



*** COME HEAR THE SOUNDS OF THE CARIBBEAN! ***
The Hearing Loss Association of Florida
invites you aboard RCCL's "FREEDOM OF THE SEAS"
Sailing October 17, 2010



Dear HLAA Members and Friends:

Please keep in mind that one does not have to have a hearing loss to sail with us. So invite all your friends and family to come along. I guarantee this ship is large enough to accommodate everyone you can think of. Orlando airport has shuttles to the ship and back if arrangements are made ahead of time.

And speaking of accommodations – Royal Caribbean made everything communication accessible to us on our 2008 cruise with captions for live performances, listening devices that worked, and well-trained crew members who made sure we were able to enjoy every moment. And this is the ship that hosted the *first-ever all-Deaf cruise*. So start your planning now, and start saving your pennies.

By the way, cruising is the best vacation value anywhere. Your hotel goes with you to exotic places, all your meals are included, and you can do as much or as little as you like. Best of all, we will all be laughing and playing together!

Check out the flyer here on page 3, and see if you can resist! And please pass this along to anyone you might need a little paradise in their life. Extra perks are included ~ look closely!

"Sea" you soon!

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Read reviews from some who sailed with us last time.

I can vouch for the fact that it's a fun group to work for. Every trip has its unique challenges for me to work with the crews onboard to provide the best services for all of you I can!

...Karla Martin ,RPR,CSR,CR CART Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

When Lynn Rousseau spoke of a cruise with a beautiful ship equipped for the hard of hearing, it got my attention. A ship outfitted with assistive listening devices! Much to my delight, our room was outfitted with a flashing door knocker, flashing ringer for the telephone, and an alarm clock complete with a vibrator. This is first class treatment! For the first time I was able to enjoy the stage shows. On each side of the stage were large screens with live captioning! The people in the audience had never seen this before and requested it be used for all the shows in the future. It was music to my hearing aids – I was able to understand everything! Each of us were given an FM system to wear every day to help us hear others on the ship. Above all, our dining tables were situated in a corner to keep background noise to a limit. All the employees were trained to look at us when speaking. We had the cutest Filipino waiter at our table who smiled the entire time he spoke, so much so that I was unable to read his lips! But he did face me and we got along well.

Flying from Pennsylvania, were two hearing friends of mine. At first I was concerned how well they would do with the hard of hearing people. It was fun at the start. Everyone was completely relaxed as we all understood each other and became fast friends. My guests had such a wonderful time with everyone and can't wait to join them again.

This cruise is not just for the hard of hearing, invite your family, friends, loved ones. We will show you a wonderful time and how relaxing it is to be among new "friends."

...Flo Innes

What a fun group to travel with. The camaraderie shared at the evening meal were cruise enriches. Such an open and gracious group who welcomed us even though we are not hearing impaired and asked a lot of questions!!

...Lynn Shanks and Theo (mother)

Just received your flyer regarding the Cruise you are planning for the group. Want you to know that after the wonderful time we had on last one we are signing up right away. Never have I enjoyed a group more or felt the price was more attractive and you know we cruise a lot. It is such a joy to be with people that are like minded and I know you will have lots of perks planned out for the whole group. I am so looking forward to seeing those friends we made once again. Thank you for doing this and know we very much look forward to it and appreciate your efforts in our behalf.

...My best always, Dianne and Charles Webb - Williston, Florida