

I posted this yesterday for info. Here is the whole story. Anyone want to chip in and we will buy our own cruise ship? At least the chips would get into the hobby. <g>

I've showed these in the past looking for info. No one at that time had ever seen the chips. Back in 2001 GPI was taking over Paulson. I was at the shop on Palms business. I happen to see this plaque in a garbage can. The Salesman gave it to me. The chips are set in etched glass.
The story as he knew it,
Chips were made for a cruise ship to sail out of Cancun, Mexico. Never licensed and the boat sailed off.

Someone on this board, John Long I think, found the picture of the ship docked in Hafia, Israel. Does anyone have the chips? Anyone know anything about the ship?



Cancuna



cancunb

Info from Bob Hiestand:

"It was the former "Casino Cancun" that was finally refused a licence to operate as a day/night cruise out of Cancun, Mexico in 1998, after months of "negotiation\$" and after a dock had been purpose built there also. The then governor of Quintana Roo, who, it is rumored, had an important personal stake in the said negotiations, is now doing 25 years in a Mexican prison for drug running."

My note: Drug money involved with a deal in Mexico? <g>



Cancun

Info from our "Friend Of The Hobby:

The ship was up for sale as recently as last week--they were taking written offers up to January 31, 2013. Don't know if they had any buyers. A Tel Aviv law firm is handling the sale.

<http://www.lucky7forsale.com/>

All the casino equipment is still on board, been sitting idle for over a decade--maybe they would accept offers for the chips <g>



The internal structure and content

The vessel is specifically fitted as a Casino vessel, has 8 rooms and 3 designated floors of wide halls equipped with Casino tables, machines, bars and rest areas as well as other casino facilities.

The Vessel designed to carry up to 1,500 passengers and 300 crew. Vessel fitted with special docking facilities on its hull allowing shuttle vessels to dock and embark/disembark passengers while at sea.

By the way, the ship was designated to be a casino in Eilat but never worked as a casino since no authorization from the Israeli state. All the Casino tables, machines and other casino facilities still covered with plastic alongside bars and rest areas. Everything almost new because the Ship has not been used since It came to Israel in 2002 to the present.

cancund



cancune