

# cruise log

Western Caribbean New Year's Cruise  
 Voyage Number 59  
 December 27 - January 3, 2004

## Captain Johannes Van Biljouw

### who's who on board

Commander: ..... Captain Johannes Van Biljouw  
 Hotel Manager ..... Peter Fealey  
 Chief Officer ..... Vincent Smit  
 Chief Engineer..... Willem Dullaert  
 Environmental Officer..... Roelland Van der Linde  
 Cruise Director ..... Dottie Kulasa  
 Security Officer ..... Stuart Gibbs  
 Purser ..... Peter Wallis  
 Food & Beverage Manager ..... Firmin Van Walle  
 Chief Housekeeper ..... Cyril Fernandes  
 Executive Chef ..... John Mulvaney  
 Guest Relations Manager ..... Roderick Van Veelen  
 Maître d' Hôtel ..... Christian Yahya  
 Bar Manager ..... Rey Navoa  
 Shore Excursion Manager ..... Jacob Lyngsoe  
 DJ..... Matthew Koons  
 Senior Assistant Cruise Director ..... Johnny Iglehart  
 Club HAL Director ..... Amy Kreft

Captain Hans van Biljouw received his captain's appointment in January 1990. He joined Holland America in 1962 upon graduation from the nautical academy Kweekschool voor de Zeevaart in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. His first assignment was as an apprentice deck officer on board the ss Andijk, a freighter with accommodations for 12 passengers. Born on June 28, 1942, in Zwollerkerspel, the Netherlands, Captain van Biljouw currently lives in Vorden, the Netherlands - a picturesque village surrounded by eight castles dating to the Middle Ages. He is married and has three daughters. He is an avid tennis player, but above all his interests is horseback riding. He has his own 17-hand black gelding hunter, and the highlight of the year comes in November when he pretends to hunt the fox. "Sailing for Holland America is a privilege and a pleasure. We have beautiful ships, an excellent crew and an enormous variety of itineraries," says Captain van Biljouw. "The job of captain is divine; it is a world without boundaries, a world of power, challenge, romance and elegance. It is a personal adventure and a way of life."

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**Saturday, December 27, 2003 Fort Lauderdale**

12:00 nn Weather: Gentle breeze,  
cloudy skies, 21°C/70°F  
4:15 pm Passenger boat drill.  
5:51 pm Pilot on board.  
6:05pm Let go all lines, unmoored.  
6:47 pm Disembarked the local pilot.  
7:00 pm Commenced sea voyage to  
Key West, Florida.

**Sunday, December 28, 2003 Key West**

5:12am End of sea voyage.  
5:33 am Embarked the local pilot.  
6:33 am 1st line ashore.  
7:05 am Vessel safely docked.  
12:00nn Weather: Fresh breeze, sunny  
skies, 31°C/88°F  
1:45pm Pilot onboard.  
2:00 pm Let go all lines, unmoored.  
2:54pm Disembarked the local pilot.  
2:54 pm Commenced sea voyage to Cozumel, Mexico.

**Monday, December 29, 2003**

8:18am End of sea voyage.  
8:39 am Embarked the local pilot.  
9:18 am 1st line ashore.  
10:00 am Vessel safely docked.  
12:00nn Weather: Gentle breeze, cloudy skies,  
30°C/86°F  
11:37pm Pilot onboard.  
11:58 pm Let go all lines, unmoored.  
12:09am Disembarked the local pilot.  
12:18 am Commenced sea voyage to Costa Maya,  
Mexico

**Cozumel**

**Tuesday, December 30, 2003**

6:42 am End of sea voyage.  
7:03 am Embarked the local pilot.  
7:49 am 1st line ashore.  
8:29 am Vessel safely docked.  
12:00nn Weather: Moderate breeze, sunny  
skies, 32°C/90°F  
7:27pm Pilot on board.  
8:00 pm Let go all lines, unmoored.  
8:12pm Disembarked the local pilot.  
8:12 pm Commenced sea voyage to Half Moon Cay,  
Bahamas..

**Costa Maya**

**Wednesday, December 31, 2003 At Sea**

12:00nn GPS position: 19°02'8N, 082°40'7W  
Weather: Moderate gale, cloudy  
skies, 29°C/84°F



# from the bridge

## **Thursday, January 1, 2004**

### **At sea**

12:00 nn GPS position: 19°41'8N, 074°36'8W

Weather: Fresh gale, partly cloudy  
skies, 30°C/86°F

## **Friday, January 2, 2004**

### **Half Moon Cay**

6:18 am End of sea voyage.

7:11 am Dropped starboard anchor..

7:22 am Vessel safely at anchor.

8:07 am First passenger tender to proceed shoreside.

12:00 nn Weather: Moderate breeze, cloudy  
skies, 29°C/84°F.

4:20pm Last passenger tender to depart from  
shoreside

5:00 pm Commenced sea voyage to  
Fort Lauderdale, Florida, USA.

## **Saturday, January 3, 2004**

### **Fort Lauderdale**

6:24 am End of sea voyage.\*

6:30 am Embarked the local pilot.\*

6:35 am 1<sup>st</sup> line ashore.\*

7:00 am Safely docked starboardside alongside.\*

\*estimated

## total mileage on this voyage

PORTS	MILEAGE	AVERAGE SPEED
Ft Lauderdale – Key West	187 miles	18.3 Knots
Key West – Cozumel	379 miles	18.4 Knots
Cozumel – Costa Maya	118 miles	18.4 Knots
Costa Maya - Half Moon Cay	1107 miles	19.1 Knots
Half Moon Cay – Fort Lauderdale	258 miles	19.4 Knots

Total Distance 2049 nm

(1 nautical mile = 1.15 statute miles = 1.85 kilometers)

## meal hours

### Lido Restaurant

Continental: 5:30 am – 8:30 am

Buffet: 6:00 am – 8:00 am

### Vista Dining Room

Breakfast: 6:00 am – 7:30 am

Windstar Cafe 7:00am - 10:00am

(Cash Only)

Lido Bar: 7:00am - 10:00am

(Cash Only)

## holland america line

In 1871 Holland America began its history as the Nederlandsche - Amerikaansche Stoomvaart Maatschappij. In 1872 the company's first ship, named the Rotterdam I sailed on October 15 to New York. The ship had been built in England and with a length of 82 meters (269.03 feet), a tonnage of 1,694, she carried 294 passengers, and was considered to be of a reasonable size for those days. Within a short time everyone was talking about the new "Holland to America" shipping line so persistently that the name caught on.

The official year of the founding of the Holland America Line was 1873. By 1882 Holland America Line had more than ten ships at sea! It was corporately strong enough to fight against those already well-established shipping lines such as Cunard and the big German shipping lines. In 1886 "luxury" in the form of electricity entered the competitive world of shipping. The s.s. Rotterdam II was commissioned with electric lights on board - a great step forward.

Holland America Line extended its trade to South America, and apart from regular passenger and immigrant trading on the North Atlantic, the Company tried its first "cruise." In June 1895, the Rotterdam II departed on a 10 day excursion for the opening of the Kieler Canal.