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## **Scenic Names Seasoned Expedition Expert Kara Weller To Lead Discovery Team for Scenic Eclipse**

Boston & Vancouver, March 2018 – As the world's first Discovery Yacht, *Scenic Eclipse*, moves closer to its launch this summer, it continues to fill key positions. Along those lines, the company is pleased to announce the appointment of Kara Weller as Head Discovery Team Leader for *Scenic Eclipse*.

A qualified biologist, Ms. Weller holds Bachelor and Masters' degrees in Wildlife Biology and has



spent the past 20 years educating cruise guests on the many highlights of Antarctica and the Arctic. She has extensive experience working as an expedition leader and naturalist lecturer, having worked on more than 150 cruises. She joins the *Scenic Eclipse* team from Silversea Expeditions.

On board *Scenic Eclipse*, Kara will be responsible for managing the 16-member Discovery Team, facilitating Zodiac and kayak excursions, guiding onshore explorations, and hosting on board lectures on the Antarctic and Arctic regions. She will be assisted by a group of highly experienced naturalists, including a marine biologist, glaciologist, historian, ornithologist and geologist, as well as a fisheries and underwater expert, dedicated kayaking guides and Zodiac drivers.



Scenic Founder and Chairman Glen Moroney said he was delighted to welcome someone with Kara's extensive experience and passion for the polar regions, to the *Scenic Eclipse* team. "The Antarctic and Arctic regions are a key focus for *Scenic Eclipse* and will be a highlight for our guests, so it is vital that our Discovery team have the knowledge, dedication and passion to share with guests during their time on board. Kara embodies all the attributes we are looking for and I have no doubt she will be a real asset to the team."

Kara said she was looking forward to stepping foot on board *Scenic Eclipse* when it debuts on August



31, 2018. "*Scenic Eclipse* is the most incredible looking ship I have ever seen. I have worked on 15 to 20 different expedition ships in the polar regions and this is by far the most amazing ship that's going to be down there," she said.

With more than 20 years' experience in Antarctica, Kara said there was no better way to experience the region than by a custom-built discovery yacht. "The best way to see Antarctica is by cruise because you want to be able to get around to more than just one spot. You want to see penguins, you want to see a few different bits of the landscape, not just one area. It's an amazing way to see Antarctica,

and the region is spectacular beyond belief,” she said. She also believed travel was an important way for people to educate themselves about the planet we live on. “You need to go to a place to see it and smell it and touch it and absorb the sounds in order to understand it and to care about it. The polar regions are to me the most precious places on our earth and I want people to care about them as much as I do and to fight to protect them.” Ms. Weller talks about visiting Antarctica: [youtu.be/dRyCvajkQPE](https://youtu.be/dRyCvajkQPE)

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Notes to editors: Headshots of the appointments as well as ship fact sheets, CGIs and videos are available for download at [Photo Library](#).

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