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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): March 21, 2002

CARNIVAL CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Republic of Panama	1-9610	59-1562976
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

3655 N.W. 87th Avenue, Miami, Florida	33178-2428
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(Address of principal executive offices)	(zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (305) 599-2600

Item 5. Other Events.

On March 21, 2002, Carnival Corporation issued a press release entitled "Carnival Corporation Reports First Quarter Earnings" attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1. The press release is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits

The Exhibit 99.1 press release entitled "Carnival Corporation Reports

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First Quarter Earnings" dated March 21, 2002 is hereby incorporated by reference.

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.

Date: March 21, 2002

CARNIVAL CORPORATION

By: /s/ Gerald R. Cahill

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

Exhibit List

Exhibit -----	Description -----
99.1	Press release entitled "Carnival Corporation Reports First Quarter Earnings" dated March 21, 2002.

EXHIBIT 99.1

CONTACT: Tim Gallagher

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CARNIVAL CORPORATION REPORTS FIRST QUARTER EARNINGS

MIAMI (03/21/02) - Carnival Corporation (NYSE:CCL) reported net income of \$129.6 million (\$0.22 diluted EPS) on revenues of \$905.8 million for its first quarter ended February 28, 2002, compared to net income of \$128.0 million (\$0.22 EPS) on revenues of \$1.0 billion for the same quarter in 2001.

Commenting on first quarter results, Carnival Chairman and CEO Micky Arison said he was particularly pleased with the company's first quarter earnings performance, despite the adverse impact on business from the tragic events of September 11. "In the two months following September 11, our

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advance bookings for 2002 cruises dropped dramatically because of the significant slowdown in travel. The subsequent recovery in our booking levels has greatly exceeded earlier expectations and demonstrates the resiliency of the cruise vacation business," Arison said.

Revenues for the first quarter of 2002 were down 10 percent compared to the same quarter in 2001. This decrease in revenues was primarily caused by the impact of the September 11 events, which resulted in a significant reduction in the number of guests purchasing air travel and also lower cruise ticket prices and occupancies. These reductions were partially offset by a 2.3 percent increase in cruise capacity. As a result of lower ticket prices and occupancies, net revenue yields (net revenue per available berth day) were down 7.5 percent compared to the first quarter of last year. Arison pointed out this was "a significant improvement over our November expectations that first quarter net revenue yields would be down 15 percent." Partially offsetting the lower revenues in 2002 was a 7.2 percent reduction in the company's cost per available berth day. First quarter 2002 results also did not include any losses from the company's investment in Airtours plc, which was sold in June 2001.

Looking to the remainder of 2002, Arison said that he is very encouraged that recent booking levels have been running well ahead of last year. Prices on those bookings have also recovered significantly from the highly discounted levels late last year, although they are still less than prices during the comparable period last year. Primarily as a result of the dramatic slowdown in 2002 bookings last fall and the shift to closer to sailing booking patterns after September 11, cumulative advance bookings and average prices for the remainder of 2002 are still below last year's levels. "If the current trend of booking levels continues, we anticipate that net revenue yields will continue to improve throughout 2002," Arison said. "Our current expectation for net revenue yields for the balance of 2002 is for the second and third quarters to be down approximately 4 percent to 6 percent and the fourth quarter to increase slightly compared to last year."

In discussing the company's global cruise strategy, Arison commented that Carnival "is continuing to execute its plan to increase its presence in the high-growth European vacation market." Costa Cruises will introduce the Costa Europa, formerly Holland America's Westerdam, to its European fleet in April 2002, and this month Costa will launch a new cruise product onboard the 760-passenger Costa Marina targeted at German-speaking vacationers. Also, in May 2002, the Caronia will begin offering Cunard's world-renowned British service from its new homeport in Southampton, England.

While the company is increasing its presence in the European vacation market, it is also continuing to expand in North America. Carnival Cruise Lines launched the 2,124-passenger Carnival Pride from Port Canaveral, Fla., in January 2002 and is scheduled to introduce the 2,124-passenger Carnival Legend in August 2002, offering the line's first-ever sailings from Europe. Following its European program, the Carnival Legend will operate from several American ports starting September 2002. Carnival Cruise Lines is expected to launch the 2,974-passenger Carnival Conquest in November 2002 from New Orleans. Additionally, the company's Holland America Line brand will begin operating the Prinsendam, formerly the Seabourn Sun, from Europe, Asia and the Pacific in June 2002, and is also scheduled to introduce the 1,848-passenger Zuiderdam in December 2002 from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

On December 16, 2001, Carnival announced its pre-conditional offer to acquire P&O Princess Cruises plc. The company continues to work closely with regulators in the U.S. and Europe on its offer. Carnival has scheduled a conference call with analysts at 11 a.m. EST today to discuss its 2002 first quarter earnings. This call can be listened to live, and additional information can be obtained at the company's web site at

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www.carnivalcorp.com.

Carnival Corporation is comprised of Carnival Cruise Lines, the world's largest cruise line based on passengers carried, Costa Cruises, Cunard Line, Holland America Line, Seabourn Cruise Line and Windstar Cruises. Carnival Corporation's six brands operate 43 ships in the Bahamas, the Caribbean, Alaska, Europe, Mexico, South America and other worldwide destinations.

Special note regarding forward-looking statements:

Certain statements in this announcement constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Carnival Corporation has tried, wherever possible, to identify such statements by using words such as "anticipate," "assume," "believe," "expect," "forecast", "future", "intend," "plan" and words and terms of similar substance in connection with any discussion of future operating or financial performance. These forward-looking statements, including those which may impact the forecasting of Carnival's net revenue yields, booking levels, pricing, occupancy or business prospects, involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, which may cause Carnival's actual results, performances or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performances or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include, among others, the following: general economic and business conditions which may impact levels of disposable income of consumers and the net revenue yields for Carnival's cruise products; consumer demand for cruises and other vacation options; other vacation industry competition; effects on consumer demand of armed conflicts, political instability, terrorism, adverse media publicity and the availability of air service; shifts in consumer booking patterns; increases in cruise industry and vacation industry capacity; continued availability of attractive port destinations; changes in tax laws and regulations; changes and disruptions in financial and equity markets; Carnival's ability to implement its brand strategy, Carnival's ability to implement its shipbuilding program and to continue to expand its business worldwide; Carnival's ability to attract and retain shipboard crew; changes in foreign currency rates, security expenses, food, fuel, insurance and commodity prices and interest rates; delivery of new ships on schedule and at the contracted prices; weather patterns and natural disasters; unscheduled ship repairs and drydocking; incidents involving cruise ships; impact of pending or threatened litigation; Carnival's ability to successfully implement cost improvement plans; the continuing financial viability of Carnival's travel agent distribution system; and changes in laws and regulations applicable to Carnival.

These risks may not be exhaustive. Carnival operates in a continually changing business environment, and new risks emerge from time to time. Carnival cannot predict such risks nor can it assess the impact, if any, of such risks on its business or the extent to which any risk, or combination of risks may cause actual results to differ from those projected in any forward-looking statements. Accordingly, forward-looking statements should not be relied upon as a prediction of actual results. Carnival undertakes no obligation publicly to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Carnival plans to file a registration statement on Form S-4 and a statement on Schedule TO with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with commencement of its pre-conditional offer to acquire P&O Princess Cruises plc. The Form S-4 will contain a prospectus and other documents relating to the pre-conditional offer. Carnival plans to mail the prospectus contained in the Form S-4 to shareholders of P&O Princess when the Form S-4 is filed with

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the SEC. The Form S-4, the prospectus and the Schedule TO will contain important information about Carnival, P&O Princess, the pre-conditional offer and related matters. Investors and stockholders should read the Form S-4, the prospectus, the Schedule TO and the other documents filed with the SEC in connection with the pre-conditional offer carefully before they make any decision with respect to the pre-conditional offer. The Form S-4, the prospectus, the Schedule TO and all other documents filed with the SEC in connection with the pre-conditional offer will be available when filed free of charge at the SEC's web site, at www.sec.gov. In addition, the prospectus and all other documents filed with the SEC in connection with the pre-conditional offer will be made available to investors free of charge by writing to Tim Gallagher at Carnival Corporation, Carnival Place, 3655 N.W. 87 Avenue, Miami, Florida, 33178-2428.

In addition to the Form S-4, prospectus, the Schedule TO and the other documents filed with the SEC in connection with the pre-conditional offer, Carnival is obligated to file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. Persons may read and copy any reports, statements and other information filed with the SEC at the SEC's public reference room at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the public reference room. Filings with the sec also are available to the public from commercial document-retrieval services and at the web site maintained by the SEC at www.sec.gov.

Contact information:

For investor relations, please contact Beth Roberts, Tel: 1-305-599-2600, ext. 19066, and for media inquiries, please contact Tim Gallagher, Tel: 1-305-599-2600, ext. 16000, Carnival Corporation, Carnival Place, 3655 N.W. 87 Avenue, Miami, Florida 33178-2428.

CARNIVAL CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	THREE MONTHS ENDED	
	FEB. 28,	
	2002	2001
	(in thousands, except earnings per share)	
Revenues	\$905,776	\$1,007,606
Costs and Expenses:		
Operating	518,165	600,120
Selling and administrative	152,045	155,891
Depreciation and amortization	89,754 (1)	91,591 (1)
	759,964	847,602
Operating Income Before Loss From Affiliated Operations	145,812	160,004
Loss From Affiliated Operations, Net		(21,063)
Operating Income	145,812	138,941
Nonoperating (Expense) Income:		
Interest income	6,663	3,778
Interest expense, net of capitalized interest	(29,455)	(31,872)
Other income, net	4,959	11,946 (2)
Income tax benefit, net	1,661	5,157

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	(16,172)	(10,991)
Net Income	\$129,640	\$ 127,950
Earnings Per Share:		
Basic	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.22
Diluted	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.22
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding-Basic	586,268	584,608
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding-Diluted	587,739	587,133

On December 1, 2001, the company adopted SFAS No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets," which required the company to cease amortizing its goodwill. Goodwill amortization was \$5 million in 2001. Includes a \$13 million gain from a settlement agreement with the manufacturers of some of the company's ship propulsion systems to reimburse the company for lost revenues and expenses incurred due to disruptions in service during 2000.

CARNIVAL CORPORATION SELECTED STATISTICAL AND SEGMENT INFORMATION

	THREE MONTHS ENDED	
	FEB. 28,	
	2002	2001
	(in thousands)	
STATISTICAL INFORMATION:		
Passengers carried	772	786
Available lower berth days	5,060	4,944
Occupancy percentage	102.8%	105.2%
SEGMENT INFORMATION:		
Revenues:		
Cruise	\$900,508	\$1,000,391
Tour	5,706	7,688
Intersegment elimination	(438)	(473)
	\$905,776	\$1,007,606
Operating expenses:		
Cruise	\$510,839	\$ 590,974
Tour	7,764	9,619
Intersegment elimination	(438)	(473)
	\$518,165	\$ 600,120
Operating income (loss):		
Cruise	\$160,070	\$ 174,161
Tour	(11,171)	(10,479)
Affiliated operations		(21,063)
Corporate	(3,087)	(3,678)
	\$145,812	\$ 138,941