

WBAL.COM

Cruising Out Of Baltimore Sets New Record

Wednesday, January 12, 2011

John Patti

The Maryland Port Administration says that the Port of Baltimore has surpassed its record for most cruise passengers handled in one calendar year.

Last year more than 210,500 people sailed on 91 cruises from the Cruise Maryland Terminal in Baltimore. That exceeds by more than 25% 2009's record of about 167,200 passengers on 81 cruises.

The Maryland Port Administration says the total economic cruise value to the state in 2010 was about 90 million dollars, an increase of about 10 million dollars from 2009.

Port officials also say that about 200 direct jobs were generated by cruise activity in Maryland last year.

There are 112 cruises scheduled to set sail out of the Port of Baltimore in 2011.

BALTIMORE SUN

Port of Baltimore sets record for cruise passengers in 2010

By Michelle Deal-Zimmerman

2:32 PM EST, January 12, 2011

The Port of Baltimore announced Wednesday that it set a new record for cruise passengers in 2010, its second year of offering year-round cruises. Last year, 210,549 people sailed on 91 cruises from the Cruise Maryland Terminal during the calendar year. That number surpasses the record set in 2009 of 167,235 passengers on 81 cruises.

The new record represents about a 25 percent increase in passengers. (Keeping in mind there were an additional 10 cruises.) Still, it's good news for Maryland. The cruises generated about \$90 million for the state's economy in 2010, an increase of about \$10 million from the previous year, according to the Maryland Port Administration.

"Baltimore continues to make waves as one of the top cruise ports in the U.S.," said Governor Martin O'Malley. "The city's geographic location, entertainment options, and the cruise terminal's easy access right off Interstate 95 continue to attract passengers in record numbers. The Port of Baltimore's cruise business also pumps millions of dollars and generates hundreds of jobs for our state's economy."

Baltimore's main attraction as a port is that it's within driving distance for a lot of travelers. The port ranks 6th on the East Coast and 14th nationally for cruise passengers.

In 2011, the Port of Baltimore will offer 112 cruises on Carnival Pride and Enchantment of the Seas. Both ships offer cruises to Bahamas, Bermuda and the Caribbean. The Celebrity Mercury sails its final cruises from Baltimore in February. The ship will not return next winter season.

Law enforcement officials recently confiscated nearly \$100,000 in heroin and cocaine found stuffed in a locker aboard Royal Caribbean's Enchantment of the Seas ship docked in Baltimore. Three of its employees were arrested last year on charges related to drug trafficking.

MARYLAND DAILY RECORD

Port of Baltimore does record cruise business in 2010

Posted: 3:53 pm Wed, January 12, 2011

By Rachel Bernstein

Daily Record Business Writer

The Port of Baltimore has again posted record numbers for cruise passengers coming through the city in one year.

Last year, 210,549 people sailed on 91 cruises from the Cruise Maryland Terminal, the Maryland Port Administration said Wednesday.

That number beats 2009's record of 167,235 passengers — good for a 25 percent increase — on 81 cruises.

"Cruises are a big success story for us at the port," said Richard Powers, director of marketing for the MPA. "We'll break a new record for passengers in 2011. It will certainly be higher with ships here sailing above 100 percent capacity."

Cruising from the Port of Baltimore brought in \$90 million last year, about \$10 million more than in 2009. More than 200 jobs were created directly from cruise business.

This year, the port will have 112 cruises. The Carnival Pride and Royal Caribbean's Enchantment of the Seas liners operate year-round. The cruise lines offer trips to the Bahamas, Bermuda, the Caribbean, New England and Canada.

Maryland ranks sixth on the East Coast and 14th in the country for cruise passengers, according to the MPA.

DELMARVANOW.COM

MARYLAND: Port of Baltimore breaks cruise passenger record

ASSOCIATED PRESS • January 13, 2011

BALTIMORE — Officials say the Port of Baltimore has set a new record for cruise passengers.

The Maryland Port Administration said Wednesday that about 210,550 people sailed on 91 cruises from the Cruise Maryland Terminal last year. That's about a 25 percent jump from the year before, when a record 167,235 passengers sailed on 81 cruises.

Richard Powers, director of marketing for the port administration, says he believes the port will break a new record for passengers again this year. This year the port will have 112 cruises.

The port administration says the cruises brought in \$90 million last year, about \$10 million more than in 2009.

WJZ TV CHANNEL 13

Port Of Baltimore Breaks Cruise Passenger Record

January 13, 2011 8:38 AM

BALTIMORE (AP) — Officials say the Port of Baltimore has set a new record for cruise passengers.

The Maryland Port Administration said Wednesday that about 210,550 people sailed on 91 cruises from the Cruise Maryland Terminal last year. That's about a 25 percent jump from the year before, when a record 167,235 passengers sailed on 81 cruises.

Richard Powers, director of marketing for the port administration, says he believes the port will break a new record for passengers again this year. This year the port will have 112 cruises.

The port administration says the cruises brought in \$90 million last year, about \$10 million more than in 2009.

WMAR 2

BALTIMORE, Md - Officials say the Port of Baltimore has set a new record for cruise passengers.

The Maryland Port Administration said Wednesday that about 210,550 people sailed on 91 cruises from the Cruise Maryland Terminal last year.

That's about a 25 percent jump from the year before, when a record 167,235 passengers sailed on 81 cruises.

Richard Powers, director of marketing for the port administration, says he believes the port will break a new record for passengers again this year.

This year the port will have 112 cruises.

The port administration says the cruises brought in \$90 million last year, about \$10 million more than in 2009.

Baltimore Business Journal

Port of Baltimore sets cruise passenger record in 2010

The Port of Baltimore has beaten its record for cruise passengers for a second year in a row, sailing more than 210,000 people on tropical vacations.

Those passengers were on 91 cruises, up from 167,000 passengers on 81 cruises in 2009. 2010 was the port's second year of offering year-round cruises.

State officials estimate the increase means \$10 million more in economic impact from the cruise industry in Baltimore, bringing about \$90 million in spending activity and 200 jobs.

The port is anticipating another record in 2011, with 112 cruises scheduled. That includes year-round schedules from Carnival and Royal Caribbean.

Baltimore ranks sixth on the East Coast and 14th nationally for its cruise passengers, according to the **Maryland Port Administration**.

Port officials have said the recession has helped contribute to a rise in cruise vacations as a cheaper alternative to other trips. They also credit the cruise terminal's direct access to Interstate 95 in South Baltimore.

ETHIOPIAN REVIEW

Port of Baltimore sets new cruise passenger record

January 12th, 2011 at 12:18 pm |

The Port of Baltimore announced today that it set a new record for cruise passengers in 2010, its second year of offering year-round cruises from Carnival and Royal Caribbean cruise lines. Last year, 210,549 people sailed on 91 cruises from the Cruise Maryland Terminal during the calendar year. That number surpasses the record set in 2009 of 167,235 passengers on 81 cruises.

The new record represents about a 25% increase in passengers. (Keeping in mind there were an additional 10 cruises.) Still, it's good news for Maryland. The cruises generated about \$90 million for the state's economy in 2010, an increase of about \$10 million from the previous year, according to the Maryland Port Administration.

"Baltimore continues to make waves as one of the top cruise ports in the U.S.," said Governor Martin O'Malley. "The city's geographic location, entertainment options, and the cruise terminal's easy access right off

Interstate 95 continue to attract passengers in record numbers. The Port of Baltimore's cruise business also pumps millions of dollars and generates hundreds of jobs for our state's economy."

Which is all the more reason that Baltimore can't afford to suffer from any image problems related to the cruise industry. For example, um, drug smuggling. Royal Caribbean's Enchantment of the Seas ship was recently found to have nearly \$100,000 in heroin and cocaine stuffed in a locker. Three of its employees were arrested last year on charges related to drug trafficking. Obviously, Baltimore is not the only port where this may be a problem, but we already suffer enough from sometimes poor perception.

In 2011, the Port of Baltimore will offer 112 cruises on Carnival Pride and Enchantment of the Seas. Both ships offer cruises to Bahamas, Bermuda and the Caribbean. The Celebrity Mercury sails its final cruises from Baltimore in February. The ship will not return next winter season.

Baltimore's main attraction as a port is that it's within driving distance for a lot of travelers. The port ranks 6th on the East Coast and 14th nationally for cruise passengers.