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NOTICE TO INDUSTRY

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Subject: Wind limitations for Very Large Cruise Ships berthing in Victoria, BC

Geographic Area: BC Coast, Port of Victoria

Details: Due to the increasing size of the cruise ships calling on the west coast of Canada, the pilots and industry conducted a number of risk assessments and simulations. The risk assessments identified an increased risk for very large cruise ships under certain wind conditions when arriving in Victoria.

Guideline:

For cruise ships with an overall length of 330 metres or more and sustained wind speeds of 25 knots or more:

- Berthing at Ogden Point South A will be suspended for both podded and conventional propulsion vessels until the wind speed decreases.
- Berthing at all other Ogden Point berths will be discontinued only for conventional propulsion vessels.

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CEO

If there are any queries, concerns or a wish to further discuss these issues please feel free to contact me at marineops@ppa.gc.ca or by telephone at 604-666-6771.