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**ROYAL CARIBBEAN'S NEW *STAR OF THE SEAS* ENTERS THE CHAT – AND WATER –
FOR THE FIRST TIME**

The next vacation in the record-setting Icon Class lineup floats into the final stages of construction ahead of its August 2025 debut

MIAMI, Oct. 3, 2024 – Floating on air, Royal Caribbean International and thousands of workers celebrated the new [*Star of the Seas*](#) floating one step closer to its highly anticipated debut. The next combination of the best of every vacation reached a **major construction milestone** as it **floated for the first time**, a moment marked less than one year ahead of its mic-drop introduction at one of the world's top travel destinations, **Port Canaveral (Orlando), Florida, in August 2025**. Next up, the new vacation enters the final stages of construction.

To kick off the milestone, a ceremony – a maritime tradition, complete with a shot from a cannon – took place in the Meyer Turku shipyard in **Turku, Finland**, to celebrate **19 months (and counting) of hard work** put in by the thousands behind *Star's* construction. Then, the proverbial floodgates opened to fill the dry dock with **92 million gallons of water** – an overnight process that took **nine hours**. *Star* was then floated out of the dock and into the outfitting pier, where it will continue to take shape inside and out. **From the dry dock to the water, how the moment unfolded can be seen [here](#).**

Royal Caribbean will double the world's best vacation count with *Star*, bringing new twists and acclaimed experiences introduced by *Icon of the Seas* to the greater Orlando area. Across **eight neighborhoods** that are destinations in themselves, there are ways for every type of family and vacationer to make memories, from **thrills like six of the fastest and tallest waterslides to 40-plus ways to dine and drink** and the **Surfside neighborhood designed for young families**. And it's all combined with seven nights of island hopping to idyllic destinations like the cruise line's [*Perfect Day at CocoCay*](#) in The Bahamas.

More details about *Star* are available at Royal Caribbean's [website](#).*

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***NOTE TO EDITOR:**

Media can find more about *Star of the Seas*, videos and photos on www.RoyalCaribbeanPressCenter.com/Star.

About Royal Caribbean International

[Royal Caribbean International](#), part of Royal Caribbean Group (NYSE: RCL), has delivered memorable vacations for more than 50 years. The cruise line's game-changing ships and private destinations revolutionize vacations with innovations and an all-encompassing combination of experiences, from thrills to dining and entertainment, for every type of family and vacationer. Voted "Best Cruise Line Overall" for 21 consecutive years in the Travel Weekly Readers Choice Awards, Royal Caribbean makes memories with adventurers across more than 300 destinations in 80 countries on all seven continents, including the line's top-rated private destination, [Perfect Day at CocoCay](#) in The Bahamas.

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