

## Australian Hydrographic Office - Wollongong Media Release

HMFEG 09/03  
19 May 03

### OFFICIAL NAVY ELECTRONIC CHARTS FOR PASSENGER LINER

The HMFEG has provided the latest Electronic Navigational Charts (ENCs) for Australian waters to the captain of the 76,000-tonne super cruise vessel Superstar Leo. Known as *Seafarer*, these charts are published by the Australian Hydrographic Service (part of the HMFEG) at the Australian Hydrographic Office in Wollongong.

The Superstar Leo is temporarily based in Australia due to the SARS outbreak in Asia. The cruise ship switched its base from Hong Kong to Sydney and is cruising the East Coast of Australia including the Great Barrier Reef. This state of the art ship is equipped with the latest technology including an Electronic Chart Display and Information System or ECDIS. ECDIS is a computer navigation system that replaces the requirement to use paper charts. RAN ships will also be equipped with ECDIS beginning in 2004.

On the ship's arrival in Sydney CMDR Robert Ward (Head of Doctrine & Futures at the HMFEG) visited Superstar Leo and presented its Captain, Captain Magnus Gottberg, with the latest ENCs of the Great Barrier Reef.



(photo : AHS)

#### Caption – Photo

CMDR Robert WARD (Head of Doctrine and Futures, AHS) presents Captain Magnus Gottberg (Captain, Superstar Leo) with the latest official Electronic Navigational Charts (ENC) of the Great Barrier Reef



(photo : Starcruises)

#### Caption – Photo

Superstar Leo

For further information contact: CMDR Robert WARD on Mobile 0416 218 675  
[robert.ward@hydro.gov.au](mailto:robert.ward@hydro.gov.au). More information at: [www.hydro.gov.au](http://www.hydro.gov.au)

**Issued under the authority of The Hydrographer of Australia.**