

PRINCESS PATTER

A daily guide to  cruise activities

SAPPHIRE PRINCESS

SEATTLE

TONIGHT'S DRESS:

THURSDAY, JUNE 10TH, 2004

SUNRISE: 5:12AM SUNSET: 9:05PM

FORMAL
SHORTS AND T-SHIRTS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE DINING ROOMS.

WELCOME ABOARD THE SAPPHIRE PRINCESS

We are delighted to welcome you on board for this very special naming ceremony voyage of Sapphire Princess. Captain Guerrini, his Officers, Staff and Crew wish you a very enjoyable time on board and look forward to meeting you personally during your time with us. Bon Voyage!



CAPTAIN ATTILIO GUERRINI

Captain Attilio Guerrini was born in Tuscany, Italy and first went to sea on a fishing trawler at age of fourteen. After graduating from the Nautical Institute in Livorno 1969 he served for two years as a Reserve Officer in the Italian Navy on board mine-sweeping units.

He then spent the next ten years on various cargo vessels before making the move to the passenger fleet in 1981.

Captain Guerrini has enjoyed being a Command of the Fair, Star, Crown, Regal, Dawn and Sea Princess, as well as the P&O Ocean Village, covering almost all of the Princess itineraries amongst which the Mediterranean and South Pacific would have to be his favorites.

When not at sea, Captain Guerrini enjoys spending his vacations with his wife Joanne and daughters, Annalisa and Francesca, either in Tuscany or in Australia on Queensland's Gold Coast.

"MILLENNIUM SAPPHIRE"

The largest natural blue sapphire will be showcased on Princess Cruises' newest ship, Sapphire Princess. The 28-pound, football-sized Millennium Sapphire, which has only been seen by a select few since its 1995 discovery in Madagascar will be displayed on the ship for guests aboard Sapphire Princess, June 10th naming Celebration.

The 61,500-carat Millennium Sapphire holds the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's largest carved sapphire. The sapphire, which was discovered a decade ago on the island off the African southeastern coast, originally tipped the scales at 89,850 carats, making worldwide gem news when it was certified. The sapphire's consortium of owners decided not to break up the remarkable gemstone, but rather to commission master gem carvers to create and pay tribute to humanity's greatest examples of ingenuity and accomplishment, through a series of 134 elaborate surface carvings. Award-winning Italian artist Alessio Boschi was commissioned to design the artwork and oversee the carving process.

