



Warm toddlers give these Penguin Club inductees the courage to plunge into the waters of the Strait. Not to worry, the water has been warmed to 85-90 F.

An alternative to all-passenger ship

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commonly known as the Penguin Club. Emboldened by rounds of warm toddlers, passengers plunge courageously into the uncertain waters of the Strait, conveniently pumped into the swimming pool and heated to a spa-like 85-90 degrees. Inductees are rewarded with more rounds of warm brandy, and that evening at dinner receive their gold Penguin Club pins.

Well into the second day, the Santa Mariana sails into the Gulf of Trinidad, and begins to pitch under the groundswells of the Pacific. Two days after breaking into the open seas again, the boat sails into the harbor of Valparaiso, Chile, and her passengers change gears for another climate and another culture.

Ports of call in Peru, Ecuador and Mexico lay ahead before the ship drops anchor in her home port of San Francisco. Behind her are calls at Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires, Caracas, Cartagena, the Panama Canal, Los Angeles and Vancouver.

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passenger ship. Cargo actually works to the passenger's benefit. They are limited to less than 100 passengers (compared to 400-500 on most cruise ships), which fosters an almost familial atmosphere. All but a few of the 93 crew members are American.

DAY BEGINS WITH coffee and freshly-baked danishes at dawn, winds its lazy way through a sit-down breakfast, luncheon, tea, cocktails and a lavish dinner, followed by dancing or movies. Between all those meals, passengers may swim in the heated pool, read, or join chess or card groups.

About half the passengers make the full two-month circuit from Vancouver, Los Angeles, or San Francisco, paying from \$7,000 per person for minimum double occupancy, to \$9,975 per person for an outside stateroom with two single beds, bath and shower. All meals are included. Others take advantage of fly/sail packages and meet the ship in Rio, Buenos Aires, or some other exotic port. Some leave the ship for several days, to ski in Chile, sun on the Argentine beaches, or visit the Inca ruins in Peru, catching up at a later port.

If nothing else, a cruise of this nature is a lesson in relaxation. At trip's end, businessmen who've brought work aboard find, happily, that the work's still undone and that the world hasn't stopped turning because of it.

For further information, write: Passenger Dept., Delta Steamship Lines, One Market Plaza, Steurt Street Tower, Suite 2700, San Francisco, Calif. 94106.

More time to catch the big one

Because of an overwhelming response to the announcement of the second LEMTA Walleye Championship June 21 and 22 at Cedar Point, park officials and the Lake Erie Marine Trades Association have expanded the tournament to run two consecutive weekends.

"Everyone who has sent in a proper application is in the tournament," said LEMTA general manager Norm Schultz. "There has been much anticipation by persons who have mailed entry applications and have personally

come to the boat show these past six days."

The 300-team limit set for the initial tournament filled in less than two days, Schultz said. "We realized then that to cut things off would leave out hundreds of fishermen. We had to consider that the popularity of walleye fishing on Lake Erie and the reputation of last year's tournament just demanded that we expand."

Although more than 300 teams have entered the tournament to date, Schultz said there are now plenty of openings. People wishing to enter should send re-

quests to LEMTA, Superior Building Suite 1800, Cleveland, Ohio 44114, or call 1-216-621-3618.

Tournament officials have placed a ceiling of 500 teams or 1,500 fishermen, which will make this one of the largest fishing tournaments held. There will be a maximum of 250 teams fishing each weekend. The two dates are June 14-15 and June 21-22.

To insure fairness with the two weekends, all prizes except the grand prize will be duplicated, Schultz said.

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Ever since the Games, the installation has been the scene of many international competitions. Teams from around the world use the facility for training purposes.

Tourists now can share the experience of blazing speed in this icy chute:

until the end of March, daily from 3-6 p.m. except when competitions are scheduled on the run, anyone can be a passenger in a sled driven by an experienced bobsled racer, through the 14 turns of the three-quarter-mile course.

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