



MKR Takes to the High Seas with Carnival Cruise Line

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Carnival Cruise Line has signed up as an official 2017 sponsor of Australia's number one show, Channel Seven's My Kitchen Rules, with its Sydney-based ship Carnival Spirit set to make a guest appearance in two episodes this week.

In a top secret shoot, Carnival Spirit hosted 11 MKR teams plus judges last year, with contestants only told the location of filming at the last minute, providing plenty of excitement but leaving little time to consider the challenges of cooking at sea.

The first episode, a Cruise Canape Challenge, is hosted in the ship's adults only Serenity Retreat. Using a makeshift kitchen set-up, teams are tasked with cooking canapes for 150 guests with many appropriately opting for seafood-themed dishes.

The food is judged by cruise guests who vote for their favourite dish, with input from the Captain and the ship's Guest Services team, who also attend the challenge.

In the second episode, Carnival Spirit provides the setting for a Sudden Death Cook-Off and Elimination, with the two teams that failed to impress in the previous challenge sent to a cook-off in the ship's galley.

Food is then tasted and judged in the ship's Empire Dining room by judges Manu Feildel, Pete Evans and Colin Fassnidge, as well as guest judges Karen Martini, Guy Grossi and Liz Egan.

Carnival Cruise Line Vice President Australia Jennifer Vandekreeke said the filming of the show had been a fabulous experience.

"Delicious food is a big part of Carnival's offering and we love a bit of fun too, so having the MKR team onboard was the perfect recipe for us," Ms Vandekreeke said.

The MKR Cruise Canape Challenge will air on Wednesday, March 15 at 7.30pm on Seven, with the onboard Sudden Death Cook-Off and Elimination to follow on Sunday, March 19 at 7pm.

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