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**American Cruise Lines Successfully Launches American Constellation**

*American Constellation is 9 weeks ahead of schedule for spring 2017 inaugural sailings*



GUILFORD, CT – July 12, 2016 – American Cruise Lines ([www.americancruiselines.com](http://www.americancruiselines.com)) announced today the successful launching of its newest ship, *American Constellation*. The new cruise ship, being designed and built by Chesapeake Shipbuilding in Salisbury, Maryland, launched Saturday under perfect conditions. Immediately after being launched into the calm waters of the Wicomico River, tugboats maneuvered the cruise ship into Chesapeake Shipbuilding's East Outfitting Basin where the upper decks will be added and outfitting will be completed.

"The launching of *American Constellation* could not have gone any better. The team at Chesapeake Shipbuilding has done a fantastic job realizing our vision for this new cruise ship," said Timothy Beebe, Vice President of American Cruise Lines. "We are thrilled that the construction of *American Constellation* continues to be well ahead of schedule."

The launching comes just a few weeks after the joining of the major two hull sections. With the installation of the upper decks next, the new cruise ship will come together quickly, and upon completion will bring American Cruise Lines' fleet up to nine ships.

The new ship will have a capacity of 170 passengers and is scheduled to begin cruises in the spring of 2017. *American Constellation* will offer 10-night cruises on a new Grand New England itinerary sailing round-trip from Boston, MA, after sailing two 7-night cruises on the Chesapeake Bay round-trip from Baltimore, MD.

### **About American Cruise Lines**

American Cruise Lines (<http://www.americancruiselines.com>) is the largest U.S. cruise company and operator of the newest fleet of cruise ships and riverboats in the United States. It offers more than 35 itineraries (<http://www.americancruiselines.com/cruises>) ranging from 4 to 21 nights in length around the country including the Pacific Northwest, Alaska, New England, the Southeast and the entire Mississippi River system. The line has been continuously recognized for providing superb service to guests and travel agents before, during, and after a cruise to create a seamless and personalized experience.

### **Award Winning Cruise Line**

Long established and deeply experienced in cruise travel, American Cruise Lines has led the industry with honors that include "Gold Magellan Award Winner" (2015, 2014), "North America's Leading River Cruise Company" by World Travel Awards (2015), "The World's Best Cruise Ship" by Condé Nast Traveler (2014), "World's Leading River Cruise Company" by World Travel Awards (2015, 2014), "World's Leading Small Ships Cruise Line" by World Travel Awards (2013, 2012), "Best New Ship" by TravelAge West (2013), and finalist for the Reader's Choice Awards by Condé Nast Traveler (2015).

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