

NEWS RELEASE

Seaspan Vancouver Drydock commences refit work on the MS Regatta

Seaspan Vancouver Drydock embarks on a large cruise ship refit project driving approximately \$10 million worth of direct and indirect benefits to the local community

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North Vancouver, BC – Seaspan Shipyards (Seaspan) is docking the MS Regatta, a 680-passenger flagship of the Oceania Cruises company, for a large refit at Seaspan Vancouver Drydock in Lower Lonsdale in North Vancouver on September 6, 2019.

Work on the project is expected to continue through to September 21, or 16 days. During this time the 30,000-tonne ship will have its hull stripped and recoated along with updates to the propulsion system and rudder. New furnishings, carpets, TV systems and other upgrades will be installed inside the ship.

This is the busiest period of the year for Seaspan Vancouver Drydock and this project alone will require over 2,000 contractors, cruise ship specialists and drydock employees to complete the refit. It's anticipated that this work will bring approximately \$10 million to the local economy through payroll, hiring of local suppliers and businesses, and spending by many workers.

For this project, Seaspan is employing new robotic ultra-high-pressure sprayers on the hull, which are quieter than traditional methods. This is just one of the many ways that Seaspan Shipyards is demonstrating its commitment to continuing to be a good neighbour while providing benefits to the local economy and adding to the vibrant and diverse Shipyards waterfront community.

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“A project of this size and complexity is challenging. It takes teamwork, and our team is very excited about it. And this project alone is driving close to \$10 million worth of benefits, indirectly and directly to employees, local suppliers and businesses, which is great news for the local community.”

-Paul Hebson, Vice President & General Manager, Seaspan Vancouver Drydock

QUICK FACTS

- Seaspan operates three yards with a combined workforce greater than 2,300 people across its yards in North Vancouver & Victoria.
- The MS Regatta cruise ship will be docked from September 6-21 to undergo interior and exterior refit work.
- A companion ship, the Grand Classica, arrived on September 4 and will depart September 22.
- Seaspan Vancouver Drydock is inviting those that may have any questions about this project to please contact: 604-990-5015

- For questions about work performed on port lands, please contact the Port of Vancouver's Community Feedback Line at 604-665-9004 or community.feedback@portvancouver.com

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With operations in North Vancouver and Victoria, Seaspan Shipyards is a leader in Canada's shipbuilding and ship repair industry. With modern facilities and a dedicated workforce, the company has proven itself to be a reliable partner on a range of complex projects for both government and the private sector.

Seaspan Shipyards is proud to be Canada's chosen non-combat shipbuilder under the National Shipbuilding Strategy (NSS). In this capacity, the company is building state-of-the-art ships in Canada for the Canadian Coast Guard and Royal Canadian Navy. Through its NSS-related work, Seaspan Shipyards is creating jobs, generating economic benefits and rebuilding Canada's shipbuilding and marine industries.

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