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**It's Blue Versus Red in Carnival's Fun Bar Battle**

Just as State of Origin pits the Blues against the Maroons, Carnival Cruise Line is injecting some colourful rivalry into Carnival Spirit's pool deck.

When the Australian-based superliner cruises back to Sydney in August following a USD\$44 million dry dock, its mid-ship pool area will feature new bars and eateries including the BlueIguana Tequila Bar, offering a range of tequilas plus margaritas and Mexican beers, and a Caribbean-inspired RedFrog Rum Bar, bringing the tastes of the tropics onboard with exotic brands of rum infusing daiquiris, mojitos and coladas.

With the tequila bar in the blue corner of the Lido deck and the rum bar in the red corner, the bars will be constantly battling for guests' attention with team chants and a daily mixology contest where rum is pitted against tequila as guests compete to have their drink voted the daily cocktail special.

Carnival Cruise Line Vice President Australia Jennifer Vandekreeke said the colourful cruise contest was another way Carnival amped up the fun factor on its ships.

"The friendly rivalry between our blue and red bars creates a great vibe on deck and livens up the atmosphere while our guests enjoy a cocktail by the pool," Ms Vandekreeke said.

"The bars are quite different and because the bar staff really get into the competition, we often find that by the end of the cruise, guests are either die-hard RedFrogs or Team BlueIguana. It's all a bit of fun and ensures everyone has a team they can belong to."

With the addition of the new poolside bars during Carnival Spirit's dry dock in August, the ship's existing Mexican and Caribbean theme nights will be transformed into BlueIguana's Mexican Fiesta and RedFrog's Caribbean Beach Party.

The refit will also see Carnival Spirit welcome its first celebrity chef partnership, with Guy's Burger Joint flipping out burgers hand-crafted for Carnival Cruise Line by Californian chef Guy Fieri, the BlueIguana Cantina, a Mexican cantina with tacos and burritos and a vintage cocktail "pharmacy" called Alchemy Bar, which will mix up a heady range of new onboard elixirs.

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**About Carnival Cruise Line**

Carnival Cruise Line is the largest cruise line in the world with over four and a half million guests travelling every year. The cruise line has two ships based in Australia, Carnival Spirit – the largest and newest cruise ship to be based in Sydney year round – and sister ship Carnival Legend, sailing from Sydney each summer. With 45 activities to enjoy each day, both ships offer fun-loving families and couples memorable and great value holidays.

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