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News from the dock – Silja Serenade gets 50 km of new cable and 1,000 new light fittings

The dry-docking of Silja Serenade at the Turku Repair Yard in Naantali has gone according to plan and on schedule. Hundreds of employees from the five main contractors have worked long hours to make the ship ready to return to the Helsinki–Stockholm route on Saturday 15 February 2014.

The job includes many labour-intensive contracts, such as the full renovation of the Tax Free Superstore, and the construction of the Italian restaurant Tivolàta and the Grande Buffet restaurant. But the biggest single project is the construction of the Sunflower Oasis Spa, with sizeable steel construction projects and the renovation and building of pipes, pumps and filters. 140 m² of steel plating has been laid.

New, energy-efficient LED lighting will be installed in all the renovated areas. Lighting control on the ship will also get more attention. The renovation work has involved removing 5,000 kg of old cabling and installing more than 50 km of new cable. More than 1,000 light fittings and over 2 km of LED cabling have been installed.

In addition to changes that are visible to passengers, a great deal of technical maintenance work has also been carried out. Work has also been done on the ship's propellers and rudders, and the ship's bottom has been cleaned and coated. Floor drains and drain pipes have been replaced with new ones and the ventilation ducts have been cleaned throughout the ship. Work has also been carried out in the shops and restaurants to improve air conditioning. The dishwashers in the galleys are now new and the bakery is equipped with new ovens.

About 300–400 workers have been toiling away on the ship every day, representing as many as 20 different nationalities. The workers are using about 300 cabins and the kitchen is busy preparing food for them. For example, at least 150 litres of pea soup was made on Thursday.

Main contractors:

- Tax Free Superstore: Europlan Oy
- Tivolàta: Kaefer
- Grande Buffet: Riverco
- Sunflower Oasis Spa: S.A. Svendsen
- Commodore cabins and lounge: BLRT Group