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CIRCLE LINE SIGHTSEEING YACHTS CELEBRATES 60TH ANNIVERSARY

WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS BOAT RIDE CONTINUES TO OFFER SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE THIS YEAR

NEW YORK, NY, MARCH 2005 – After more than a quarter of a million voyages, Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises fleet turns 60! Since 1945, the cruises have inspired the wonder and imagination of more than 60 million passengers. Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises' original three-hour tour around the island of Manhattan has been a part of childhood for more than three generations. Today, Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises is recognized as one of the world's most famous boat rides, is celebrating a milestone anniversary – 60 years!

Savvy travelers tend to heed advice from local residents on where to go and what to do when they're only in town for a short period of time. After all, who knows better than the people who live there? So take a hint from the "city slickers" and head to Pier 83 at West 42nd Street and the Hudson River on your next visit to New York City.

Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises offers a wide variety of sailings for every age and is a great place to spend a morning, afternoon or weekend. During the cruise, passengers will enjoy a humorous, yet informative, tour given by professional guides.

The **Full Island Cruise** continues to be one of Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises most popular experiences. Discover Manhattan like the great explorers and see the city and the outer boroughs via the water. Enjoy a relaxing three-hour sail and discover the secrets of the city: three rivers, seven major bridges, five boroughs, over 25 world renowned landmarks and, of course, a magnificent close-up of the Statue of Liberty. Departing all year, adults pay \$28, children \$15 and senior citizens \$23. Schedule: **March 26 - April 22:** 10:00am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm; **April 23 - September 5:** 9:30am,

10:30am, 12:30pm, 1:30pm, 2:30pm, 4:30pm; **September 6 - November 6:** 10:00am, 12:00pm, 1:30pm, 3:30pm; and **November 7 - December 31:** 12:30pm. Closed on Christmas Day.

The **Semi-Circle Cruise** lasts two hours and includes magnificent views of the world's premier skyline and a close-up view of Lady Liberty. Sail down the Hudson, cruise around the Battery, up the East River, and under the Brooklyn, Manhattan and Williamsburg Bridges to the United Nations and back. Departing all year, adults pay \$23, children \$12 and senior citizens \$19. Schedule: **March 26 - April 22:** 3:30pm; **April 23 - September 5:** 11:30am, 3:30pm; **September 6 - November 6:** 11:00am, 2:30pm and **November 7 - December 31:** 10:00am, 4:00pm. Closed on Christmas Day.

Hop onboard a **Liberty Cruise** for a quick and inspirational harbor cruise. This “fun family tour” lasts 75-minutes and sails down the Hudson River to the Statue of Liberty and back while highlighting attractions and unique sites such as Ellis Island, the historic immigration center and the World Financial Center. Sailing May through October, adults pay \$18, children \$10 and senior citizens \$15. Schedule: **April 30 - October 30:** Tuesday - Friday: 2:00pm, 4:00pm and Saturday & Sunday: 12:00pm, 2:00pm, and 4:00pm.

Bask in the glow of the setting sun and see the glittering lights of New York City appear as the stars come out over the greatest city in the world! **Harbor Lights Evening Cruises** is a spectacular two-hour cruise that follows the same route as the semi-circle cruise. This cruise sails March through November, adults pay \$23, children are \$12 and Senior Citizens \$19. Schedule: **March 4 - April 24:** Friday, Saturday & Sunday: 7:00pm; **April 25 - September 30:** Daily: 7:00pm; **October 1 - October 30:** Daily: 6:00pm; and **November 5 - November 27:** Saturday & Sunday: 6:00pm.

Unleashed in 1998, **The Beast** will leave you screaming with anticipation as this exciting high speed boat ride whisks you around New York Harbor with “chilling” background music. Captain Mad Dog takes this custom built 70 foot off shore racing power boat up to 45 m.p.h. on a spin down to the Statue of Liberty. Departing May through October, adults pay \$17 and children \$11 (Height restriction: 40”). Schedule: **April 30 - September 25:** Daily: 12:00pm - 7:00pm or dusk; and **October 1 - October 30** Saturday & Sunday: 12:00pm - 5:00pm or dusk.

Holiday & Special Events:

Experience the famous Macy's 4th of July fireworks up close. Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises' **July 4th Cruise**, allows passengers to see the fireworks as they light up the Statue of Liberty. A DJ will provide entertainment, and food and drink are available for purchase on board. Ship boards at 4:30pm. Sails from 5:30pm - 11:00pm. Tickets: \$65. Advance reservations are required.

Fall foliage in the Hudson River Valley is eagerly anticipated by many each year. Enjoy a beautiful display of colors aboard Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises' ***Bear Mountain Cruise***. The crisp autumn air and awesome views including the Palisades, Grant's Tomb, George Washington Bridge, the Cloisters and the Tappan Zee Bridge as the vessel makes its way up the scenic Hudson River to historic Bear Mountain, where you will have the opportunity to disembark for two-hours. Ship boards at 8:30am. Returns to Pier 83 at 5:30 pm. Tickets are \$45 for adults, \$30 for children and \$40 for seniors. Advance reservations are required.

Ring in the New Year aboard Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises' ***New Year's Eve Cruise***. Celebrations in the Big Apple include not only firework displays from Times Square but from the Statue of Liberty. Enjoy an unobstructed view and the pyrotechnic displays. This floating nightclub offers partygoers a full open bar, hors' d'oeuvres, a champagne toast, dancing and party favors. Ship boards at 9:00 pm. Returns to Pier 83 at 1:00 am. Tickets are \$120. Advance reservations are required.

All sailings depart from Circle Line Cruises at 42nd Street Plaza, Pier 83, West 42nd Street & the Hudson River. For more information or reservations, call 212-563-3200 or visit Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises at 42nd Street online at www.circleline42.com. Group discounts are available. Advance reservations are required for groups of 20 or more.

About Circle Line Sightseeing Yachts

Sailing since 1945, Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises at 42nd Street has hosted over 60 million passengers in New York City. Owned and operated by New York Cruise Lines, Inc., New York's oldest and largest provider of scheduled and chartered sightseeing and special function cruises. Residents and tourists can choose from five different leisurely tours including a three-hour *Full Island Cruise*, a two-hour *Semi-Circle Cruise*, 75-minute *Liberty Cruise*, two-hour twilight *Harbor Lights Cruise* or a 30-minute thriller boat ride aboard The Beast, coupled with convenient schedules to accommodate guests needs, state-of-the-art vessels, first class service and attentive crews. Cruises are not only designed to provide the best viewing opportunities, but to also be informative, comfortable and entertaining as well. Today, the company is recognized as one of the most famous boat rides in the entire world and is one of the oldest 42nd Street landmarks.

Editor's note: For more details about these events and others, or to arrange for complimentary tickets for a journalist on assignment, please contact Anne Ryan or Jennifer Kelly, at 203-661-3663.