



The PRIDE OF HAWAII will be the third NCL-America vessel (all crewed by MEBA engine and deck officers) to sail under the U.S.-flag on Hawaiian inter-island cruises.

## Pride of the Merchant Marine

### Proudly Crewing Up PRIDE OF HAWAII

The PRIDE OF HAWAII, Norwegian Cruise Lines-America's massive new cruise ship, is in good hands as MEBA officers get ready for her spring 2006 unveiling. NCL's new entry into the lucrative Hawaii cruise ship market will be the largest U.S.-flagged passenger ship ever built and joins NCL America's PRIDE OF ALOHA and PRIDE OF AMERICA. MEBA deck and engine officers sail on each of the three vessels accounting for 28-33 billets per ship. The Seafarers International Union (SIU) represents the unlicensed crew.

The main construction phase on the PRIDE OF HAWAII was recently completed at the Meyer-Werft shipyard in Papenburg, Germany. The ship is now sailing for Emshaven, Holland where she will undergo sea trials.

The crew has been supervising construction and readying for the vessel's March sea trials. NCL is set to take delivery in mid-April.

The vessel will likely make an East Coast trip before making its way to the West Coast and then onto Hawaii. After a series of inaugural voyages, PRIDE OF HAWAII will begin sailing her regular schedule of roundtrip seven-day Hawaii Island voyages from Honolulu in June 2006. ■

### Discounts on NCL Cruises Through Union Plus

MEBA members and retirees can receive up to 5% off cruises booked with NCL for any of their NCL, NCL America or Orient Lines cruise vacations. You can apply this discount on top of most other discounts. NCL is also offering additional discounts for up to 30% off for certain ships and sailing dates.

You can book your cruise by calling 1-866-867-0593 or go through your travel agent making sure to mention that you want the "Union Plus Freestyle Cruising discount."

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Above: 1st Officer Mingta Yuen, Chief Officer David Corbett and Firefighter Jason Yets making preparations for the launch of the PRIDE OF HAWAII this spring. Many thanks go to NCL which forwarded a plethora of pictures to MEBA Headquarters.



Above: In the ship's engine room are 2nd Engineers Benjamin Young, Adam Vokac and Joe DeMelin all members of the "pride of the Merchant Marine" - the MEBA.



Above: The port side of the PRIDE OF HAWAII in the drydock in Papenburg. The conch shell blower and hula dancer on each side of the hull are joined by the symbol of a Hawaiian welcome - a flower lei made up of yellow, red and orange hibiscus blooms.



Above: The senior officers aboard the ship gathered for this photo on a cold day in February at the shipyard in Papenburg. MEBA officers from left to right are C/E Richard McPhail, Staff C/E Matt McKeon, Staff Captain John Becker, Captain Kjell Nesheim and Staff Captain Ron Christina.



Right: A hula dancer painted on the ship. The PRIDE OF HAWAII is scheduled for delivery to NCL on April 12, 2006.

Bottom: A conch shell blower featured on the hull of the vessel. The new ship joins the MEBA-crewed PRIDE OF ALOHA and PRIDE OF AMERICA in the Hawaii trade.

