

START**DISNEY CRUISE LINE ANNOUNCE FIRST CALL TO PORTLAND PORT UK**

Disney Cruise Lines have recently announced that they are to visit Portland in the 2017 cruise season. The anticipated arrival of the Disney Magic next year is news that demonstrates the progress Portland Port continues to make in the cruise industry.

The Disney Magic, at over 300m long and accommodating in excess of 2,800 passengers, will be the biggest cruise ship to ever visit Portland. She is scheduled to call into Portland during May 2017 in what is expected to be another record breaking year for the port. Since the cruise lines launch in 1998, Disney Cruise Line has established itself as a leader in the cruise industry, providing a setting where families can reconnect, adults can recharge and children can experience all Disney has to offer. Ian McQuade, General Manager – Commercial at Portland Port said “this is a major coup for Portland Port. Securing a call from such a globally renowned and world recognised brand really is great recognition of all the hard work put in by the port to establish itself as a destination of choice for the cruise industry”.

Due to the nature of Disney’s customers and the size of the vessels in the Disney Cruise Line fleet, Mr. McQuade is optimistic that this cruise call could be the beginning of a long relationship between the port and Disney. “The Disney Magic will be the first cruise ship of over 300m in length to call at Portland Port and we do not expect her to be the last. The recently announced cruise berth extension will allow us to handle ships in excess of 340m long alongside and with more and more cruise ships over 300m long being delivered to the global fleet we anticipate this to be the first of many.”

Portland and its surrounding areas is already a popular destination both nationally and across the cruise industry offering a wide range of attractions to cater for all tastes.

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Photo 1: Portland Port UK

If you have any further requests for photos, videos or other information, please visit the dedicated media site – www.dclnews.com. Please create your own login To register you will need a passphrase: “Disney” and Passkey: “Magic”. This website also has a range of DCL contact details, if media want to contact Disney directly.

Notes to Editors:

For more information or images please contact a member of the commercial team at Portland Port on 01305 824044 or email sales@portland-port.co.uk

Previously a naval dockyard for over 150 years, Portland Harbour is now a thriving and successful commercial facility. It still maintains a close relationship with the past through its ongoing contract to support the RFA, as well as being home to the activities of Global Marine and Portland Bunkers UK. It has almost 2,500 hectares of water at depths of up to 15m (C.D.); and provides vessel services from long term lay-ups to brief maintenance calls, luxury cruise liner docking facilities to industrial cargo shipments.

The tariff and general Portland Harbour Authority information can be viewed at <http://www.portland-port.co.uk/>

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Portland Port has over 2,000 metres of alongside berths and 11.6 metres (C.D.) depth of water at the deepest alongside berth.

Berthing for vessels up to 300 metres (subject to Harbour Master's approval).

11 designated anchorages are within the 1,015 hectare inner harbour. Six designated anchorages are within the 1,436 hectare Outer Harbour.

A width of 210 metres and depth of over 12.6 metres (C.D.) at the entrance of the harbour mean that there are few vessel beam, lock, or air draft restriction.

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