



Captain Frank Liska Appointed to Lead The World, Residences at Sea from March 2026



The World, Residences at Sea, the world's largest privately owned residential yacht, has announced the appointment of Captain Frank Liska as the new captain, effective March 2026. Known for his exceptional seamanship and leadership, Captain Liska has been an integral part of The World's team for over two decades. His promotion to Captain marks a significant milestone in the company's journey, reinforcing its commitment to fostering talent and ensuring continued excellence at sea.

The World, Residences at Sea, provides a unique lifestyle at sea for over 150 Residents from 20 countries who own luxury homes onboard. As the Ship prepares for continued global exploration, Captain Liska's extensive maritime experience and passion for exploration will ensure that The World remains a beacon of luxury, safety, and comfort for its Residents, Guests, and Crew.

A Trusted Leader with Nearly Three Decades of Experience

Captain Liska's maritime career spans almost 30 years, during which he has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to excellence. He first joined The World in 2003 as First Officer and swiftly progressed through the ranks. By 2007, he had advanced to Chief Officer, and in 2010, he was appointed Staff Captain, a role he held until his well-deserved promotion to Captain.

Throughout his career at sea, Captain Liska has been recognised for his professionalism, leadership, and dedication to the Ship's community. His responsibilities will include overseeing the day-to-day operations of The World, ensuring the safety and comfort of Residents, Guests, and Crew, as well as playing an active role in shaping the Ship's global itinerary. Captain Liska's leadership style is rooted in a strong sense of duty and a deep connection to the vessel's culture, values that align perfectly with The World's mission to offer Residents a remarkable lifestyle at sea.

Jessica Hoppe, President and CEO of The World, expressed her confidence in Captain Liska's appointment: "Frank embodies the professionalism, passion for exploration, and deep commitment to community that define The World. His advancement 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 Liska's Background: A Life at Sea

Captain Liska's interest in the maritime world began early in life. Growing up in Düsseldorf, Germany, he was inspired by a ferry trip from Norway to Germany, which sparked his fascination with the sea. He began corresponding with numerous cruise ship companies to learn more about their operations, and many of their responses remain treasured mementos to this day.

Liska graduated from Maritime College Ålesund, now known as the Norwegian University of Science and Technology, in Ålesund, Norway. He holds Norwegian and Bahamian Master Mariner Certifications and has received extensive training in various areas, including vessel sanitation management, crisis management, and environmental protection. His career has seen him traverse vast oceans, accumulating an impressive skill set that now places him at the helm of The World's operations.

A Smooth Transition: Captain Liska's Partnership with Captain Dag Sævik

Captain Liska will share the captaincy of The World with Captain Dag Sævik, who has served the Ship for many years. Together, they will oversee the vessel's daily maritime operations and the safety and well-being of everyone on board. The shared leadership approach ensures that The World's operations continue smoothly and seamlessly, even as it travels to some of the world's most extraordinary destinations.

Captain Liska's appointment also signals a generational transition in leadership, following the retirement of Captain Mark Dexter. After eight years of distinguished service, Captain Dexter made his final debarkation on January 12, 2026, when The World docked in Sydney, Australia. His retirement marked the conclusion of a remarkable 40-year maritime career, leaving behind a legacy of dedication, professionalism, and leadership.

Captain Dexter's Legacy: A Steady Presence

Captain Dexter's influence on The World's community cannot be overstated. Under his leadership, The World saw exceptional growth and success, becoming a symbol of luxury, culture, and exploration at sea. His steady presence and extraordinary commitment were vital in creating the sense of community that defines The World experience.

"We are profoundly grateful for the wisdom, integrity, and heart that Captain Mark has brought to the Ship each and every day," said Jessica Hoppe. "Captain Mark's legacy will continue to inspire our team as we look to the future, and we wish him all the best in his well-deserved retirement."

The World: A Unique Residential Yacht Experience

Launched in 2002, The World is a one-of-a-kind vessel, offering 165 luxury Residences where its international community of Residents can live, work, and explore. The ship circumnavigates the globe every two to three years, following a carefully curated itinerary chosen by its Residents. This exclusive community enjoys world-class amenities and services, including six restaurants, golf facilities, a full-size tennis court, a fitness centre, a cinema, and much more.

For the Residents of The World, the journey is not just about luxury—it's about immersion in world cultures, history, and adventure. The ship's ability to navigate some of the most remote and fascinating destinations on earth is complemented by the hospitality and attention to detail that make it feel like home for its Residents.

Captain Liska's Vision for the Future

Looking ahead, Captain Liska is eager to continue The World's legacy of exploration while embracing new opportunities for its Residents. With his wealth of experience and passion for the maritime industry, Captain Liska is poised to lead the vessel on its continued journeys to some of the world's most incredible destinations. He understands the importance of maintaining the Ship's exceptional standards while adapting to the ever-changing needs of its community.

"I am truly honoured to step into this role," said Captain Liska. "The World is not just a ship; it's a community. It's a privilege to be part of such a remarkable group of individuals, and I look forward to continuing to serve the Residents and Crew as we explore the world together."

Conclusion: A New Era for The World, Residences at Sea

As Captain Frank Liska takes the helm of The World, Residences at Sea, he brings a wealth of experience, dedication, and leadership to the role. His appointment ensures that The World will continue to provide its Residents with an exceptional lifestyle, world-class service, and unforgettable journeys. With his steady leadership, The World will remain a unique and unparalleled experience on the open seas, offering a home and adventure to those who call it their own.