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Corner Brook Port to Welcome two Cruise Ships in July

CORNER BROOK – Corner Brook Port Corporation will welcome two cruise ships to Corner Brook in July. The M/S Veendam, from Holland America Line, will make its inaugural call to Corner Brook on Tuesday, July 15. On Wednesday, July 23, the cruise ship Astor, chartered by Cruise & Maritime Voyages, will visit.

The Holland America ship Veendam, which has a capacity of 1,350 passengers and 580 crew, is scheduled to visit Corner Brook next Tuesday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The vessel is sailing on a 17 day *Voyages of the Vikings* itinerary which will depart from Boston on July 12. Following its visit to Corner Brook, the Veendam will visit Red Bay and Cartwright, Labrador as well as several ports in Greenland and Iceland before sailing to Europe. The voyage will conclude in Amsterdam on July 29.

While this is the Veendam's inaugural visit to the City, several ships from Holland America Line have called in the past including the M/S Maasdam in 2012 and 2010 and the M/S Rotterdam, which last called in 2010. The Veendam, sister ship of the Maasdam, was dedicated in 1996 and had an extensive re-fit in 2009. Some of the unique features of the ship include a \$2 Million onboard art collection and wide decks made of teak.

The Astor made its inaugural visit to Corner Brook in August 2013. This season, the ship is calling Corner Brook as part of a 19 Day *Jazz Sounds and Ocean Waves* itinerary from Montreal, Canada to Hamburg, Germany. The vessel, which can carry up to 600 passengers and 278 crew, departs Montreal on July 15 and will visit several ports in Quebec prior to arriving in Corner Brook. The Astor, which is scheduled in port from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on July 23, will spend the following day at sea before its scheduled arrival in L'Anse Aux Meadows on July 25.

There are nine cruise ship visits scheduled for the Port of Corner Brook this season. The Oceania Marina started the season on May 30. The remaining six calls are scheduled for the fall and include the Amadea (Phoenix Reisen) on September 3, the Celebrity Summit (Celebrity Cruises) on September 17 and October 1, Silver Whisper (Silversea Cruises) on September 22 and the Oceania Regatta (Oceania Cruises) on September 24 and October 2. A complete list of scheduled calls for 2014 can be found at www.cornerbrookport.com.

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