

NEWS RELEASE

Seaspan completes work on unique Arctic cruise vessel

Enhancements to this spectacular vessel demonstrate the level of care and commitment to excellence at Seaspan's Vancouver Drydock when managing unique and complex projects

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North Vancouver, BC – Seaspan's Vancouver Drydock (Seaspan) is pleased to announce the completion of work on the *Silver Explorer* for Silversea Expeditions. This spectacular vessel has an ice strengthened hull and is designed to safely bring guests to some of the world's most remote locations where she often needs to push through treacherous ice floes.

The *Silver Explorer* begins her next cruise having received significant investment to further enhance the experience of passengers aboard this ultra-luxury vessel. One of the key considerations for the vessel's owners was ensuring that the chosen shipyard, Seaspan, had an excellent reputation and understood the care and consideration needed to work on this unique vessel.

The *Silver Explorer* arrived in mid-September and remained under the care of Seaspan, which worked collaboratively with local suppliers and other partners selected by Silversea Expeditions to oversee the refit work. This project was truly a team effort involving 125 contractors working together to complete a variety of upgrades, including the manufacturing and installation of a stabilizer – or ducktail – on the stern of the *Silver Explorer*.

In addition to assembling a stabilizer, work taking place on the vessel included tank top repairs and changes to some of the tanks functionality, propeller repair and polishing, blast and painting work of the underwater hull. Work on the vessel was completed October 11th, on time and on budget. The *Silver Explorer* returned to the ocean that same day.

QUOTES

“Our company is proud to have worked on the *Silver Explorer*. The enhancements to this unique vessel are the latest example of the world-class work taking place at Vancouver Drydock. Exciting projects like this enable Seaspan to create and sustain highly-skilled, middle-class jobs here in our community of North Vancouver. We look forward to welcoming the next exciting project to Vancouver Drydock and building on the unique work that was accomplished.”

- Paul Hebson, Vice President and General Manager of Vancouver Drydock

“The exploration cruise vessel market is one that Seaspan Shipyards is well placed to support. With our shipyards conveniently based in Vancouver and Victoria located minutes away from the Cruise Terminals where these vessels start and end their Arctic Cruises we occupy a strategic position that is supporting Canada's role in the broader maritime economy.”

- Ad Bertens, Business Development Director, Seaspan Shipyards.

QUICK FACTS

- Through its yards in Victoria and North Vancouver, Seaspan employs approximately two thousand workers dedicated to vessel construction, repair and conversion work of varying size and complexity.
- At Vancouver Drydock, Seaspan performs regular refit and repair work for a range of predominantly commercial customers. Last year alone, this nimble and full-service yard successfully managed more than 50 different projects.
- These projects and similar ones are helping to build a truly world-class industry that can compete for and win international work while creating hundreds of jobs, directly and indirectly.

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ABOUT SEASPAN SHIPYARDS

With operations in North Vancouver and Victoria, Seaspan Shipyards is a leader in Canada's shipbuilding and ship repair industry. With modern facilities and a dedicated workforce, the company has proven itself to be a reliable partner on a range of complex projects for both government and the private sector.

Seaspan Shipyards is proud to be Canada's chosen non-combat shipbuilder under the National Shipbuilding Strategy (NSS). In this capacity, the company is building state-of-the-art ships in Canada for the Canadian Coast Guard and Royal Canadian Navy. Through its NSS-related work, Seaspan Shipyards is creating jobs, generating economic benefits and rebuilding Canada's shipbuilding and marine industries.

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