

FLEETPRO'S SISTER CRUISE VESSELS UNDERGO REFIT AT PORTLAND PORT

Portland Port was selected over competitor European ports to support Miami based passenger ship management company FleetPro in providing suitable lay-up berths for two of its passenger ships. FleetPro manages and operates a fleet of over 60 ocean and river cruise ships under a combination of nautical, technical, hotel and catering management services. These services include everything from planning, financing, and supervising new ship constructions and refurbishments, to handling port services, vessel sales and chartering activities.

The Ocean Atlantic was the first to arrive at Portland. At 139.5m LOA and GRT 12,798, she has a lower berth capacity of 460 passengers and 300 crew. Sister ship, Ocean Endeavour, arrived shortly after and was positioned alongside the berth with the Atlantic doubled banked against her. The Endeavour was the first to undergo refit work, whilst at the same time acting as a base for the crews manning both ships. The refit is now nearing completion with the Endeavour expected to leave some time towards the end of April.

Both vessels are being accommodated on 'Queen's Pier' which has multiple deep water berths with depths ranging from 7.6m to 8.8m, ideal for long or short term lay-ups and major refit projects. Ian McQuade, General Manager - Commercial, who met with FleetPro in Miami last year, said:

"FleetPro chose Portland due to our competitive rates alongside in addition to our deep, clear and well facilitated berths. Our aim is for continued growth in this sector as I believe we can offer a cost effective solution for ship owners."

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Notes to Editors:

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 International. 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 cruise schedule for 2015 can be seen and downloaded here:

<http://www.portland-port.co.uk/cruise/cruise-calendar>

Press Releases can be found at:

www.portland-port.co.uk/press-room

FleetPro website:

www.fleetpro-psm.com

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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