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**138,000-ton *Voyager of the Seas*
To Sail from Galveston Next Year**



More good news for Galveston's growing cruise industry: Royal Caribbean International just announced that *Voyager of the Seas* will offer 7-night Western Caribbean sailings during the winter season of 2007-2008.

The enormous cruise ship will be the largest to sail from the Port of Galveston. (*Grand Princess* and *Carnival Conquest* are about 110,000 tons each for comparison.) *Voyager* can accommodate 3,114 guests and 1,176 crew members. If placed on an airport runway, it would be longer than four 747's.

The ship entered service in November 1999 and was the first ship to feature innovations like no other: The first-ever **Ice Skating Rink** at sea, located at Center ice in Studio B, is made with 100% real ice and comes with its own Zamboni-like machine. The two-story, 900-seat arena with stadium seating and full broadcasting facilities, offers live-ice-skating shows at night and during the day, passengers can take their turn on the ice. By the way, Olympic gold medal figure skater Katerina Witt is the ship's godmother.

The **Royal Promenade** is another break from traditional cruise ship design. Winding through the center of the ship, longer than a football field, four decks tall, and punctuated by two atria, it features a shopping, dining and entertainment boulevard in the midst of a bustling city street. High above the Promenade are the first staterooms at sea with an interior view looking down on the activity below.



More sports-minded guests may never leave Deck 13 with its 30' foot **rock climbing wall** towering some 200' above sea level (now a feature of most Royal Caribbean ships); full-size **basketball court**, **in-line skating track** and **9-hole miniature golf course**. The **jogging track** on Deck 12 winds around the ship and overlooks the sea. Indoors, The **ShipShape Fitness Center** on Deck 11 is there for you as well.

Besides traditional dining in elegant surroundings, *Voyager* features **Portofino**, a specialty, reservations –only Italian restaurant. A favorite with families, the 1950's inspired **Johnny Rockets** features burgers, fries and shakes—plus a dance performance from the servers. **Cafe Promenade** serves pizza, sandwiches and sweets 24-hours a day and also offers specialty espresso drinks from Seattle's Best Coffee and close by is the Ben & Jerry's ice cream counter. And yes, there is also room service.

For more information and virtual tours of *Voyager* and all the ships in the Royal Caribbean fleet, visit www.RoyalCaribbean.com.

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Gavin MacLeod Honored for 20 Years as Princess Cruises Spokesman



Actor Gavin MacLeod, best known for his 10-year role as Captain Merrill Stubing in the popular TV series *The Love Boat*, was recently honored by Princess Cruises for his 20 years as the line's spokesperson.

MacLeod began appearing in Princess advertisements and at public events in 1986, and continues as the line's celebrity ambassador. When *Grand Princess* made her debut in Galveston, MacLeod was onboard to greet and mingle with travel agents, special guests and the media at a welcoming luncheon.

The actor was recognized by Princess President Alan Buckelew during the Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA)'s cruise3sixty industry conference in Ft. Lauderdale, where MacLeod accepted the award on behalf of *The Love Boat*. The iconic TV show was inducted into the CLIA Hall of Fame.

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