

ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISES LTD  
Form 8-K  
November 17, 2006

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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant To Section 13 or 15(d) of

The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): November 17, 2006

**ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISES LTD.**

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Republic of Liberia**

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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

**1-11884**

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**98-0081645**

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(Commission File Number)

**1050 Caribbean Way, Miami, Florida**

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(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**33132**

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **305-539-6000**

(Zip Code)

**Not Applicable**

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

Effective as of November 17, 2006, Mr. Brian J. Rice, formerly Executive Vice President, Revenue Performance of Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. (the Company), succeeded Mr. Luis E. Leon as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company. As previously announced, Mr. Leon has retired from the Company. Mr. Leon will continue to assist the Company as needed in the transition, which is expected to be completed before the end of 2006. Information regarding Mr. Rice's experience, employment agreement and other matters is set forth in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2005 and in its Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on April 24, 2006.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISES LTD.

Date: November 17, 2006

By: /s/ Bradley H. Stein

Name: Bradley H. Stein  
Title: Vice President and

General Counsel