



Victoria Celebrates Maiden Voyages Past and Present

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Norwegian Cruise Lines vessel, the Oosterdam arrives in Victoria on Tuesday kicking off another cruise season for Victoria. The season holds much promise for tourism in Victoria while although there are fewer vessels scheduled, the passenger counts are similar to the record breaking season in 2006. The higher passenger volumes are possible due to the larger vessels being positioned for the Alaska marketplace and the commitment of the cruise industry to the Pacific Northwest is evidenced by the arrival of three new ships to Victoria. The MS Norwegian Pearl, the MV Golden Princess and the MS Noordam, all launched within the past six years will be making maiden calls to Ogden Point in May. Last Saturday Victoria enjoyed the arrival of another vessel, the RMS Titanic. Although the Titanic was a majesty in her time and passenger accommodations have been greatly improved, the vessel comparisons are interesting.

| | RMS Titanic | MS Norwegian Pearl | MV Golden Princess | MS Noordam |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Owner | White Star Line | Norwegian Cruise Lines | Princess Cruise Lines | Holland America Line |
| Gross Tonnage | 46,328 tons | 91,740 | 109,000 | 82,500 |
| Dimensions | 882' 9" | 965' | 935' | 935' |
| Service speed | 21 knots | 25 knots | 22.5 knots | 24 knots |
| Launch date | May 31, 1911 | December, 2006 | May 5, 2001 | February 22, 2006 |
| Passengers | 2566 | 2376 | 2600 | 1918 |
| Crew | 892 | 1000 | 1100 | 800 |
| Maiden Voyage to Victoria | April 14, 2007 | May 10, 2007 | May 11, 2007 | May 19, 2007 |

A full 2007 cruise ship schedule is available online at www.victoriaharbour.org. The schedule is subject to change.

Information on the new vessels arriving in Victoria is available at:
 MS Norwegian Pearl <http://www.ncl.com/nclweb/fleet/landingPage.html>
 MV Golden Princess <http://www.princess.com/ships/np/index.html>
 MS Noordam <http://www.hollandamerica.com/cruiseships/Noordam>
 Titanic Exhibit <http://www.royalbcmuseum.bc.ca/MainSite/default.aspx>

The Greater Victoria Harbour Authority (GVHA) was incorporated as a not-for-profit society in February 2002, and began operating its four port facilities (Wharf Street, Ship Point/ Government Street, Fisherman's Wharf and Ogden Point) divested from Transport Canada in the spring and summer of 2002. The GVHA's Board is comprised of Directors representing the Authority's Member governments and organizations (Esquimalt Nation, Songhees Nation, Provincial Capital Commission, City of Victoria, Township of Esquimalt, the Victoria/Esquimalt Harbour Society, Tourism Victoria, the Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce, and the Capital Regional District), and four Community Directors.

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