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## ROYAL CARIBBEAN INTERNATIONAL LAYS KEEL FOR FOURTH OASIS-CLASS SHIP



**MIAMI, October 29, 2015** – The keel for Royal Caribbean Internationals’ fourth Oasis class ship was officially laid today at the STX shipyard in St. Nazaire, France. This marks an important milestone in the development of the ship, signifying the beginning of its physical construction. During the ceremony, a 1,000-ton block measuring 32-ft by 154-ft (10 x 47 meters) was lifted by crane into the building dock. Newly minted coins were placed under the keel and will stay in place there until the end of the ship’s construction. Once the ship is near to completion, the coins are retrieved and presented to the ship’s Captain and crew to be placed onboard the ship. According to maritime tradition, the coins are said to bring luck to the ship during its construction process and then to its Captain and crew when she is sailing out at sea. Still to be named, the fourth Oasis-class ship will be delivered in spring 2018.

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