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## American Cruise Lines Celebrated the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Christening *American Patriot* in Newport



**GUILFORD, CT—July 9, 2025, American Cruise Lines** christened *American Patriot* in Newport, Rhode Island last week—celebrating the holiday and simultaneously marking the countdown to the country’s 250<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026. *American Patriot* is the first ship in the company’s new **Patriot Class**—a fleet of new 130-passenger ships designed for exclusively cruising the U.S.A. Patriot Class sister ships, *American Pioneer*, *American Maverick*, and *American Ranger* are soon to launch later this year and into 2026.

*American Patriot*’s christening festivities included cruise guests, community members, officials from *Sail Newport*, and a small group of American’s executives and crewmembers. Charles B. Robertson, President & CEO of American Cruise Lines, gave remarks as did *American Patriot*’s Godmother, Susan

Daly, President of *Sail Newport*, along with other notables, including Carol Robertson, Co-Founder of American Cruise Lines. Cruise guests and christening attendees gathered on the ship's top deck for the official blessing and ceremonial bottle smash, followed by a traditional New England lobsterbake at *Fort Adams State Park* just steps from where the ship was docked.

"We are so pleased to be back in Newport this summer, christening yet another new U.S. ship and celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> of July with our guests," said Charles B. Robertson, President & CEO of American Cruise Lines. "We are especially honored to be joined by *American Patriot's* godmother, Susan Daly, President of *Sail Newport*, and so many of our *Eagle Society* members, who cruise with us again and again, whole-heartedly supporting our mission to offer the finest cruise explorations for discovering and re-discovering America."



**Bottle Smash: Susan Daly, *American Patriot's* Godmother & President of *Sail Newport*. Also pictured on the left, Charles B. Robertson, President & CEO, and Bret Bullock, V.P. Guest Experience.**

Brand new [\*American Patriot\*](#) accommodates just 130 guests. It features 4 decks, private balcony staterooms and suites, a chart room, spacious lounges (including a top deck lounge with a walking track), plus a main restaurant, casual café, and fitness center. The company's new Patriot Class ships and all 25 small ships in the fleet offer world-class amenities, unusual for ships of their size.

*American Patriot* is the newest cruise ship in the U.S.A., and the flagship in the company's newest Patriot Class, but it's just the latest in a long line of new innovative small ships introduced by American Cruise Lines. Sister ship *American Pioneer* launches later this year in Florida.

The company's rapid fleet expansion is also well-timed to honor the country's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday. In addition to numerous new ships launching in 2025 and 2026, American has also introduced an array of [\*Extended Cruises\*](#) celebrating the 250<sup>th</sup>—50-Day+ U.S. itineraries highlighting the grandeur and history of the U.S.A.—small ship adventures that explore America's great rivers and waterways from the glaciers in

Alaska to the beaches in the Florida Keys. *American Patriot* and *American Pioneer* will sail several of the Line's new *Extended Cruises* throughout 2026, among other itineraries dedicated to exploring the U.S.A.

#### About American Cruise Lines:

American Cruise Lines is the largest river cruise line in the U.S.A. with 25 small ships exploring the [Mississippi River](#) and waterways around the country in 2025. The company's award-winning fleet and domestic itineraries build on a 50-year history of delivering curated all-American explorations. Today, the company offers luxury river cruise experiences in 35 states and operates the only 100% U.S. flagged fleet of riverboats and small ships in the world, all sailing exclusively in the U.S.A.

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