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STAR CRUISES' RESPONSE

In response to many media queries, Star Cruises wish to inform all concerned that *Sun Vista* which sank in the Straits of Malacca is not owned or operated by Star Cruises.

Star Cruises has a fleet of 10 modern cruise ships with a weighted average age of about 6 years and they are :

Cruise Ships	Year Built	Gross Tonnage
MegaStar Taurus	1989	3,300
MegaStar Aries	1989	3,300
Star Aquarius	1989	40,000
Star Pisces	1990	40,000
SuperStar Gemini	1992	20,000
SuperStar Leo	1998	76,800
SuperStar Virgo	1999	76,800
SuperStar Europe	1981	37,000
SuperStar Libra	2001	91,000
SuperStar Scorpio	2002	91,000

Although the ***SuperStar Europe*** is the oldest vessel in the fleet, she was rated as the Best Cruise Ship in the world by the 1997 – Berlitz Complete Guide to Cruising and will undergo more than US\$10 million of refit, including “Hi-Fog” sprinkler systems to bring her to Star Cruises’ safety standards.

Star Cruises, *The Leading Cruise Line in Asia-Pacific*” is one of the five largest cruise lines in the world. By 2002, Star Cruises will have a fleet of 10 vessels with lower berth capacity of about 12,000 with annual growth of 25% per year for the corresponding period.

Star Cruises has also one of the youngest cruise fleets in the world with ships based throughout Asia with Singapore, Port Klang, Phuket, Bangkok, Hong Kong, Taipei and Osaka/Kobe as ports of embarkation by early 2000.

Star Cruises has offices in Australia (Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Perth), Asia (China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand), Europe (Austria, Germany and United Kingdom) and the United States of America.

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