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COMMENCEMENT OF THE CRUISE BERTH EXTENSION

The 2016 cruise season is nearly at an end for Portland Port, however we are already eagerly anticipating the start of the 2017 season.

The reason for our excitement is the imminent start of building works for the long awaited OCP berth extension.

The seabed surveys have been completed and the works are scheduled to begin in October.

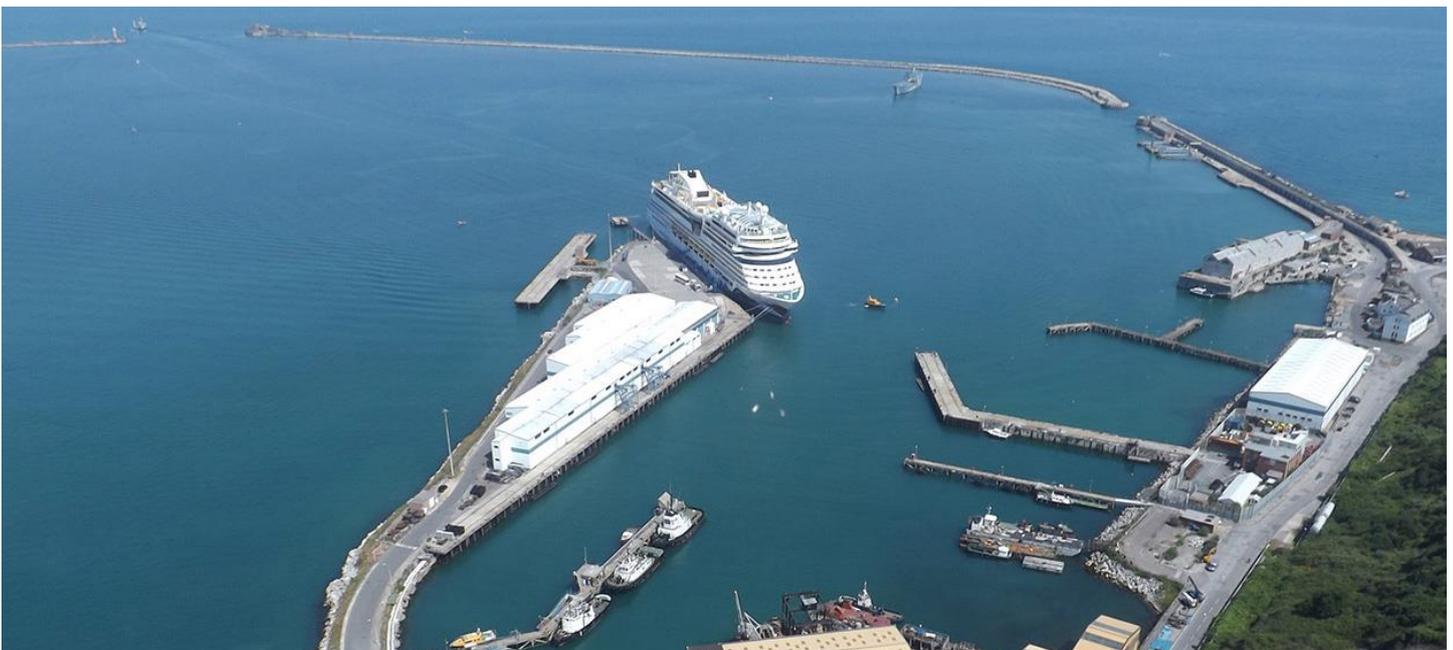
Portland is one of just three ports on the south coast of the UK that can already handle vessels up to 300m LOA alongside. The new facility will further strengthen the ports position by increasing this capability to berth vessels in excess of 340m LOA alongside.

The extension will boast a new suite of mooring bollards, high capacity pneumatic floating fenders and a minimum water depth of 9.6m CD.

Ian McQuade, General Manager – Commercial, at Portland Port commented “We are lucky to have minimum water depths of 9.6m on our main cruise berth, now with the berth extension we will be able handle ships in excess of 340m LOA, putting us in a very unique group of ports along the English Channel. When we add this to our proximity to the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Stonehenge, Bath and the Jurassic Coast, along with easy access to the many attractions of the beautiful English countryside, we feel we will be very well positioned to continue to serve an ever increasing range of cruise line customers”.

The cruise berth extension and the forthcoming arrival of cruise line flagships Mein Schiff 5 and Koningsdam are good indicators for the future of Portland Port and its cruise programme.

As the cruise ships sailing the world continue to grow in size, the new cruise berth will allow Portland to accommodate some of the biggest cruise ships in operation.



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