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TEACHING BRIDGE ON CRUISE SHIPS

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Let's Get Started

If you are reading this book, then you probably want to find out how to obtain that most wonderful of opportunities – teaching bridge on a cruise ship. It's easy to obtain your first assignment. Being retained a second time is much harder. If you are successful with your first 'cruise bridge' position then you are more likely to be invited back. Follow the steps in this book and you will be on your way to scoring 'excellent' in the passenger survey sheets which guests are requested to complete before they disembark. The entertainment manager on my last ship told me that even though guests rate enrichment lecturers (including the bridge instructor) on a scale of 1 to 10, there are really only three grades:

- 1 Success (please come back)
- 2 OK (we'll take them back if we have to)
- 3 Failure (never let them on my ship again)

Clearly, you should aim to be invited back, which means you need those high scoring grades to put you solidly in the Success box. I understand that it takes a score of at least nine out of ten to guarantee *Success*. At least one cruise line has been known to disembark the bridge instructors half way through a World Cruise for scoring less than eight.

Do not fret. With the information herein you can find an agent, get a booking, prepare well, deliver your promises, and keep every guest happy. This will ensure that you enjoy cruising and teaching for many years.

TRAVEL AND TEACH AT SEA

If you want to see the world without paying a King's ransom, turn your passion for bridge into teaching on cruise ships. Learn how to break into this wonderful world by following the advice in this little book. It covers everything from how to find an agent and making a lesson plan to packing the right clothes.

A must-read for any bridge teacher who wants to teach on cruise ships.

Barbara Seagram, author and ABTA Master Teacher

*I wish I had read this book before I began teaching on cruise ships.
It would have answered all my questions.*

Brenda Montague, ABTA Master Teacher

*I know how important it is to have a strong Bridge Lecturer on board.
Rosemary was the best I ever worked with during my 16 years at sea, so it's great
that she is now sharing her success in this excellent book.*

Alastair Greener (former Cunard Entertainment Director)



ROSEMARY BODEN (Florida) has sailed as the Bridge Instructor on six World Cruises and has spent more than two years at sea in the past six years, visiting more than 80 countries (but only the coastal cities). She has sailed as part of the Enrichment Team on Celebrity, Crystal, Cunard, Holland America, Princess, Royal Caribbean and Seabourn. She loves them all.

When not teaching on luxury cruise ships, Rosemary lives in Florida where she is an accredited teacher at The Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club.

