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## RCI PASSENGER INJURED ON TOUR

► July 5, 2009, St. Thomas — “Cruise Ship Passengers Injured in St. Thomas Tour Bus Crash,” by *USA Today*. “Royal Caribbean says the passengers were on a ‘Pirate Duck Adventure’ tour organized by the line at the time of the accident. The tour bus, which has a boat-like hull for traveling in water and wheels to move on land, veered off the road at a low rate of speed, the statement says. Royal Caribbean says 49 passengers were on the tour bus at the time of accident, and 29 were taken to the hospital. Of those, nine sustained non-life threatening injuries, and all but one were able to return to the ship before it set sail late Wednesday.” <http://tinyurl.com/oelevm>

## FREEDOM OTS PASSENGER OVERBOARD

► September 4, 2009 — *PorEsto!* (Cozumel), 4 September 2009, reports a 50-year-old male passenger from *Freedom of the Seas* died after falling overboard from the vessel *Island Shuttle* as it docked at Cozumel. The ship was maneuvering to dock at the pier when the passenger was thrown overboard and was sucked into the engine force, severing several body parts. Here’s Google’s translation:

► “Overseas kills passenger,” by Victor Robledo, *PorEsto!* (Cozumel, Mexico), 2009-09-05, <http://tinyurl.com/nlh96r>

COZUMEL, September 4, 2009 — Dramatically, a foreign tourist died after being Propel (mortally wounded by the blades of the engine) by one of the

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boats that offer tours of service overseas shipping company. Apparently, according to preliminary data provided by the Port Captain, tourists 50 years of age, named Akirt Laco, jumped into the sea when the ship docked at the pier of the marine terminal SSA Mexico.

According to witnesses, the now deceased by the name of Akirt Laco, 50 years old and originally from the United States, who was aboard the vessel Island Shuttle overseas company. However, at the time that the vessel did their maneuvering to dock at the pier, the tourist did not notice who got too close to shore and thrown overboard.

But unfortunately, for bad luck struck near the propeller of the boat and was sucked into the engine force, severing several body parts, mainly the right leg, the buttocks and testicles, so that was only joined by a piece of his own skin.

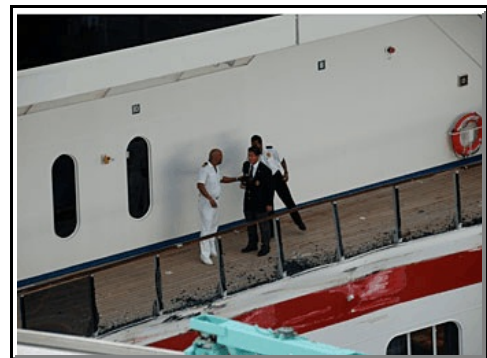
Such an accident in which he could see the now-deceased wife severely disturbed and upset with the staff of the boat, because apparently they are blamed for the death of her husband, according to the report happened Regulator Emergency Center, around 1520 hours, first go to the place the ambulance 01 of the Medica San Miguel, who gave him first aid, however, the intense pain from the injury he caused a cardiac arrest, according to the paramedics, but will Bill autopsy determined the exact causes.

It is noteworthy that the scene came from the Public Ministry staff Common Law, agents of the State Judiciary as well as the forensic expert to certify and complete the removal of the corpse, which was recognized by his wife Irene Laco who said they came to board the cruise ship *Freedom of the Seas*.

#### SHIPS COLLIDE AT COZUMEL, Sep/30/2009

“Royal Caribbean passenger recounts drama of collision with Carnival ship,” USA Today Cruise Log Blog, Oct/4/09, <http://tinyurl.com/ybb2spz>

Passengers on Royal Caribbean’s *Enchantment of the Seas* had some scary moments Wednesday as they watched the 963-foot-long *Carnival Legend* bear down on them.



But soon after a collision that sent glass flying and banged up the sides of both ships it was clear the vessels weren't fatally damaged, and everyone breathed a sigh of relief, says Greg Land of South Orange, N.J., a passenger on the Royal Caribbean ship.

"There was an initial scare with the passengers on both ships," Land tells *USA TODAY* in an email from the vessel. "But once we saw that neither ship had damage below the waterline, we were all just concerned about what the delays might be to our trip."

The collision between the 2,124-passenger Carnival Legend and the 2,446-passenger Enchantment of the Seas took place late Wednesday in Cozumel just after the Carnival ship pulled out of its berth. The Royal Caribbean ship still was tied up at the time.

Land watched the whole thing unfold from a balcony suite on the back of his ship.

"A storm began to kick up over the area with gusts up to 60 knots, and this caused the Carnival Legend to be carried by the currents closer and closer to the Enchantment," Land says. "We happened to be out on the deck and saw the Legend getting closer and closer to us."

Land says the Carnival Legend then side-swiped the Enchantment, with the two ships scraping each other's sides over about a 50 yard stretch.

Spokespeople for Carnival and Royal Caribbean told *USA TODAY* late Wednesday the damage to the ships is minor. But Land says the Carnival Legend was left with some significant scars.

"The side of the Legend was dented badly, and the glass railings on the (Legend's) promenade deck were shattered with broken glass everywhere," he says.

The incident caused quite a stir on the Enchantment.

"Immediately, crew members on both ships were called into their emergency positions and passengers ran up on deck to see what had bumped and rattled the two ships so badly," Land says.

Land notes it took several attempts to pull the Legend back into its dock space due to the heavy winds.

Cozumel authorities eventually cleared both ships after the incident, and both ships are heading to their next stops, Belize City, Belize.

## FORMER PRESIDENT CLINTON TOURS LABADEE

Royal Caribbean gives President Clinton a tour of Labadee

By Johanna Jainchill, October 05, 2009 — shared by SEBritish, Oct/5/09

“Royal Caribbean executives Richard Fain and Adam Goldstein gave former President Bill Clinton a tour of Royal Caribbean’s cruise port in Labadee, Haiti.

“Clinton, a United Nations special envoy to Haiti, has been pressing the international community to invest in Haiti.

“Blogging from the island, Goldstein wrote that Clinton “clearly loves Haiti and really wants to drive progress there.”

“‘It was an honor for all of us to show him the level of investment we have made in Labadee, and how a complex operation can be highly successful in Haiti,’ Goldstein wrote.

“Fain also blogged about the event, noting that Royal Caribbean is one the largest foreign investors in Haiti and that the cruise port at Labadee has brought more than 10 million tourists who have spent close to \$100 million.

“‘The island looked great and it really showcased what we offer our guests,’ Fain wrote. ‘We are particularly proud of the economic benefit our site provides to Haiti in fees and taxes, employment and community involvement.’”