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Port of Sydney announces draft cruise schedule for 2022 Season
Cruise returns May 1st, 2022

Sydney, NS- Following a 2 year pause of cruise, The Port of Sydney is excited to welcome cruise ships back to Cape Breton Island in 2022. Our preliminary cruise schedule indicates our 2022 season will host over 90 vessels scheduled to visit Sydney between May and November.

“Despite no cruise ships for 2 years, The Port of Sydney has been preparing for cruise resumption with industry stakeholders across our region focusing on the health and safety of our passengers and community. The Port of Sydney recognizes the importance of cruise to Cape Breton Island’s tourism industry and economy as it supports small business, entrepreneurs, transportation, restaurants, just to name a few,” states Marlene Usher, CEO, Port of Sydney Development Corporation.

The fall season has historically been the busiest cruise months and this season reveals 70% of ships visiting between September 1 and November 4. The 2022 cruise season will see the long-awaited use of the second berth to host a cruise vessel. This addition will allow for 2 cruise ships of up to 360m to be docked at the same time.

Season Highlights:

- 93 Ships
- 18 Cruise lines
- May 23rd- First Cruise ship at Liberty Pier
- 18 multiple Ship Days
- 186,830 Passengers and 79,851 Crew (at full capacity)

While the draft schedule reveals over 186,000 passengers at full capacity, Usher explains it would be optimistic to assume ships at full capacity following the 2-year hiatus and does not anticipate hitting the 186,000 passenger count this season. In addition to the number of calls in Sydney, Louisbourg will be a bustling niche port expecting 10 calls this season beginning in late April. In 2019, The Port of Sydney saw a record cruise season with over \$60 million in economic impact for Cape Breton Island.

For the most up-to-date cruise schedule please visit www.sydneyport.ca

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