

STARTS**PORTLAND PORT SCOOPS UP ANOTHER AWARD AT CRUISE SHIPPING MIAMI**

Portland Port is delighted to announce that it has won Cruise Insight's 'Most Responsive Port' award this year at the Cruise Shipping Exhibition in Miami.

The Port's Commercial General Manager, Ian McQuade, picked up the award for 'Most Responsive Port' at the exhibition in which the port has previously won the 'Most Improved Destination' in 2012. Award winners are selected from the result of feedback questionnaires issued to cruise lines around the world. Cruise Insight is a leading publication within the cruise industry and winning this award highlights the pro-active approach that Portland Port undertakes when developing its cruise programme.

Portland Port is the only UK port this year to receive 1 of the 27 awards on offer. The popular cruise destination, surrounded by the UNESCO World Heritage Site - The Jurassic Coast, has won 2 awards over the last 3 years, which is testament to the well publicised growth of the port's cruise programme. Portland Port is now recognised as the leading day call cruise destination on the South Coast of the UK. Ian McQuade commented:

"Winning the award for the "Most Responsive Port" in the Cruise Insight Magazine 2014 Port and Destination Awards is a major coup for Portland Port and recognises the effort put in by everyone involved at the port to ensure that all cruise calls run smoothly. The fact that the recognition comes from the cruise lines themselves makes the award even more special".

Portland Port is expecting to break more records this year with the predicted number of passengers arriving in port set to be 5% higher than the record breaking year of 2014. With over 26,000 passengers visiting this year and more inaugural cruise calls, including Norwegian Cruise Line's vessel the 'Norwegian Star', this summer is set to be another exciting season at Portland Port.

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Photo – Ian McQuade, General Manager – Commercial, receiving the award of 'Most Responsive Port' from Cruise Insight magazine.

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>

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.