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## Portland Port Newsletter

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# Portland Port Wins Prestigious Cruise Award!

Portland Port's General Manager (Commercial), Ian McQuade last week paid a visit to Cruise Shipping Miami, the premier Cruise conference of the year in Miami Beach, Florida. An annual event, Cruise Shipping Miami always represents a great opportunity to meet with the key cruise lines. This year's event was even more memorable as Ian was delighted to receive an award from Cruise Insight Magazine on behalf of Portland Port for the port's great success in developing its position as a Cruise destination. The award was presented by Gilly Ashcroft, Director of Ashcroft & Associates Ltd, and the publishers of Cruise Insight and was based on feedback received directly from cruise line executives. Portland Port has been recognised as;

### 'Most Improved Destination'

Ian commented "this is fantastic recognition of the effort put in by the team at the Port. We have grown from handling just a couple of small cruise calls a year to the position where we are expecting 18 calls and nearly 20,000 passengers in 2013. Receiving such an award can only help my efforts to further promote Portland Port to the cruise industry as the ideal gateway to some of England's finest attractions and most beautiful countryside".

Portland Port is currently preparing for this seasons cruise calls and continues to strive to make improvements to its offer in order to make Portland Port as appealing as possible. This year will see the introduction of a new passenger gangway to ease the flow of cruise guests to and from their ships. For the future an extension to the main cruise berth is being considered to allow still larger cruise ships to berth alongside at the port.





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## 2013 Cruise Season

Cruise companies recognise Portland as a top UK destination; it's location on the south coast of England means that it is well placed for all manner of cruises, including Round Britain, English Channel and transit cruises between the Caribbean, Mediterranean and Northern Europe.

It is clear that 2013 will be an exhilarating time for the Port with 18 cruise calls due throughout the season. The Port is very excited about the prospect of welcoming back old friends as well as entertaining some new cruise visitors for the first time. Ian McQuade, General Manager (Commercial) of Portland Port, said: "2013 will be a busy and exciting time for Portland Port. Not only are we going to see return visits from Phoenix Reisen, Saga, Crystal Cruises, Oceania, Sea Cloud and Royal Caribbean Cruises, but we will also be welcoming inaugural calls from Hapag-Lloyd, Voyages of Discovery and Transocean. Number 1 German cruise line Aida Cruises will also be visiting Portland for the first time with 4 calls this year."



As always there will be a warm welcome provided by the Portland Town Crier as the passengers arrive into the port. Guests calling on German ships are also welcomed by local German speaking volunteers to ensure that they can make the most from their visit. Once in Portland cruise guests have the option of going on one of the many planned excursion trips, whether it's a visit to Stonehenge, Corfe Castle or Abbotsbury Swannery to name but a few. Alternatively they can explore Weymouth and Portland at their own leisure, using one of the courtesy shuttle buses provided by the port. Ian McQuade said: "Many passengers like to explore the area with a tour guide, so they book an excursion on board ship. However some like to use their time in port to venture off by themselves, hence the reason why we provide them with courtesy shuttle buses."



Every year, Portland Port likes to give passengers something to remember them by, so as the ship prepares to set sail, entertainment is provided in the form of local entertainers. The variety is exceptional, from the Weymouth Concert Brass Band, local music bands and choirs or the Portland Sea Cadets. Passengers are treated to some delightful music and marching along the quayside, and as a final goodbye, they are given a very loud salute from the canon of the Nothe Fort Artillery.

Ian added: "We are very much looking forward to 2013. The whole area has much to offer the cruise passenger, and cruise companies are ultimately recognising the port as an excellent location for many of their cruise itineraries. 2013 will be a fun and exciting time for the area and 2014 is already shaping up to be better still."





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## Cargo Facilities

With direct and easy access to the main English Channel Shipping Lanes Portland offers an easy in and easy out option for Cargo. We have little congestion and a range of berths suitable for almost any dry cargo. Our on site Stevedore provides a flexible and reliable service and has experience in all types of cargo. Portland Port has Warehousing available as well as land for self build or design and lease.

For any cargo related enquiries please contact Mr Lee Davis, Business Development Manager at [l.davis@portland-port.co.uk](mailto:l.davis@portland-port.co.uk) or telephone (0)1305 825370.



## Development

Portland Port occupies some 100 hectares of land along the coast stretching from Castletown in the north down to Grove Point in the south. Within those 100 hectares the port have a number of development sites available ranging from 1000 to 50,000 Square metres.

Please contact either Ian McQuade or Lee Davis to discuss your requirements. Mr Lee Davis, Business Development Manager at [l.davis@portland-port.co.uk](mailto:l.davis@portland-port.co.uk) or telephone (0)1305 825370.

Mr Ian McQuade, General Manager (Commercial) at [i.mcquade@portland-port.co.uk](mailto:i.mcquade@portland-port.co.uk) or telephone (0)1305 825370.



## Portland Harbour Authority Working with Hutton's

Hutton's is the UK's leading supplier to the Marine Industry. Portland Harbour Authority is now working in conjunction with Hutton's to provide a 'One Stop Shop' for all your vessel needs.

The sheltered protected harbour allows you to conduct a wide range of services. Why not combine your Hutton's transfer with the many services available at Portland such as:

- Bunkers, HFO, LSHFO & MGO
- Underwater services & repairs
- Long or short lay up
- Class surveys
- Stores/crew transfers/fresh water
- Marpol waste reception
- Adjacent to English Channel Shipping lanes
- Short & direct pilotage
- Clear, deep, & sheltered waters
- 17 designated anchorages
- Berthing for vessels over 250m



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## Vessel Services

If you are looking for a well-situated stop along the south coast where you can carry out quick crew change or essential in-water maintenance then Portland Port really is the answer. Located a short distance and requiring minimal deviation from the main English Channel maritime trade routes, Portland offers clear, sheltered and deep water for vessels.

Plus Portland's Inner Anchorage is an approved site by all major Classification Societies to carry out In Water Surveys and also provides ideal conditions for underwater hull cleaning, propeller polishing and repairs.

Portland has the 'One Stop Shop' discounted tariff, designed with the ship owner/operator in mind, offering a cost effective solution for calls up to 24hrs at anchor.

For more information on the services available please visit [www.portland-port.co.uk/shipping/Underwater-Services](http://www.portland-port.co.uk/shipping/Underwater-Services)

**Heavily discounted ONE-STOP-SHOP tariff rates**

**Boat transfers only £470**

(Can be booked directly with the Harbour Authority)

## Survey Vessels

Portland is a convenient turnaround port for survey vessels. The port has recently experienced a great increase in enquiries for survey vessels to call at the port.

Although many survey companies are based in Aberdeen, Portland has been sighted as an ideal turnaround port based on the South Coast of the UK, and saves vessels an approximate sailing time to Aberdeen of 48 hours plus.

### Why choose Portland...?

- Minimal Deviation from the main the English Channel Shipping Lanes.
- Deep sheltered water.
- No vessel beam, lock or air draft restrictions.
- Bunkers/stores/crew transfers & fresh water.
- Covered storage & vast quay space available.
- 24 hour port security.
- Mobilisation & Demobilisation. (Stevedore services available.)
- Fully permitted development plans



For more information and a direct quotation please contact [sales@portland-port.co.uk](mailto:sales@portland-port.co.uk) or call +44(0)1305 825340.



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## Repairs & Refits

Voyages of Discovery's 'MV Voyager' recently visited Portland to undertake her final stage of refurbishment. The vessel stayed alongside Queens Pier for a month long refurbishment with international contracting company, Mivan, before her maiden voyage to the Caribbean on the 4<sup>th</sup> December. Key new additions to MV Voyager included the introduction of an explorer theme to the whole ship, the new Scott's Lounge and specialty restaurant, the Explorer Club.

Currently berthed on Queens's pier for 45 days refit by Tyne and Wear based 'UK Docks' is the 'Sir Tristram'. Sir Tristram once saw service in the Falklands War in 1982 but now is used as a military training vessel, permanently anchored in Portland's inner harbour. The general cargo vessel 'Rio Negro' has also recently visited Portland Port to undertake crane repairs using Southampton based marine engineering firm Testbank. The Port has also been working closely with the owners and operators of the cruise ship 'Discovery'. The vessel recently called at Portland Port in order to rectify on-board technical issues. Portland Port was ideal for the Discovery to use in this last-minute call due to the ports flexibility and available resources, such as the Britannia Passenger Terminal and security equipment.



Sir Tristram



The Voyager



The Discovery

## Portland Port – The Ideal Location



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## UMC International

### Waterborne Maintenance – Capturing the benefits of reduced dock dependency

UMC specialises in the provision of engineering support afloat allowing naval and merchant ships to significantly reduce the traditional reliance on dry-docking.

This is achieved by providing proven and affordable solutions for waterborne maintenance and defect rectification for the underwater hull; fittings and through-hull penetrations. Applied correctly, these activities reduce down time for repairs and maintenance and enhance the options for maintaining performance and efficiency. The reduction in dock dependency allows the ship operator to retain control of his vessel to suit his commercial needs.

Paul Summers; UMC General Manager - Business Development stated; "Since its formation in 1972; UMC has built a global reputation for developing and implementing waterborne engineering solutions. Support is tailored to each customer's needs and may involve any combination of design; consultancy; project management; operational maintenance; technology transfer; training and the provision of specialist tooling and equipment. UMC work closely with a number of major Original Equipment manufacturers (OEM's) to deliver an affordable alternative to dry dock repairs which may typically involve stern seal repairs; bow thruster removal and installation or hydrodynamic repairs to damaged propellers and Portland Inner Anchorage affords the preferred location throughout main land Europe with its clear underwater visibility; benign tidal conditions and protection from inclement weather to conduct these type of high end engineering repairs on time."

UMC also work closely with major cruise ship operators and offer the facility to provide Class Approved In water Surveys in the clear waters of Portland Inner Anchorage without disruption to the vessels schedule during their Port call. Not all work is high end repair technology and UMC also provide underwater hull cleaning; propeller polishing and inspections as part of the core business to customers.

UMC is more than just a diving company and can call upon the supporting capabilities provided by the V.Ships Group with its maritime expertise and global reach; the services of UMC's sister companies provide a diverse range and invaluable pool of readily available in-house support including repair / electrical services; crewing; logistics; training for sea farers and insurance.

