

## Saga contract for Fincantieri

Saga Cruises has awarded the contract for multi-million Euro refit of the newly acquired BLEU DE FRANCE to Fincantieri with work beginning in Palermo during November. The 37,301gt vessel will become SAGA SAPPHIRE when re-delivered in February 2012 and an inaugural cruise from Southampton to the Mediterranean is due

to start on March 26. Completed by Bremer Vulkan as EUROPA in 1981, there will be refurbishment of the vessel's public areas, addition of a significant number of new passenger cabins including a new balcony deck, together complete refurbishment of the existing cabins.

Knud E Hansen has redesigned the vessel.