



Captain Carlo Chiarella Tribute

Captain Carlo Chiarella, loving husband to Adele and father to daughter Sara, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday March 1, 2009.

For 17 years Captain Chiarella served as Senior Master of Carnival Cruise Lines. His dedication to his job and to the people fortunate enough to have served under him planted the seeds and nourished the growth of a nucleus of outstanding people who work on board our ships.

Prior to his association with Carnival Cruise Lines, Captain Chiarella had a most successful career. Following graduation from Camogli Nautical School in 1948 he joined Paolo Scerni S.p.A., where he attained the rank of Second Officer while serving on ships carrying passengers and cargo from Italy to Montreal and Quebec. In 1954 he joined Cogetar Line as Third Officer and sailed to Australia, the Orient, Tahiti, Fiji and the South Pacific Islands.

In 1965 he assumed his first command as Master of *Flavia*. Three years later, he had earned the right to call himself *Capitano Superiore di Lungo Corso*—Superior Foreign Trade Captain—an acknowledgment of his accomplishments as Master. During the summer months he cruised in the North Sea and the Mediterranean. In 1971 Captain Chiarella joined Inces Line as Relief Master of *Victoria* while the vessel plied the waters from Copenhagen through the North Sea and up the Norwegian fjords.

In 1972 Captain Chiarella came to Carnival Cruise Lines as Master of the original “Fun Ship,” *Mardi Gras*. When the company purchased S.A. *Vaal* from Union Castle Line in 1977, Captain Chiarella was given command of the ship, which would be renamed *Festivale*. After delivery, he took the ship to Kobe, Japan, for an extensive conversion and refurbishment at Kawasaki Heavy Industries. Captain Chiarella remained with the ship, supervising and inspecting all aspects of the six-month-long project.

Captain Chiarella was in command on October 28, 1978, when *Festivale* made her inaugural cruise. At that time, *Festivale* was the largest, fastest vessel sailing from the Port of Miami.

On July 16, 1989, after 41 years at sea, Captain Chiarella retired as Senior Master of Carnival Cruise Lines.

He was missed then, and he is missed now.

Carnival Cruise Lines is proud to have enjoyed its long relationship with Captain Carlo Chiarella.

He instilled maritime and cruise ship knowledge, as well as enthusiasm and justice, in all crew members who worked with him.



After Retirement

Captain Carlo Chiarella continued his relationship with Carnival Cruise Lines even after he left the company in 1989. He was instrumental in organizing retired captains and chiefs at an annual meeting in Chiavari at *U settembrin* restaurant. The group also gathered on *Carnival Freedom* and then cruised on *Carnival Liberty* and *Carnival Splendor*.