



Palling around with other passengers at sea depends on what type of people connection you seek. Will it just be casual mixing or something more personal? The easiest way is to take the initiative and start up conversations at the pool, spa, bingo game, exercises class, buffet line, sit-down dinner and other events that bring passengers together.

The results of striking up spontaneous connections can be very enjoyable. The happy mood of a cruise makes even the most solitary seniors want to gather and talk. It's the warm feeling of sharing a unique sailing adventure.

There are many ways to connect. If you're a man, are you looking for a new pal, to talk of golf, politics, Texas hold 'em poker and/or major league baseball? Seek out those fellow shipboard travelers who have similar interests, educations, careers, military and other backgrounds.

If you're a woman cruiser seeking friendship with other women, gather with new companions. Look for those who share talking about cruising, archeology, history, literature, music and other common interests.

You may also choose to assure follow-ups after the cruise by exchanging addresses, phone numbers and email addresses. Typically, on the last day of every cruise, many new friends promise to keep in touch.

The most interesting efforts may be when you're seeking to fire up a romantic connection. This

can be either for a lasting relationship or just for the time aboard. If you're single, or pretending to be, there are many opportunities to meet and get acquainted.

While the best chances are on singles-only cruises, most other sailings also attract large numbers of singles looking for friendship or more at sea. To make lasting connections, romantic or otherwise, mix freely during the many events everywhere aboard day and night. Especially on deck when the moonlight reflects on the waves below.