

ARUBA PORTS AUTHORITY GETS READY FOR THE PORT OF ORANJESTAD DEVELOPMENT

A brainstorming session was held on June 18th involving all APA Managers, in preparation for the port authority's next big step, the development of the Port of Oranjestad.

During the very productive morning at Surfside Marina Mr. H. W. (Toy) Balentin, Project Manager of the Barcadera Multi Cargo Sea Terminal Project presented an overview of all the work that is currently being completed at the new container/cargo terminal. He brought forth various aspects of the construction and confirmed that this far they were well on track to wrap up the work in mid-2015 as planned. The entire project, which includes aspects pertaining to ASTEC (Aruba Stevedoring Company), will be completed at the end of next year.

The main goal of the gathering was to form a "think tank" of persons within the organization that possess



both the education and the experience in all aspects related to the port business. The group held a very open discussion on various strategies that could be implemented to reach a development that was beneficial for the company as well as its surrounding community and the island in general.

The final plans will naturally go hand in hand with international IMO standards and according to security and safety aspects of all ships and their visitors disembarking or embarking at our ports.

It is the intention of the port to review the numerous studies conducted in the past as well as the results of the most recent survey conducted by the port and the University of Aruba, and continue dialogue with local stakeholders to form a solid base of information which can be used for further planning of the area.

The Port of Oranjestad is the heartbeat of our capital and as such the project needs to continue to support this notion.





FAMILY DAY 2014

Aruba Ports Authority held its annual family day celebration at De Palm Island this year. We had a record attendance and all those present got to share the excitement of the FIFA-world cup games with their colleagues while the littlest ones took joy in the wet-n-fun waterpark.

MAY 2014 WITH STELLAR PERFORMANCE

Aruba Ports Authority welcomed 526,812 cruise passengers during the 2013-2014 cruise season (October-April), a healthy overall performance. In May 2014 the port welcomed 34,780 cruise passengers. According to the port's Managing Director, Jossy Figaroa, this has been a stellar performance. "Never before have we reached this volume of passengers during what is considered a "low-season" month. We beat our May 2006 record by nearly 10%. As more and more families take to cruising, the summer months have become a peak-demand period, regardless of the weather in our main source market, the US.

The port authority is satisfied with the overall performance. Being a Southern Caribbean port comes with the disadvantage of being

outside of the main cruising route, hence costing cruise lines more to visit than traditional ports. Aruba is a strong tourism product and is well liked by visitors. We believe that with the revamping of our downtown area and the redevelopment of our cruise port facilities we will remain strong and resilient to the changes in the industry.

According to Figaroa, Carnival Corp.'s Princess deployment to other parts of the world, after calling Aruba for many years, will influence the 2014-2015 cruise numbers. Yet, the port projects a stronger performance during the off-season months, with increased calls from the Carnival brand.

OUR PORT IN NUMBERS

CARGO

ARUBA PORTS AUTHORITY	CARGO				
	Change	2014	2013	2012	2011
	TOTAL TEUs				
May	-10.0%	2,276	2,528	2,225	2,234
Year-to-Date	-4.6%	13,559	14,216	12,518	12,885

CRUISE

ARUBA PORTS AUTHORITY	CRUISE TRAFFIC															
	Change	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	Change	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008
	PASSENGERS								CRUISE SHIP ARRIVALS							
May	-2.0%	19,815	20,226	8,406	8,997	11,474	12,305	7,084	-41.7%	7	12	3	6	7	6	2
Year-to-Date	-9.1%	372,218	409,381	360,201	377,857	341,237	368,515	348,771	-13.0%	181	208	176	210	188	185	195

CRUISE SHIP SCHEDULE AUGUST 2014

MON 04 **MONARCH**
06.30 - 19.00

WED 06 **FREEWINDS**
06.15 - 23.00 (SAT 09)

WED 06 **JEWEL OF THE SEAS**
07.00 - 23.00

THU 07 **CARNIVAL BREEZE**
07.00 - 16.00

MON 11 **MONARCH**
06.30 - 19.00

TUE 12 **CARNIVAL LIBERTY**
12.00 - 22.00

WED 13 **FREEWINDS**
06.15 - 23.00 (SAT 18)

MON 18 **MONARCH**
06.30 - 19.00

WED 20 **FREEWINDS**
06.15 - 23.00 (SAT 23)

THU 21 **CARNIVAL FREEDOM**
7.00 - 16.00

MON 25 **MONARCH**
06.30 - 19.00

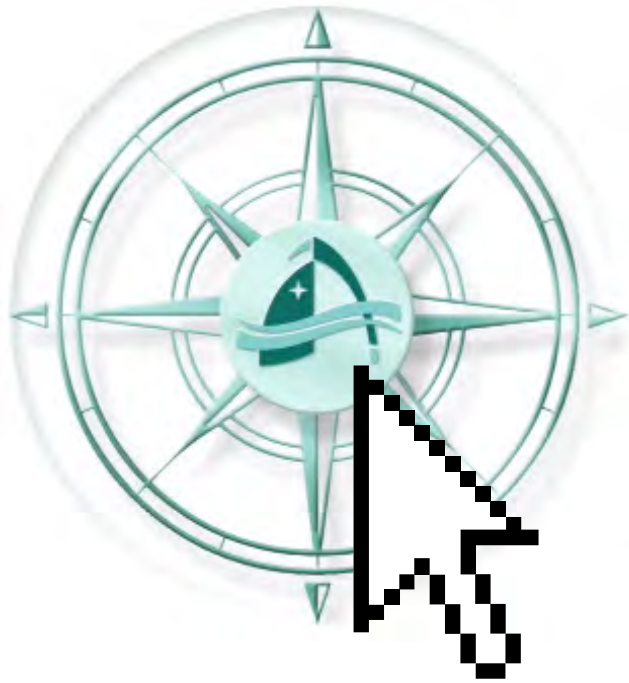
TUE 26 **CARNIVAL SUNSHINE**
12.00 - 22.00

WED 27 **FREEWINDS**
06.15 - 23.00 (SAT 30)

WED 27 **JEWEL OF THE SEAS**
07.00 - 23.00

Please be advised that the Cruise Ship Schedule is strictly provisional and is subject to change without prior notice





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August 2014 schedule:

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