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speaker speaks



Alastair Greener

Cruise entertainer and TV presenter **Alastair Greener** on life at sea and the pitfalls of public speaking

Can you remember your first speaking engagement?

It was while I was still working on-board cruise ships and I was asked to speak to my local WI. It was a great way to start.

What's the worst thing that has happened to you during an event?

After a talk on stage, I headed for the wings but fell into the orchestra pit. Fortunately the audience didn't see and the only thing I hurt was my pride!

What was the last event you spoke at?

A 25th anniversary event for an engineering company. For this one I shared some technical stories. This worked well and they were fascinated by the fact that modern cruise ships generate enough electricity to power a city the size of Southampton!

Which event has been your favourite and why?

I recently taught public speaking skills to a group of 14-year-olds. It was one of the most rewarding experiences I've had.

If you could speak at any event, past or future, what would it be?

The Condé Nast Travel Awards would be fantastic.

Which speaker/performer do you most admire and why?

Years ago I heard a motivational speaker called Jim Rohn, an American entrepreneur. He was probably the most engaging speaker I've ever heard.

What is your worst on-stage habit?

I love what I do and my time at sea, so I can get rather enthusiastic at times!

What annoys you most professionally?

Not keeping to time or relating to an audience – they're fundamentals for me.

Do you have any riders or special requirements?

As long as I can be seen and heard I'm fine!

Why should an organiser hire you to speak at their event?

I have a lot of fun anecdotes about the passengers, crew and celebrities I have met and I'll give an insightful, memorable and entertaining talk.

Personal file

During his 16 years as head of entertainment on luxury liners, **Alastair Greener** visited more than 120 countries on 14 ships, including the legendary liners *QE2* and *Queen Mary 2*. He has interviewed big names from the world of politics, sport, the arts, film and television, from Sir David Frost and Norman Wisdom, to Terry Wogan and Lenny Kravitz. As well as being a speaker he is also a television presenter in the UK and USA.

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