



Windstar Announces John Gunner as New Addition to Key Position As Small Ship Cruise Line Continues Strong Growth



John Gunner is named to newly created position as Vice President of Expansion Projects

Seattle, WA, December 3, 2018 — [Windstar Cruises](#) is pleased to announce the addition of John Gunner as Vice President of Expansion Projects. Gunner will make important contributions to the award-winning cruise line's operations as it continues to add new destinations and expand programs, notably the recently announced [\\$250 Million Star Plus Initiative](#) in 2019.

Gunner has decades of experience in the cruise industry primarily with Princess Cruises, where he served as Senior Vice President with responsibility for the safe and efficient operation of the entire fleet. Gunner has 35 years of experience in the maritime industry. Most recently he was Director of Management Systems at Royal Caribbean Cruise Line.

"Windstar is growing in so many ways; we're investing \$250 Million in our *Star Plus Initiative* while steadily expanding our global deployment. John brings a wealth of cruise experience to the operation of our fleet and a commitment to the highest standards for safe operations, while ensuring we do so with a light environmental footprint," said Windstar President John Delaney. "I am pleased to have John join the team in a key management role that will help Windstar to continue to be the most innovative small ship cruise line."

Gunner's education in electrical engineering, with a focus on marine electronics and communication led him to positions as an electrical engineer before becoming a sea-going officer aboard P&O Princess Cruises, culminating as Chief Electro Technical Officer. He came ashore as Senior Project Manager for

P&O Princess Cruises' New Build Group, and for 12 years designed and reviewed development of passenger vessels, including five mega-ships. A promotion to Senior Vice President of Technical Operations gave him oversight for all aspects of technical and engineering operations for over a decade. Since 2016, Gunner has served as a technical consultant for Windstar Cruises, reviewing aspects of technical and engineering operations, assessing operations, and overseeing major vessel projects. His Vice President of Expansion Projects role is a new position at Windstar.

Windstar has more than 140 team members based in the award-winning line's Seattle office and employs 1,500 seagoing staff and crew worldwide.

To learn more about authentic small ship cruising with Windstar, contact a travel professional or Windstar Cruises by phone at 877-958-7718, or visit www.windstarcruises.com.

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About Windstar Cruises

Windstar Cruises operates a six-ship fleet of small sailing and all-suite ships sailing throughout Europe, the Caribbean, Costa Rica and the Panama Canal, Asia, Alaska and British Columbia, Canada and New England, and cruising year-round in Tahiti. Windstar's fleet is the market leader in small ship cruising with a total of 1,242 passenger berths calling on off-the-beaten-path and popular ports in nearly 80 countries. The boutique cruise line carries 148 to 310 passengers on six small ships and takes travelers on cruises that are 180 degrees from ordinary. Windstar is known for immersive experiences and destination authenticity, port-intensive itineraries, exceptional award-winning service, and an innovative culinary program with culinary-themed cruise as the Official Cruise Line of the James Beard Foundation. Windstar Cruises is a part of Xanterra Travel Collection, an award-winning, globally diversified travel company offering once in a lifetime experiences in some of the most beautiful and iconic places on earth.

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