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FIRST-EVER ROLLER COASTER AT SEA TO OFFER ONE-OF-A-KIND THRILLS ABOARD CARNIVAL CRUISE LINE'S NEWEST AND MOST INNOVATIVE SHIP, *MARDI GRAS*, IN 2020

BOLT: Ultimate Sea Coaster, Will Feature an Exhilarating, Adrenaline-Rush At Speeds Up to 40 Miles Per Hour

MIAMI, MUNICH (December 13, 2018) – Get ready to ride! In another cruise industry first, Carnival Cruise Line and Maurer Rides present the first-ever roller coaster at sea. The line's newest and most innovative ship *Mardi Gras*™ will provide an unforgettable and unique open-air thrill ride, when it debuts in 2020.

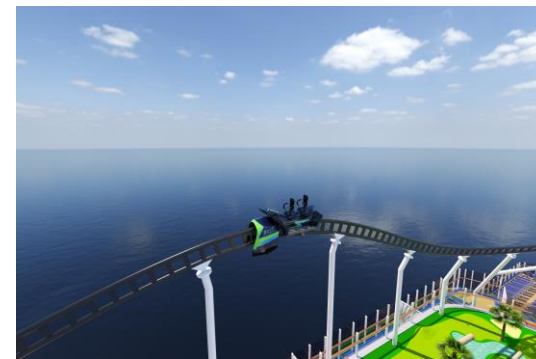
Built by Munich-based Maurer Rides, BOLT™: Ultimate Sea Coaster™ is a heart-pounding rush of adrenaline offering nearly 800 feet of exhilarating twists, turns and drops with riders reaching speeds of nearly 40 miles per hour.

Taking cruise industry innovation to new heights, BOLT is an all-electric roller coaster that can accommodate up to four riders at a time who race motorcycle-like vehicles along a track 187 feet above sea level, enabling guests to experience the sea in an exciting new way with breathtaking 360-degree views.

BOLT begins with an action-packed launch where riders can achieve race car-like levels of acceleration and culminates with a high-powered hair-pin turn around Carnival's iconic funnel. Riders' speeds are posted after the race, and just like land-based roller coasters, guests have their photo taken during the ride for a memorable keepsake. And since guests choose their own speed, each ride is unique.

Christine Duffy, president of Carnival Cruise Line, said that BOLT is the cornerstone of innovations and features being designed for *Mardi Gras*, which will be the ultimate playground at sea for fun seekers of all ages.

"Mardi Gras will be our most innovative ship ever with some truly special features and attractions, highlighted by BOLT, the first roller coaster at sea," said Duffy. "BOLT will continue the tradition of Carnival providing exciting new ways for our guests to 'Choose Fun.' We are so thrilled to introduce this one-of-a-kind, game-changing, exhilarating attraction – our guests are going to love it!"



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Mardi Gras will be based in Port Canaveral, Fla., which will feature a new state-of-the-art terminal. Itinerary information will be revealed early next month with additional details about *Mardi Gras*' groundbreaking features announced throughout the year. A second XL-class ship will start construction in 2020 and be delivered in 2022 to mark the 50th anniversary of Carnival Cruise Line's founding.

To learn more about Carnival Cruise Line, visit Carnival.com. For reservations, contact any travel agent or call 1-800-CARNIVAL. Carnival can also be found on: [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).

Journalists also can visit Carnival's media site, carnival-news.com or follow the line's PR department on Twitter at twitter.com/CarnivalPR.

About Carnival Cruise Line

Carnival Cruise Line, part of Carnival Corporation & plc (NYSE/LSE: CCL; NYSE: CUK), is "The World's Most Popular Cruise Line®" with 26 ships operating three- to 24-day voyages to The Bahamas, Caribbean, Mexican Riviera, Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, New England, Bermuda, Cuba, Europe, Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific Islands and Southeast Asia. The line currently has three new ships scheduled for delivery – Carnival Panorama™ set to debut in 2019, *Mardi Gras* in 2020 and an as-yet-unnamed ship in 2022.

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Coaster Manufacturer:	Maurer Rides GmbH	maurer-rides.de
Coaster Type:	Spike® Racing	
Track length:	220m (722ft.)	
Base Area:	84m x 33m (276ft x 108ft)	
Max. speed:	60 km/h (37,3 mph)	
Acceleration:	1,2g	
Vehicles:	2	
Capacity:	190 pph	
Height above sea level:	57m (187ft.)	



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