

## **FIRST FEMALE MASTER OF A MAJOR CRUISE SHIP**

Karin Stahre-Janson, a Swedish national, has been appointed by Royal Caribbean International as the company's first female Master, on the **Monarch of the Seas**, one of a fleet of 21 ships owned by the company. She is the first woman in the industry to command a major cruise ship.

Captain Stahr-Janson started her career on cargo ships, mainly petroleum and chemical tankers, attaining the rank of Chief Officer, before joining Royal Caribbean in 1997. She served as First Officer on **Viking Serenade** and **Nordic Empress**, as Chief Officer on **Vision of the Seas** and **Radiance of the Seas**, then as Staff Captain on **Brilliance of the Seas**, **Serenade of the Seas** and **Majesty of the Seas** before being promoted to Master on **Monarch of the Seas**.



The vessel is 270 metres long, 32 metres wide, has 14 decks which can accommodate 2400 passengers, and carries a crew of 850. She is home-based in Los Angeles from where she presently does three- and four-night cruises to San Diego, Catalina and Ensenada in Mexico.