

# **HARVARD INTERNATIONAL REVIEW**

## **Vocabulary**



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### 1.1 Letter From the Editor

#### Vocabulary

	couvrir	to span [sth]
	grouiller de, regorger de	to teem with [sth]
	ainsi que	along with (in addition to)
	dédramatiser, diminuer l'importance de	to downplay
	attaque, charge, assaut	onslaught
	échapper	to evade [sb/sth] (escape)
apporter un nouvel éclairage / faire toute la lumière sur		to shed a new light
un aperçu, une idée / perspicacité		insight (knowledge / profound perception)
brut		gross

### 1.2 Cruising The High Sease : Luxury Vacations Face Uncertain Future

#### Vocabulary

	paquebot	liner
	aménagement de base	amenities
	vivifier, revigorer, animer	to invigorate [sb/sth]
	faire honte à [qqn]	to put [sb] to shame
adhérer à, adopter, saisir (une occasion)		to embrace
	serrer les dents	to embrace the suck [slang]
extravagant, somptueux, luxueux		lavish
saper, ébranler		to undermine [sth/sb]
vaisseau, navire		vessel
simplement, seulement [péjoratif]		merely
hôtel		resort, hotel
dépassé		outdone
compartiment privé / de luxe		stateroom
rétablir, restaurer		to reinstate
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déclaration (officielle), affirmation	statement
dégel	thaw
fondre	to thaw (melt)
pencher pour, obliquer vers	to skew
limiter, restreindre	to narrow
traîner	to drag
épine	thorn
épineux	thorny
étriller [qqn], descendre en flammes	to lambast [sb] (attack verbally)
élucider	to elucidate
tendu, stressant	fraught
risque, semé d'embûches	fraught with danger (full of hazards)
préparer / rendu mûre [qqc/qqn] à [qqc]	to make [sth/sb] ripe for [sth]
peu probable	unlikely
à première vue, de prime abord	at first glance / at cursory glance
d'entreprise	corporate
chavirer	to capsize
frapper [qqc]	to strike [sth/sb] (strike - struck - struck)
sur terre	onshore
examiner de prêt [qqc]	vet [sth] (review and approve)
compléter, parachever	to round [sth] out
rugeux, râpeux	rough
affecter, toucher [qqn/qqc]	to afflict [sb/sth]
paysage, décors	scenary
se dresser au-dessus de, surplomber	to tower over
miracle	wonder
enquête, investigation	inquiry
empreinte environnementale	environment footprint
conformité	compliance (norm)
eaux usées	sewage
gallon	gallon (4.5 Litres)
littoral	shoreline
algue	algal bloom
lamantin	manatee
la face cachée de [qqc]	the underbelly of [sth]



cheminée	smokestack (chimney)
un bon mélange de [qqc]	a stew of [sth]
approprié	suitable
donner le ton, lancer la mode	to set the trend, to set a trend
monter brisquement	to surge
en hausse	surging
baisser	to dwindle
en baisse	dwindling
adapter	to adapt
périr	to perish
énigme, casse tête	conundrum

### Abstract

Due to different issues (political, technical, cruise companies have sometimes blotted their copybooks), the cruise ship industry has difficulties : "*The world's oceans have moved from a nonpolitical space to an arena for clashing national interest*". However, they are a keystone in the economic decision : market often casts a shadow on foreign policy. Different facts :

- **Ocean Compass** : an application which connects a cruise liner to its customers.
- **WALL-E** was a critique of the consumerism and corporatism.
- **May 2016** : for the first time since the communist regime, cruise liner visited Cuba.
- Vietnam *lambasted* Chinese government for allowing China-based cruise lines to visit disputed territories such as the **Paracels Island**.
- On **January 12, 2012**, the Costa Concordia became the largest passenger vessel to capsize, becoming a modern-day *Titanic*, 33 people died.

## 1.3 Our Ocean Future

### Vocabulary

scintiller	to shimmer
une butte, un tas	mound
prosperer	to thrive
impressioné par, en admiration devant	in aw of [sth]
insaisissable	elusive
loutre	otter
malaise, inquiétude	unease
au courant de [qch], au fait de [qch]	cognizant of [sth]
large, immense, vaste	broad
vers, en direction de	toward
crucial, primordial, essential	critical
stupéfier, abasourdir [qqn]	to stagger [sb]
échelonner, étaler [qch]	to stagger [sth] (spread over time)
attire	allure (attractive quality)
presque	nearly (almost)
gagne-pain	livelihood
réseau alimentaire	food web
perturber [qch]	to disrupt [sth]
fuir	to flee (flee - fled - fled)
coquille	shell
moule (animal marin)	mussel
palourde	clam

huître	oyster (mollusc)
ramasser des huitres	to oyster
considérer [qch] comme acquis	to take [sb/sth] for granted
épuisable	exhaustible
limite, frontière (d'une propriété)	boundary
sentier, chemin, bande dégagée	swath
maritime	seaward
étendue	expanse
bien trop souvent	all too often
poursuivre, suivre	pursue [sb]
imprudent, irréfléchi	reckless
remplir	to fill
gosier	gullet
ventre	belly
bec	beak
facteur de stress	stressor
nutriment	nutrient
aggraver	exacerbate [sth] (intensify)
hypoxie	hypoxia (oxygen deficiency)
intimidant	daunting
se remettre, récupérer	to recover
ascendant, de bas en haut	bottom-up
engagement	commitment
remède miracle	silver bullet
novateur, nouveau	novel
partie prenante, intervenant	stakeholder
plan d'action	roadmap
revenir à, être obligé de, incomber à [qqn]	is incumbent on [sb]

### Abstract

- **Ocean Conservatory** : the US's most established conservation organisation.
- **30% of the world's phyla** are exclusively marine, only 10% terrestrial.
- More than **90%** of the world's trade is carried by ocean-based transportation.
- The ocean has already absorbed 90 percent of the excess of heat caused by human burning of fossil fuels.
- When the CO<sub>2</sub> dissolves in the ocean, carbonic acid is formed and slowly, acidity levels increase. This increase is dissolving the foundation of marine food webs around the world.
- **Hugo Grotius** formalized the idea of "*freedom of the seas*" in **1604**.
- **In December 2017**, negotiators from 9 countries (US, CANA, Norway, Japan, Iceland, China, South Korea, Greenland) and EU reached an agreement to protect 1.1M *miles*<sup>2</sup> of international waters surrounding the North Pole. This is a **binding** agreement, in order to protect scientific research : it prevents the initiation of commercial fishing.
- **2012**, the oyster industry in the US state of Washington nearly declared bankruptcy as a result of increasingly acidic water dissolving the shells of oyster larvae.
- **International Alliance to Combat Ocean Acidification** brings together government across the globe with private sector, NGO, academic to combat ocean acidification.

Finally, it is incumbent on all of us to take individual action as well. We all have a role to play in protecting the ocean. ■