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Press release of the EUCRAS to the damage of Costa Concordia

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**EUCRAS deeply shocked by “Costa Concordia” disaster
EUCRAS advises passengers not to cancel booked trips
EUCRAS: “cruises remain the safest form of travelling”
EUCRAS set up helpline**

Ladies and Gentlemen,

with great dismay European Cruiser Association has taken notice of the tragic incident involving cruise liner “Costa Concordia” at the Italian coast. Our thoughts are with the victims and their families.

Particularly with regard to modern navigation systems on board, we do not yet have a clue about possible causes for the catastrophe.

Stefan Jaeger, President of EUCRAS: *“Though cruises are generally regarded as the safest form of travel, this disaster will surely strike a blow to the entire industry. Now everything must be done to help the victims and to investigate possible causes for the accident.”*

President Jaeger however urges other travellers not to overreact: *“In any case a car trip to reach the cruise vessel bears far more risks than the cruise trip itself. I would have no reservations whatsoever to embark on the next cruise ship tomorrow. Passengers should enjoy their trip as planned!”*

EUCRAS set up a free helpline and e-mail address for passengers and relatives. EUCRAS will provide support to individuals concerned, with services ranging from advice and support up to maintenance of claims.

As far as we presently know, no EUCRAS members were aboard the “Costa Concordia”.

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