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THE ONLY WAY WE CRUISE!

Welcome to the latest edition of Festival at Sea Blue Notes Newsletter!

In this edition, expect to see updates on **entertainment**, the **2026 Theme**, **ports-of-call**, **itinerary** and **attire list**.



HEY FAMILY!

We are extremely excited to welcome you onboard **Festival at Sea!** This year will be our **34th** annual sailing. What an **incredible** accomplishment. Whether this is your first year or this is your thirtieth year – this is all because of **you**.

Thank you and let's get ready for another **AMAZING** week on **FESTIVAL AT SEA 34!**

AND JUST SO YOU KNOW

E-Mail is our primary form of communication for **providing updates** about your cruise. Please **stay subscribed** to our email list and ensure you receive all information.

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WHAT TO EXPECT ON FAS 34!

Photo from Walter Watt Photography

FESTIVAL AT SEA
welcomes...

THE
TEDDY RILEY
X P E R I E N C E



An innovator credited with creating New Jack Swing, a genre of music whose influence permeated musical categories for more than 30 years. Since the early 80s, Grammy award winning, multi-platinum megaproducer Teddy Riley has remained a relevant force in entertainment. With over 1000 credits to his name, the musical icon produced Michael Jackson's Dangerous album which sold more than 40 million copies world wide. He has been inducted into the Hip-Hop Hall of Fame, awarded the Soul Train Legend award, received his Hollywood Walk of Fame Star, and most recently inducted in the Songwriter's Hall of Fame. Family, welcome back to the cruise, Teddy Riley!

DATE ONBOARD TBA

FESTIVAL AT SEA
welcomes...

FLOETRY



Floetry, the English Neo Soul duo comprising of Natalie Stewart ("the Floacist") and Marsha Ambrosius ("the Songstress"), first began to capture attention in the UK on the underground poetry circuit. Formed in 1999, having met through their love of basketball some ten years earlier, the Brit school alumni's Ambrosius and Stewart began the journey when Marsha called Natalie and asked her to lend some poetry to the songs she was writing and producing. Natalie accepted and they soon began playing shows in and around London on various performance poetry stages. Floetry are back! celebrating their 25th year+ milestone, the classic album "Floetic" and beyond. Family, welcome the legendary, Floetry!

DATE ONBOARD TBA

FESTIVAL AT SEA
presents...

WHITE NIGHT

FEATURING

A close-up portrait of MC Lyte, a Black woman with short, styled hair, looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. She is wearing a dark, sequined top and a gold chain necklace. The background is a dark space with many small white stars.

MC LYTE

MC Lyte is a pioneering hip-hop icon and the first female rapper to earn a gold single and receive a Grammy nomination, helping shape the foundation for women in rap. With a career spanning over three decades, she has received honors from BET, the RIAA, the National Urban League, and the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation. Known for her powerful voice and timeless impact, she has also become one of the most recognizable voices in entertainment, lending her sound to the BET Awards, Grammys, and more. MC Lyte is an accomplished actress, producer, entrepreneur, and philanthropist who continues to inspire generations while elevating hip-hop worldwide. Family, welcome, on White Night, MC Lyte!

DATE ONBOARD TBA



FESTIVAL AT SEA SHIPMATES



DEXTER NIXON & THE MORGAN STATE STUDENTS

For many years, the spirit of Festival at Sea has extended beyond the ship — reaching into classrooms and campuses through our partnership with Morgan State University, led by Dex. What began as a single opportunity has grown into a lasting relationship rooted in mentorship, creativity, and community.

As Dex shares, “The former Dean...had a conversation with Blue World Travel about wanting HBCU students to participate in creating the promotional video and I...”

“...was asked to accompany the students and oversee the production.” Since then, he has led the production of the Festival at Sea promotional video each year, bringing with him over 30 years of experience across network television, music video, and film.

At Morgan State, Dex serves as both Senior Producer and adjunct professor, selecting students not just for their talent, but for their potential. For many, Festival at Sea becomes their first real production experience.

A Decade of Vision



“Nothing is more rewarding than to see how excited the students are to see their names on the credits,” he says—capturing a moment that reflects the heart of this year’s Homecoming theme and our FAS University vision.

Since 2015, Dex and his students have become a true part of the FAS Family. “The love Morgan State gets...is tremendous. It has been truly an honor.” As we celebrate Homecoming, we proudly recognize Dex, Morgan State University, and the continued legacy of HBCU excellence within Festival at Sea.

Family, be sure to smile and wave when you see them onboard!

FAS TIP



BE SURE . GET INSURED !

We all want to have a trip without any “surprises” however, as we have seen over the past 30 years, situations do occur that are unexpected. A cruise vacation is also an investment and it is wise to protect this investment with insurance.

Feel free to research insurance policies of your choice and what the specific policy includes. Blue World Travel has partnered with **Travellex Insurance** however we encourage you to compare all rates.

To get a quote you may call **800-228-9792**. They will ask for your **Location number**. It is **05-1094** . Or you can go-online at **www.festivalatsea.com/insurance**.



**MORE
ENTERTAINMENT
TO BE
ANNOUNCED!**

PORTS OF CALL



COZUMEL, MEXICO

JULY 26, 2026

Cozumel is a premier Mexican Caribbean island renowned for world-class scuba diving and snorkeling within the Mesoamerican Barrier Reef System. Located off the Yucatan Peninsula, it features crystal-clear waters, white-sand beaches, and Mayan ruins, offering a blend of adventure and relaxation. Visitors can explore San Miguel's shops, dive Palancar Reef, or visit Eco-parks.



ROATAN, HONDURAS

JULY 27, 2026

Roatan, Honduras, is a Caribbean paradise nestled along the world's second-largest barrier reef, famous for world-class diving, snorkeling, and white-sand beaches like West Bay. This 40-mile-long island offers a mix of lively, bohemian vibes in West End, tranquil luxury resorts, and lush, mountainous jungle terrains.

MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA

JULY 29, 2026

Montego Bay ("MoBay"), Jamaica's vibrant tourism capital, is a premier Caribbean destination known for its stunning white-sand beaches, luxurious all-inclusive resorts, and championship golf courses. Located on the north coast, it blends rich colonial history with a lively, modern energy, featuring top attractions like the Hip Strip, Doctor's Cave Beach, and energetic nightlife.



GRAND CAYMAN

JULY 30, 2026

Grand Cayman is a premier Caribbean destination renowned for the stunning Seven Mile Beach, world-class diving, and luxurious resorts. As the largest of the Cayman Islands, it offers a perfect mix of adventure and relaxation, featuring popular attractions like Stingray City, culinary experiences in George Town, and vibrant marine life.



ITINERARY & ATTIRE



DAY	DATE	PORT	ATTIRE
1	FRIDAY JULY 24*	FORT LAUDERDALE	RESORT CASUAL
2	SATURDAY JULY 25	AT SEA	COCKTAIL/DRESSY
3	SUNDAY JULY 26	COZUMEL	RESORT CASUAL
4	MONDAY JULY 27	ROATAN	WHITE NIGHT
5	TUESDAY JULY 28	AT SEA	RESORT CASUAL
6	WEDNESDAY JULY 29	MONTEGO BAY	HOMECOMING THEME
7	THURSDAY JULY 30	GRAND CAYMAN	CULTURAL EXPRESSION T-SHIRT DAY AFRICAN ATTIRE NIGHT
8	FRIDAY JULY 31	AT SEA	FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM DAY
9	SATURDAY AUGUST 1	FORT LAUDERDALE	DEBARKATION



RESORT CASUAL

Only our Festival at Sea family can make casual look so good!



SPORTS TEAM DAY

Rep your city! Rep your team! Show us who runs Festival at Sea!



COCKTAIL/DRESSY

Ladies tonight you will shine as you always do. Fellas – suit up! Let's get classy.



WHITE NIGHT

Our annual White Night is always an event to remember. The ladies bring the heat and the fellas have a white towel to munge the sweat – let's party!



AFRICAN ATTIRE NIGHT

One of the most beautiful nights onboard. Festival at Sea turns into scenes from Wakanda for a night as we dress in traditional African wear.

Bottom row photos by **Walter Watt Photography**





FESTIVAL AT SEA UNIVERSITY



YOU'VE BEEN
ACCEPTED!

FAS UNIVERSITY



HOMECOMING



Congratulations Future Student!

You have been accepted to **Festival at Sea University!**

For our theme this year, prepare to enroll and dress to impress, for **Homecoming!**

Dress code:

School Spirit, high school, college, trade schools, ROTC, etc.
Varsity jackets, lettermans, pep rally attire.

Bring out the Greek gear and Tailgate glam on the Yard.

Nutty professors, dorm monitors, bookworms and blerds show us your knowledge and creativity.

Band Majors, Majorettes, Dancers, Performers & the Arts
School colors and scholar culture looks of all forms.

**SHOW YOUR FAS SPIRIT
AT THE SCHOOL OF CULTURE!**

ACTIVITY

(GOSPEL BRUNCH, BACHELOR'S AUCTION, FASHION SHOW, CELEBRATION CHOIR,
BID WHIST, DOMINOES, BASKETBALL TOURNAMENTS, ETC.)

SIGN UPS

WILL BE
IN THE NEXT

BLUE NOTES!

PRECRUISE HOTEL PACKAGE



MARRIOTT BISCAYNE BAY



2 NIGHTS, KING

\$ 3 0 7 - P E R P E R S O N

\$ 4 4 5 - S I N G L E

\$ 1 1 0 - P E R C H I L D / N I G H T



Take extra time to relax in
Miiiiiami!

Reserve with us.
You get more!

Included:

- 2 Nights - July 22nd & 23rd
- Guaranteed Hotel Room
- Prepaid Resort Fee
- Daily \$30 credit per room
- All taxes & Gratuities
- Complimentary transfer to cruise ship
- Complimentary transfer of luggage*
- Pre-Cruise Party!

*Limit 2 bags per person

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Shout Outs

Did you forget
to send a shout out? [CLICK](#)
We got you next time! [HERE](#)

JULY BIRTHDAYS

July 1 - Larry Walton
July 3 - Cathy Hall
July 3 - Trolaunda Callaway
July 5 - Rai Yasmin Randall
July 6 - Breanna Avery
July 6 - Malcom Tiller
July 11 - Patricia Jones
July 13 - Gloria Christie Reid
July 13 - Antoinette Jackson
July 15 - Autumn Randall
July 16 - Tiffany Cain
July 18 - Linda K. Coil
July 18 - Danielle Renee Bailous
July 19 - Francine Jones
July 19 - Bonnie Hood
July 20 - Cynthia Hoyte
July 21 - Ruby Welch
July 23 - Linda White
July 24 - Melissa Lewis
July 24 - Dr. Tamara Toles Torain
July 24 - Veola Edge
July 25 - Linda Holmes
July 25 - Cornelius Harrison
July 25 - Ricky Williams
July 27 - Ernesto Oliver
July 27 - Dawn Frye
July 30 - Tayischa Deldridge-Pembleton
July 30 - Robyn Thompson
July 30 - Landon Johnson
July 31 - John H. Smith Jr.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Donna Ausby - August 1
Marquita Watkins - August 3
Anthony Payne - August 3
Karen Jones - August 3
Nita Jackson - August 5
Catrese Kilgore - August 17
Paulette James - August 18
Tabitha Sanders - August 18
Cara Harry - August 19
Joann Morrison - August 30
Penny Turner - August 31

BIRTHDAY MILESTONES

May 2 - Marzhon Hooks - 21
March 11 - Shantell Williams - 40
June 29 - Denicka Evans - 50
June 14 - Habibah Williams - 50
July 24 - Dr. Tamara Toles-Torian - 50
December 1 - Nicole Diaz - 50
December 28 - Christopher Desper - 50
February 23 - Wilfred Williams - 60
March 9 - Tammara Williams - 60
July 28 - Tanyeni Edwards-Cohen - 60
March 30 - Darla French - 60
August 18 - Tabetha Sanders - 60
July 2 - Karen Moore - 60
July 25 - Tanyeni Cohen - 60
June 16 - Rose Moye - 60
November 17 - Alva Jones - 60

Shout Outs

ANNIVERSARIES

July 28th, 2018 - Monsanto & Michelle Pippins

July 3rd, 2016 - Michael (Tony) & Nicole Diaz

June 15th, 2013 - Marshall & Gloria Elijah

June 18th, 2010 - Mr. & Mrs DJ H & Donishia "Holla" Gipson

April 24th, 2010 - Charles & Jamie Yovonie

July 2nd, 2010 - Patricia & Dennis Brazil

January 21st, 2006 - Latasha & Clayton Jones

June 18th, 2005 - Tayischa Deldridge-Pembleton & Anthony Pembleton

July 8th, 2005 - Tyran & Tasha Boudreaux

June 15th, 2004 - Kevin & Donna Shelton

July 26th, 2002 - Claretta Duckett-Freeman & Daro Freeman

September 3rd, 2001 - Letitia & Donnie Clark

November 10th, 2001 - Donte & Nicole Thomas

July 22nd, 2000 - Darryl Torain & Tamara Toles-Torain

June 20th, 1998 - James & Tominko Musco

August 23rd, 1996 - Freddie Cunningham & Clara Colclough

December 14th, 1996 - Nanette & Paul Brown

July 15th, 1995 - Terrence & Vee Thompkins

July 17th, 1993 - Darryl & Cathy Rodgers

July 13th, 1991 - Charles & Linda Zanders

November 27th, 1989 - Darrell & Mary Radford

May 24th, 1980 - Dotty & Johnathan Pitmon

July 1st, 1978 - Victor & Nancye Brazil

November 27th, 1976 - Ronald & Karen Hodge

July 22nd, 1975 - Bonnie & John Hood

Shout Outs

RETIREMENTS

Congratulation to Karen Bryant who retired from State Farm Insurance after 39 years.

Congratulations to Lenise Arnold who retired from UPS after 39 years.

Congratulations to Lisa Hudson who retired from work as an educator for 40 years.

Congratulations to Eric Wade who retired from Commercial Real Estate Appraisal after 37 years.

Congratulations to Dorothy Walker-Dombeck who retired from being a Omaha Public School District Administrator after 26 years.

Congratulations to Deirdra Cheeks who retired as a Software Test Lead Analyst for CareFirst BlueCross Blue Shield after 37 years.

Congratulations to Sylvia Parker who retired from nursing after 35 years.

Congratulations to Amy Whitaker who retired as a teacher after 32 years.

Congratulations to Lynne Moore who retired from Automotive Manufacturing Management after 44 years.

Congratulations to Yvette Streeter who retired from work in education after 38 years.

Congratulations to Yvonne Wright who retired from work in education after 39 years.

Congratulations to Phyllis Andrews who retired from the Los Angeles Unified School District after 42 years.

Congratulations to Lorraine Brown who retired from Richland School District One after 24 years.

Congratulations to Greg Johnson who retired as a Military Recruiting Superintendent after 30 years.

Congratulations to Alva Jones who retired from the Clarke County School District after 21 years.

Congratulations to Donna Ausby who retired from the Los Angeles Unified School District after 27 years.

Congratulations to Kevin Shelton who retired from the Department of Defense after 26 years.

GRADUATES

Aahmad Bauman - Graduating to High School

Kyiliauna James - Samuel Merritt University - Doctorate of Physical Therapy

Lonnie Dafney - Drake University - Master of Science, Leadership Development

Memphis Moye - Florida Institute of Technology - Doctorate of Psychology

Shout Outs

MILITARY HONORS

Kevin Shelton - Army - Sp4 - 9 years served

Alafia Hairston - Navy - E-2 FA

Yolanda Hill - Army - SGT - 10 years served

Mildred Ivory - Air Force - SMSgt - 26 years served

Donna Shelton - Army - PFC

Greg Johnson - Air Force - SMSgt - E8 - 30 years served





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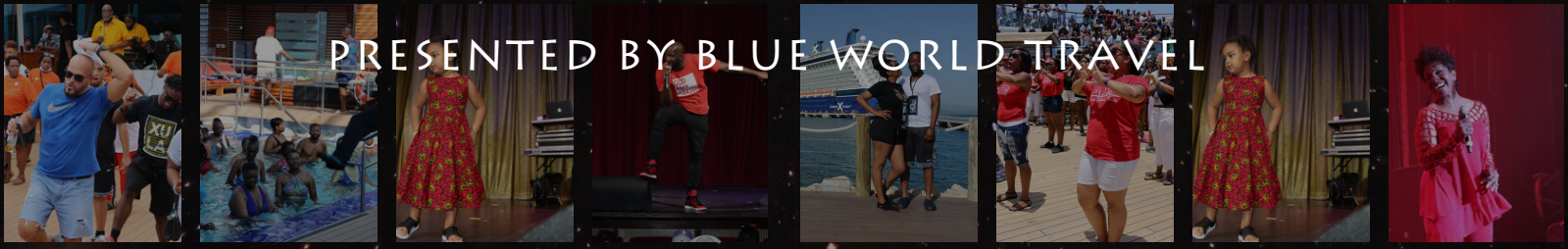
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