

# The World appoints Captain Frank Liska

NEW APPOINTMENTS



The World, Residences at Sea confirms the Captain Frank Liska appointment effective March 2026, marking a leadership transition as Captain Mark Dexter retires after eight years with the ship.

FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA – The **Captain Frank Liska** appointment has been confirmed by **The World, Residences at Sea**, with Frank Liska assuming the role of Captain effective March 2026.

A long-serving leader aboard the Ship, Captain Frank Liska has demonstrated seamanship, operational expertise and continued involvement in The World's culture and community. In his new role, he will guide the Ship's global voyages to destinations worldwide.

**Jessica Hoppe**, President and CEO of The World, stated: *“Frank embodies the professionalism, passion for exploration, and deep commitment to community that define The World. Promoting from within is central to who we are and reflects our commitment to developing talent among our hard-working team members. Frank’s advancement to Captain reflects the excellence and leadership he has shown over the years. We are proud to see him step into this well-earned role and are confident in the leadership he will bring to the Ship and its community.”*

Captain Frank Liska brings almost 30 years of maritime industry experience. At The World, he will share command with Captain Dag Sævik and will be responsible for daily maritime operations, overall onboard vessel management and the safety, comfort and well-being of Residents, Guests and Crew. He is also involved in planning the Ship’s continuous global itinerary.

Captain Liska joined The World in 2003 as First Officer, advanced to Chief Officer in 2007 and to Staff Captain in 2010, a position he held until his promotion to Captain.

Originally from the Düsseldorf area in North Rhine-Westphalia, Germany, Captain Liska graduated from Maritime College Ålesund, now known as Norwegian University of Science and Technology, in Ålesund, Norway. He holds Norwegian and Bahamian Master Mariner Certifications and has completed specialised training in vessel sanitation management, senior officer security management, crisis management, environmental protection, human behaviour management and operation of Fast Rescue Boats.

Among his personal interests are running, tennis and hiking. His interest in maritime careers began during childhood following a ferry journey from Norway to Germany, after which he contacted numerous cruise ship companies to learn more about their vessels.

The Captain Frank Liska appointment coincides with the retirement of **Captain Mark Dexter** after eight years of service with The World. Captain Dexter made his final debarkation on 12 January 2026 in Sydney, Australia, concluding a 40-year maritime career.

Jessica Hoppe added: *“Captain Mark’s steady presence and extraordinary commitment have greatly enriched our Community. We are profoundly grateful for the wisdom, integrity, and heart he has brought to the Ship each and every day.”*