

**PINK BOA SOCIETY**, born 2004-06-05 (Shared by 'Emmy'):  
<http://www.pinkboasociety.com>

## PORT CANAVERAL WEBCAMS

- Coca Beach Surf Company's Jetty Park Webcam at the Cape Caribe Resort at the Port. <http://tinyurl.com/yktn5gz>
- Local TV 6 Webcam, view towards the Inlet: <http://tinyurl.com/yl6zmko>
- Milliken's Reef: <http://tinyurl.com/yzl7qw7>
- Port Canaveral: <http://tinyurl.com/yln8dwe>
- Port Canaveral: <http://tinyurl.com/yl6zmko>

- Radisson Webcam with views of the ships in Port. The “Start Control” button puts you in line to control the camera, after 2 minutes, if someone else is in line, it will be their turn. You can get in line again. <http://tinyurl.com/yghyqd6>
- RonJon Resort Webcam: <http://tinyurl.com/ykcjoqa>

**PORTHOLE CRUISE MAGAZINE:** Offers light feature articles on cruising and a great list of cruise links, <http://Porthole.com>

## POWERPOINT VIEWER 2007

<http://tinyurl.com/yyzosw> or

<http://www.microsoft.com/downloads/details.aspx?familyid=048dc840-14e1-467d-8dca-19d2a8fd7485&displaylang=en>

**'RADIO'** — A former Radio Shack Store Manager (back in the 1080's). He won a contest (early 1990s), and got a Cruise for 2 on the brand new Carnival Fantasy. That was in 1991. Since then, he has over 50 cruises. His wife has sailed with him on most, and his kids have sailed on many. He does “live” trip reports while cruising which include daily photos of the ship, cabins, ports. He also includes daily commentary, and answers to many questions.

☆ Radio's Cruise Albums: <http://public.fotki.com/Radio88/>

☆ Cruising with Radio: <http://www.cruisingwithradio.com/photo.html>

## PORTS: VESSEL SCHEDULES

➤ San Juan, Puerto Rico —

<http://cruisett.com/ports.php?PortID=634&date=22>

➤ St. Maarten —

<http://201.220.14.27/sxmonline/VesselScheduleCruise.aspx>

➤ St. Thomas Port Calls —

<http://cruisett.com/ports.php?PortID=620&date=22>

**RCCL** (Royal Caribbean Cruise Line): <http://tinyurl.com/mn6jxs>

**RCCL BOARD:** <http://boards.cruise critic.com/forumdisplay.php?f=83>

**RCCL SHARE HOLDER FORUM:**

<http://seekingalpha.com/article/1174...nscript?page=3>

**RCCL (NATION OF WHY NOT):** <http://www.nationofwhynot.com/blog/>

**SEALLETTER** — <http://Sealetter.com> — features a lot of reader ship reviews, cruise tips, and loads of great cruise links.

**SEASCANNER** (Cabins Filled): <http://www.seascanner.com/>

**SANITATION:** Centers for Disease Control's Vessel Sanitation Program — <http://cdc.gov/travel> — rates sanitary conditions aboard all ships that have foreign itineraries and carry 13 or more passengers. It's published twice-a-year. Access this site for the latest test results.

**STEINER** — <http://SteinerLeisure.com> — runs most of the onboard spas in the cruise industry. Get a preview of the spa treatments you'll find aboard ship.

**SUMMIT PHOTOS 2009** in Barcelona by 'SEBritish':

<http://travel.webshots.com/album/573185284dDVRwO>



**T-SHIRTS: CAFEPRESS:** <http://www.CafePress.com/>

♪ The Freedom of the Seas, Oct/18/09 “Freedom Flyers” used CafePress. There is a free, step-by-step lesson at <http://DarryD.com/CC> on how to order from that seller.

**► Resolution Guides:**

[http://www.cafepress.com/cp/info/sell/index.aspx?area=images&page=help\\_templates](http://www.cafepress.com/cp/info/sell/index.aspx?area=images&page=help_templates)

☆ NZDisneyMom', July 30, 2009: “We used Café Press for our last cruise and it was so easy to order. The person who set it up put in pretty much every item that our design would fit on (t-shirts for men and women and kids, etc.). The t-shirt quality was great — Hanes 6.0 tag-less.”

☆ ‘o\_hi\_o\_lady’, Jul/29/2009: We used [Café Press] for our last cruise and the shirts are good quality and if you order, you can always return and they will get you new ones if they aren't right. Just have to leave enough time. Prices weren't too bad either.

☆ ‘SnowBird1’, July 30, 2009: “Our group on the INDY used CafePress and they did a wonderful job for us. We sent them the design and then anyone could order what they wanted. A lot of the ladies ordered bags with our logo on them and they were nice for carrying stuff. I don't know anything about Zazzle but CafePress did a nice job for us.”

**T-SHIRTS: ZAZZLE:** <http://www.Zazzle.com/>**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** <http://insuremytrip.com>**VACATIONS TO GO:** <http://VacationsToGo.com>**WEATHER**

☆ AccurWeather: Find what the weather is like where you're going.

<http://www.accuweather.com/us/fl/cap...u=1&traveler=0>

### **WEBCAMS**

Coca Beach Surf Company: <http://www.cocoabeachsurf.com/BeachCam1.htm>

Fish Lips: <http://www.fishlipswaterfront.com/>

Grills Seafood: <http://www.grillsseafood.com/>

Milliken's Reef: <http://www.millikensreef.com/menus.html>

Port Canaveral: <http://www.clickorlando.com/blank/2349894/detail.html>

Port Canaveral: <http://www.portcanaveral.com/webcam.htm>

**WHALE:** "Ship docks in Vancouver with dead whale on bow," CTV  
(Canada) — <http://tinyurl.com/mjljmu>