



PRESS RELEASE

SUNSTONE SHIPS ANNOUNCED THE LAUNCHING OF THE THIRD INFINITY-CLASS VESSEL
OCEAN VICTORY AND THE STEEL CUTTING CEREMONY ON THE SECOND INFINITY-
CLASS VESSEL SYLVIA EARLE ON MARCH 19, 2020

Miami, Florida, March 25, 2020 - SunStone Ships, the largest tonnage provider in the expedition market, announced the successful launch of their third next-generation, INFINITY-class vessel OCEAN VICTORY (CMHI 196-3) and the Steel Cutting Ceremony of the second INFINITY-class vessel SYLVIA EARLE (CMHI 196-2).

With a goal of marrying European design and quality with Chinese ship-building efficiency, the INFINITY-class delivers cutting-edge design, innovations like X-bow technology, and significant operating efficiencies.

SunStone CEO, Niels-Erik Lund, commented, "We are very pleased with the quality and high building standards of China Merchants Heavy Industry, which are fully at the level of European Shipyards. We are looking forward to continuing our relationships with all our partners in the Infinity-class project and we, even considering the COVID-19 world crisis, are moving fast forward as planned at very satisfactory speed, safety and quality level."

The launching of the OCEAN VICTORY (CMHI 196-3) took place with only a small delay at China Merchant Heavy Industries in Haimen, China. The Vessel will commence Antarctica Cruises for Albatros Expeditions and for the summer season American Queen Steamboat Company will operate the vessel on Alaska Cruises.

The Steel Cutting Ceremony of the SYLVIA EARLE took place at the same time as the launching of the OCEAN VICTORY. The SYLVIA EARLE will be delivered in September 2021 and will begin Cruises in October 2021. The vessel is chartered to Aurora Expeditions on a year-round long-term charter.

INFINITY Class Vessels are 104 meters long, and 18 meters wide, having a draft of 5.1 meters. They feature a passenger capacity between 130-200 and a crew capacity between 85 and 115. The Vessels are Ice Class 1A, Polar Code 6 and are being built with Safe Return to Port, Dynamic Positioning and Zero Speed Stabilizers. The Vessels are featuring the X-Bow® by Ulstein Design & Solutions. They are small enough to give an exclusive atmosphere and yet large enough to yield all expected services and facilities such as a swimming pool, bar and restaurants, lounges, boutique, gym and spa.

Current INFINITY Class new-builds under way after the delivery of GREG MORTIMER are; the OCEAN VICTORY, the OCEAN EXPLORER with delivery January 2021, the SYLVIA EARLE with delivery September 2021, the OCEAN ODYSSEY with delivery March 2022, the OCEAN DISCOVERER with delivery September 2022 and the OCEAN ALBATROS with delivery October 2022. All vessels ordered have long-term charter agreements in place.



Please visit the SunStone website: www.sunstoneships.com to view photographs, specifications and general arrangement plans.

ABOUT SUNSTONE

In addition to the INFINITY Series of new buildings, SunStone Ships, Inc. has commercial management of a fleet of eight vessels on long-term charter, mainly for the small ship/expedition ship market. Learn more about SunStone at <http://www.sunstoneships.com/>

PHOTOS OF OCEAN VICTORY AND SYLVIA EARLE

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