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“AMERICA” - American Cruise Lines’ Brand New Mississippi Riverboat

Construction ahead of schedule for inaugural 2016 cruise season

GUILFORD, CT – July 14, 2015 – [American Cruise Lines](http://www.americancruiselines.com) announced today the name of its brand-new Mississippi paddlewheeler – *America* – currently under construction at Chesapeake Shipbuilding in Salisbury, MD. The *America* is American built, American flagged, and American crewed, which is symbolic of the true all-American experience provided by American Cruise Lines.

America is being prepared to launch into the Wicomico River early next month, and will be moved to Chesapeake Shipbuilding’s East Outfitting Basin where the upper decks and outfitting will be completed. The *America* will be American Cruise Lines’ eighth ship and its second brand-new vessel this year. Scheduled to begin sailing the Mississippi River in early 2016, *America* will be the finest Mississippi paddlewheeler ever built, introducing features never before seen on a Mississippi riverboat.

About American Cruise Lines

American Cruise Lines is the largest U.S. cruise company and operates the newest fleet of riverboats and small cruise ships on more than 35 itineraries around the country including the Pacific Northwest, Alaska, New England, the Southeast, and the entire Mississippi River system. The line is known for working closely with guests and travel agents before, during, and after a cruise to create a highly personalized experience. Long established and deeply experienced in cruise travel, American Cruise Lines has been honored with multiple awards, including Porthole Reader’s Choice Awards in 2014, World Travel Awards “World’s Leading River Cruise Company” in 2013, “Gold Award Winner” for Travel Weekly’s 2014 Magellan Awards and a 2014 finalist for Condé Nast Traveler’s Reader’s Choice Awards. To learn more about American Cruise Lines, visit www.americancruiselines.com or call 800-814-6880.