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> 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): September 18, 2003

Carnival Corporation

_____ (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Republic of Panama

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-9610

_____ (Commission File Number)

59-1562976 _____

> (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

3655 N.W. 87th Avenue Miami, Florida 33178-2428

(Address of principal executive offices) (zip code)

(305) 599-2600

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

None

_____ (Former name and former address, if changed since last report) Carnival plc _____

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

England and Wales

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-15136

_____ (Commission File Number)

None _____

> (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

Carnival House, 5 Gainsford Street, London SE1 2NE, England

_____ (Address of principal executive offices) (zip code)

011 44 20 7940 5381 _____

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

None

_____ (Former name and former address, if changed since last report)

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

Set forth below are the "Carnival Corporation & plc Pro Forma Consolidated Statements of Operations" and "Carnival Corporation & plc Pro Forma Net Cruise Revenues and Net Cruise Costs" for each of the three months ended

February 28, 2003 and 2002, May 31, 2003 and 2002, August 31, 2003 and 2002 and November 30, 2002; and for the nine months ended August 31, 2003 and 2002; and for the twelve months ended November 30, 2002.

The pro forma consolidated statements of operations gives pro forma effect to the dual listed company ("DLC") transaction between Carnival Corporation and Carnival plc, which was completed on April 17, 2003. This pro forma data is being furnished to update the previous pro forma information furnished to the SEC on the Carnival Corporation & plc joint Current Report on Form 8-K, dated June 25, 2003, primarily as a result of changes in the Carnival Corporation & plc statement of operations reporting format and to conform this information to the reclassifications made in the August 31, 2003 and 2002 Carnival Corporation & plc statements of operations.

All the information contained in this Item 12 is being furnished solely for informational purposes and Carnival Corporation and Carnival plc do not intend for any of this information to be incorporated by reference into filings under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

CAUTIONARY NOTE CONCERNING FACTORS THAT MAY AFFECT FUTURE RESULTS

Some of the statements contained in this joint Current Report on Form 8-K are "forward-looking statements" that involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions with respect to Carnival Corporation & plc, including some statements concerning future results, plans, outlook, goals and other events which have not yet occurred. You can find many, but not all, of these statements by looking for words like "will," "may," "believes," "expects," "anticipates," "forecast," "future," "intends," "plans," and "estimates" and for similar expressions. Because forward-looking statements, including those which may impact the forecasting of earnings per share, net revenue yields, booking levels, pricing, occupancy, operating, financing and tax costs, costs per available lower berth day, estimates of ship depreciable lives and residual values or business prospects, involve risks and uncertainties, there are many factors that could cause Carnival Corporation & plc's actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from those expressed or implied in this joint Current Report on Form 8-K. These factors include, but are not limited to, the following: achievement of expected benefits from the DLC transaction; risks associated with the DLC structure; risks associated with the uncertainty of the tax status of the DLC structure; general economic and business conditions, which may impact levels of disposable income of consumers and the net revenue yields for cruise brands of Carnival Corporation & plc; conditions in the cruise and land-based vacation industries, including competition from other cruise ship operators and providers of other vacation alternatives and increases in capacity offered by cruise ship and land-based vacation alternatives; the impact of operating internationally; the international political and economic climate, armed conflicts, terrorist attacks, availability of air service and other world events and adverse publicity and their impact on the demand for cruises; accidents and other incidents at sea affecting the health, safety, security and vacation satisfaction of passengers; the ability of Carnival Corporation & plc to implement its shipbuilding programs and brand strategies and to continue to expand its businesses worldwide; the ability of Carnival Corporation & plc to attract and retain shipboard crew and maintain good relations with employee unions; the ability to obtain financing on terms that are favorable or consistent with Carnival Corporation & plc's expectations; the impact of changes in operating and financing costs, including changes in foreign currency and interest rates and fuel, food, insurance and security costs; changes in the tax, environmental, health, safety, security and other regulatory regimes under which

Carnival Corporation & plc operates; continued availability of attractive port destinations; the ability to successfully implement cost improvement plans and to integrate business acquisitions; continuing financial viability of Carnival Corporation & plc's travel agent distribution system; weather patterns or natural disasters; and the ability of a small group of shareholders effectively to control the outcome of shareholder voting.

Forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as a prediction of actual results. Subject to any continuing obligations under applicable law or any relevant listing rules, Carnival Corporation & plc expressly disclaims any obligation to disseminate, after the date of this announcement, any updates or revisions to any such forward-looking statements to reflect any change in expectations or events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statements are based.

-----PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION------

		CARNIVA	AL CC	RPORA	TION	&]	PLC		
PRO	FORMA	CONSOLIDAT	ED S	TATEM	IENTS	OF	OPE	RATIONS	(1)
	(in t	thousands,	exce	pt ea	rning	S	per	share)	

	FEE	ONTHS ENDED	THREE MONTHS ENDED MAY 31,			
	2003			2002		
REVENUES Cruise						
Passenger tickets	\$ 1 262 660	\$ 1 075 273	\$ 1,238,608	\$ 1 156 195		
Onboard and other			364,343			
Other	7,375	9,304	31,190	39,27		
	1,621,696		1,634,141			
Operating Cruise Passenger tickets Onboard and other Payroll and related Food Other ship operating Other Total operating	61,964 191,680 104,617 335,380 12,301	58,607 158,924 86,355 250,152 16,168	280,429 60,688 206,327 104,445 350,186 32,395 1,034,470	51,350 163,79 91,932 268,660 37,038		
Selling and administrative (2)	281,104	233,713	273,790	221,28		
Depreciation and amortization Impairment charge	155,272	126,673	160,214	133,445		
			1,468,474			
DPERATING INCOME	167,564	186,228	165,667	294,575		
NONOPERATING (EXPENSE) INCOME Interest income	5,714	7,350	9,641	8,479		

Interest expense, net of capitalized interest	(52,926)	(43,053)	(47,779)	(46,018)
Other income (expense), net (3)	17,714	5,836	(11,085)	(11,631)
	(29,498)	(29,867)	(49,223)	
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	138,066	156,361	116,444	245,405
INCOME TAX BENEFIT (EXPENSE), NET	6,203	1 , 278	5,566	4,443
NET INCOME		\$ 157,639	\$ 122,010	
EARNINGS PER SHARE				
BASIC	\$0.18		\$0.15	
DILUTED	\$0.18	\$0.20	===== \$0.15 =====	
WEIGHTED-AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING				
BASIC DILUTED	•	794,466 799,198	,	,

CARNIVAL CORPORATION & PLC PRO FORMA NET CRUISE REVENUES AND NET CRUISE COSTS (in thousands, except yields and costs per ALBD)

	FEB	ONTHS ENDED 3. 28,	THREE MONTHS ENDED MAY 31,			
GROSS AND NET REVENUE YIELDS		2002	2003	2002		
Cruise revenues						
Passenger tickets	\$ 1,262,660	\$ 1,075,273	\$ 1,238,608	\$ 1,156,195		
Onboard and other	351,661	306,830	364,343	323,439		
Gross cruise revenues	1,614,321	1,382,103	1,602,951	1,479,634		
Less cruise costs						
Passenger tickets	(311,814)	(274,587)	(280,429)	(256,827)		
Onboard and other	(61,964)	(61,964) (58,607)		(51,350)		
Net cruise revenues	\$ 1,240,543	\$ 1,048,909	\$ 1,261,834	\$ 1,171,457		
Available lower berth days						
("ALBDs")	8,623	7,396	9,087	7,877		
Gross revenue yields		\$ 186.87		\$ 187.84		

Net revenue yields	\$ 143.86			
GROSS AND NET COSTS PER ALBD				
Cruise operating expenses Cruise selling and	\$ 1,005,455	\$ 828,625	\$ 1,002,075	\$ 832,566
administrative expenses	269,015	222,944	266,745	210,503
Gross cruise costs Less cruise costs	1,274,470	1,051,569	1,268,820	1,043,069
Passenger tickets Onboard and other			(280,429) (60,688)	
Net cruise costs	· ·	\$ 718,375	\$ 927,703	\$ 734,892
ALBDs	======================================	 7 , 396	9,087	 7,877
Gross cruise costs per ALBD	\$ 147.80	\$ 142.18	======== \$ 139.63	\$ 132.42
Net cruise costs per ALBD	======================================	\$	\$ 102.09	============ \$

CARNIVAL CORPORATION & PLC PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (1) (IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT EARNINGS PER SHARE)

	NINE MONTHS ENDED AUG. 31,		THREE MONTHS ENDED	TWELVE MONTHS ENDED
	2003	2002	NOV. 30, 2002	NOV. 30, 2002
REVENUES				
Cruise				
Passenger tickets	\$ 4,364,453	\$ 3,905,987	\$ 1,221,429	\$ 5,127,416
Onboard and other	1,182,472	1,010,784	345,357	1,356,141
Other	232,652		31,575	
		5,169,599		
COSTS AND EXPENSES Operating Cruise	052 511	070 620		1 101 400
Passenger tickets Onboard and other	205,183		250,858	237,593
Payroll and related	616,284	494,799		675,582
Food	327,227			•
Other ship operating	,	,	322,316	,
Other	175,403	186,604		
Total operating			941,746	
Selling and administrative (2)	814,476	691 , 264	268,343	959 , 607
Depreciation and amortization	491,268	403,453	145,019	548,472
Impairment charge		20,000		20,000

	4,637,615	3,951,542	1,355,108	5,306,650
OPERATING INCOME	1,141,962	1,218,057		1,461,310
NONOPERATING (EXPENSE) INCOME				
Interest income Interest expense, net of	22,072	36,299	8,921	45,220
capitalized interest Other income (expense), net	11,563	(145,879) (3,913)	853	(3,060)
	(124,824)	(113,493)	(34,646)	(148,139)
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	1,017,138	1,104,564	208,607	1,313,171
INCOME TAX (EXPENSE) BENEFIT, NET	(16,598)	24,209	22,996	47,205
NET INCOME	\$ 1,000,540	\$ 1,128,773		
EARNINGS PER SHARE				
BASIC	\$1.26	\$1.42	\$ 0.29 =====	
DILUTED	===== \$1.25 =====	\$1.41		====== \$ 1.70 ======
WEIGHTED-AVERAGE SHARES OUTSTANDING				
BASIC DILUTED	795,986 805,615			

CARNIVAL CORPORATION & PLC PRO FORMA NET CRUISE REVENUES AND NET CRUISE COSTS (IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT YIELDS AND COSTS PER ALBD)

		THS ENDED . 31,	THREE MONTHS ENDED	TWELVE MONTHS ENDED
	2003	2002	NOV. 30, 2002	NOV. 30, 2002
GROSS AND NET REVENUE YIELDS				
Cruise revenues				
Passenger tickets	\$ 4,364,453	\$ 3,905,987	\$ 1,221,429	\$ 5,127,416
Onboard and other	1,182,472	1,010,784	345,357	1,356,141
Gross cruise revenues	5,546,925	4,916,771	1,566,786	6,483,557
Less cruise costs				
Passenger tickets	(953,511)	(870,638)	(250,858)	(1,121,496)
Onboard and other	(205,183)	(176 , 795)	(60,798)	(237,593)
Net cruise revenues	\$ 4,388,231	\$ 3,869,338	\$ 1,255,130	\$ 5,124,468

ALBDs	27,625		23,648		8,313		31,961	
Gross revenue yields		200.79		207.91	•	188.47		202.86
Net revenue yields	\$	158.85	\$	163.62	\$	150.98	\$	160.34
GROSS AND NET COSTS PER ALBD Cruise operating expenses	\$3,	,156,468	\$ 2	,650,221	\$	914 , 395	\$ 3	3,564,616
Cruise selling and administrative expenses			658 , 757		253,605			912 , 362
Gross cruise costs Less cruise costs	3,941,750		3,308,978				4,476,978	
Passenger tickets Onboard and other		(205,183)				(250,858) (60,798)		
Net cruise costs	\$2,	,783,056	\$ 2	,261,545	\$	856,344	\$ 3	3,117,889
ALBDs		27 , 625		23,648		8,313		31,961
Gross cruise costs per ALBD	\$	142.69	\$	139.93	\$	140.50	\$	140.08
Net cruise costs per ALBD	\$	100.74	\$	95.63 ======	\$	103.01	\$	97.55

(1) The pro forma information gives pro forma effect to the DLC transaction between Carnival Corporation and Carnival plc, which was completed on April 17, 2003. Management has prepared the pro forma information based upon the companies' historical financial information and, accordingly, the above information should be read in conjunction with the companies' historical financial statements, as well as pro forma information included in the companies' joint Current Report on Form 8-K, dated May 29, 2003.

The DLC transaction has been accounted for as an acquisition of Carnival plc by Carnival Corporation, using the purchase method of accounting. The Carnival plc accounting policies have been conformed to Carnival Corporation's policies. Carnival plc's reporting period has been changed to the Carnival Corporation reporting period and the information presented above covers the same periods of time for both companies. Carnival Corporation & plc are having an independent appraisal performed of all of Carnival plc's cruise ships and intangible assets. Accordingly, we believe it is possible that the fair value of some of Carnival plc's cruise ships could be less than their carrying value, thus reducing pro forma depreciation expense. In addition, amortizable intangibles which have not been valued and amortized in the above pro forma information, could also eventually be recorded and amortized, based primarily upon the appraisals.

The above pro forma information has been prepared as if the DLC transaction had occurred on December 1, 2001 and has not been adjusted to reflect any net transaction benefits. In addition, the pro forma information does not purport to represent what the results of operations actually could have been if the DLC transaction had occurred on December 1, 2001 or what those results will be for any future periods.

(2) Carnival plc's costs related to its terminated Royal Caribbean transaction and the completion of the DLC transaction with Carnival Corporation, which were expensed by Carnival plc prior to April 17, 2003. The amount of these nonrecurring expenses was approximately \$20.1 million, \$4.6 million, \$24.5 million, \$7.4 million, \$10.9 million and \$79.4 million in the three months ended

February 28, 2003 and 2002, May 31, 2003 and 2002, August 31, 2002 and November 30, 2002, respectively.

(3) Carnival plc has or is expected to receive insurance company and/or shipyard payments related to the Diamond Princess fire and the Island Princess delayed delivery. The present value of these payments, which approximate \$99 million, has been recorded on the balance sheet of Carnival Corporation & plc as a Carnival plc fair value acquisition adjustment. Accordingly, the income originally expected to be recognized by Carnival plc of \$6.8 million, \$40.1 million, \$30.6 million, \$18.2 million and \$3.2 million in the three months ended May 31, 2003, August 31, 2003, November 30, 2003, February 28, 2004 and May 31, 2004, respectively, will not be recognized in Carnival Corporation & plc's earnings, as it would have been by Carnival plc on a standalone basis, but will be accounted for as a collection of this receivable by the combined entity.

-----END PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION-----

SIGNATURES

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

CARNIVAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Gerald R. Cahill

Name: Gerald R. Cahill Title: Senior Vice President-Finance and Chief Financial and Accounting Officer CARNIVAL PLC

By: /s/ Gerald R. Cahill

Name: Gerald R. Cahill Title: Senior Vice President-Finance and Chief Financial and Accounting Officer

Date: September 18, 2003

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