

CSSM Visit to Chesapeake Shipbuilding
in Salisbury MD

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3:30pm

Participants:

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As the building site of the American Cruise Lines ships and other commercial vessels, there had long been an interest among CSSM members to tour the facility. A visit was arranged through Roy Sarrafian, who as Director of Engineering for ACL, happens to have his office in this Salisbury shipyard.

Roy was our tour guide as we donned the hard hats and were shown around Chesapeake Shipbuilding's property with its various fabrication buildings along the Wicomico River. We saw the fascinating process of shipbuilding, including the state-of-the-art propulsion systems now in use on American Cruise Lines' newest vessels.

We also saw their new cruise ship the American Jazz, under construction. This ship was slated for completion in June 2020 and now waits to carry passengers up the Mississippi River as of Spring 2021.