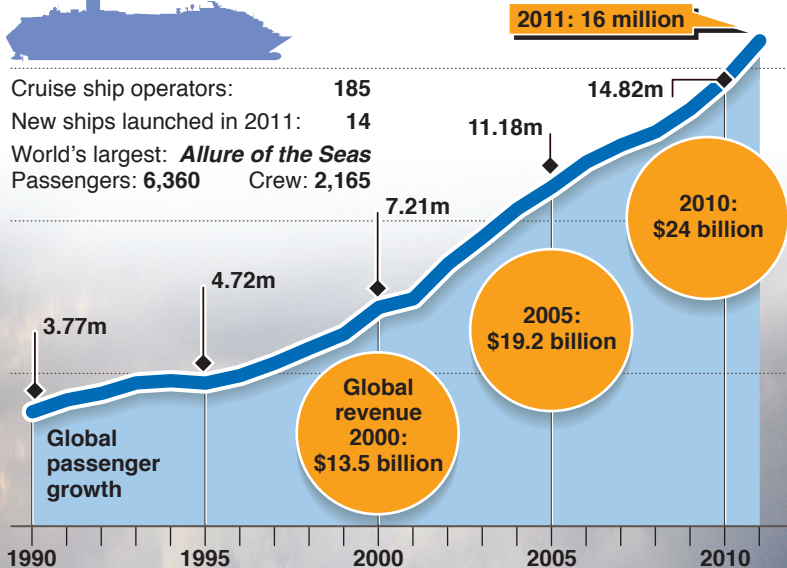


Italy disaster could hit cruise industry

The Costa Concordia accident off Tuscany could inflict wider damage on the world cruise industry. The number of people taking cruises has soared from 500,000 in the early 1970s to an estimated 16 million last year



Cruise ship operators: 185
New ships launched in 2011: 14
World's largest: ***Allure of the Seas***
Passengers: 6,360 Crew: 2,165



Costa Concordia
Costa Cruises
Passengers: 3,700
Crew: 1,100