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Guidelines for Cruise ships Departing / Entering New Port Area in Nakagusuku Port
For the Duration of the year 2024
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The purpose of the guidelines is to arrange the contents of safety measures in regard to cruise ships entering/departing West Wharf (-13m) of New Port Area of Nakagusuku Port. Application forms for berth reservations will be accepted provided that cruise liners (and shipping agencies) comply the rules stated in the guidelines. Now, on account of only the main aspect of the rules and safety measures set by the Okinawa Prefectural Government being provided in the guidelines, please note that even if the application of your berth reservation is submitted in accordance with the guidelines, relevant authorities may not approve your allotment if they are unable to acknowledge the appropriate safety measures or for other reasons.

1. Basic common principles in regard to berthing of the Port

①Cruise ships calling to West Wharf of New Port Area of Nakagusuku Port shall not exceed 160,000gt.

②Cruise ships are permitted use of the berthing facility once every other week (Second Week and fourth Week) in principle.

※In this regard, the definition of a week is from Monday to Sunday.

a. The West Wharf (-13m) of New Port Area of Nakagusuku Port shall be the primary berthing facility. Now, adjacent to it is another wharf (-10m), which shall be available to cruise ships depending on its size.

(<u>Simultaneous berthing of 2 cruise ships at -13m wharf and -10m wharf will be prohibited.</u>)

b. Taking into consideration of non-regular liners and loading/unloading of cargo ships, receiving cruise ship at west wharf is up to once a week.

③Cruise ships exceeding 50,000 GT (229.85m in gross length), intending to call New Port Area at Nakagusuku Port for the first time, the entry/departure time shall be during daytime (from sunrise to sunset) in principle.

④Cruise ship exceeding 50,000 GT (229.85m in gross length) intending to call New Port Area of Nakagusuku Port for the first time, shipping agencies (or cruise liners) shall prepare and submit safety measure statement based on the guidelines.
However, even after the reservation has been approved, your safety measure statement will not be accepted when it has been deemed that it is not in compliance with the security and safety requirements, upon the result of coordination with relevant authorities.
・Please note that acceptance of the safety measure statement is the prerequisite of being able to enter or call port.
・In addition, we may request a submission of simulation of your turning circle at turning basin depending on the type or class of ship as supplemental material, in regard to your safety measure statement.
・The acceptance term for safety measure statements will be from 150 days to 120 days prior to your scheduled arrival date.

⑤New Port Area of Nakagusuku Port regularly hold meetings in regard to the berth, every Thursday. Cruise liners (or shipping agency) shall attend the meeting prior to its port calls to provide information to other users within the port and to request adjustments to avoid cruise ships and other ships from passing one another.

⑥ On account of the number of taxies being limited at New Port Area of Nakagusuku Port, cruise liners with a large number of foreign independent tour (FIT) passengers shall prepare and operate shuttle bus services and transfer passengers to nearby facilities to secure safety by avoiding congestion of passengers and crews at the wharf.
In regard to the on/off board points of shuttle buses, coordination shall be made with the Okinawa Prefectural Government (OPG) Nakagusukuwan Port Administration office and the Okinawa Central Region Municipal Office.

⑦Upon passengers getting onboard tour buses at the apron of west wharf, there may be a limited space available at the bus waiting area depending on the presence of the number of cargo ships. Therefore, a number of tour buses may have to park temporarily either at the east wharf or connection passage, and then proceed to the west wharf contingent upon the situation at the apron of the wharf.
Upon understanding the necessity of such procedures, cruise liners (shipping agencies, land operators, etc.) shall uphold its responsibility of arranging or providing tour buses to its passengers.

⑧In case the schedule of cargo ships is delayed due to rough weather or by other inevitable reasons, cruise ships may be subjected to readjustments of entry/departure time, place or other aspects when necessary.

⑨Construction on the maritime route will not take place during 2024. On the other hand, dredging construction in the vicinity of the route is scheduled to be conducted.

⑩Water supply operation hours at New Port Area of Nakagusuku Port will be from 8:30 to 16:30 on weekdays (disregard weekends and Japanese holidays).

⑪When calling port, infectious disease (includes COVID-19) prevention and control measures is optional.

2. Safety Measures in regard to Navigation

The safety measures in regard to navigation has been studied and decided upon by the following two committees listed on the bottom of the page. Please read and comply with the outline of the full report of the safety measures. For more details, please refer to the committees` full report (The English version is not available).

・Nakagusuku Port(new port area) committee for investigation on Safety of navigation for entry/departure of large class cruise ships
・Nakagusuku Port (new port area) committee for investigation on Safety of navigation for larger size cargo ships and the maintenance of sea routes

① Measures for cruise ships above the 50,000 GT and below 160,000 GT class (LoA 348.00m)

Ship class	Average wind speed	Wave height	Visibility	Draft	Berthing speed
160,000 GT class	Day time: Below 10m/sec (entry and departure) Night time: Below 8m/sec (departure only)	Below 1. 5m	2,000m or over	Under keel clearance greater than 10% of draft	Below 8cm/sec
140,000 GT class					Below 9cm/sec

※It is recommended that a pilot be requested. (However, it is required that a pilot be onboard for the first entering.)

※Tugboats shall be used as a passage warning boat, and equipped with safety features such as informing the main ship of the proceeding route, communication with other vessels, and warning the main ship of the distance between it and the surrounding shallow basin when it is to make a turning circle and so on

② Measures for cruise ships below the 50,000 GT (LoA 229.85m) class

Ship class	Average wind speed	Wave height	Visibility	Draft	Berthing speed
50,000 GT class	Below 12m/sec (entry and departure)	Below 1. 5m	700m or over	Under keel clearance greater than 10% of draft	Below 13.3cm/sec

※It is recommended that a pilot be requested. (However, it is required a pilot be onboard for the first entering.)

※Tugboats shall be used as a passage warning boat, and equipped with safety features such as informing the main ship of the proceeding route, communication with other vessels, and warning the main ship of the distance between it and the surrounding shallow basin when it is to make a turning circle and so on

※ The overall average wind speed within the port shall be decided by the captain, based on information from wind and other anemometers.

【Reference】Nakagusukuwan Port Wind Monitor Web System
https://Nakagusukuwanport.meteonote.net/top

3. Others

This procedure is comprised of a Japanese language version and an English language version, and should there be any dispute or discrepancy regarding meanings or intentions, the Japanese language shall have priority over the latter.

Prerequisites for Cruise Vessels` entry/departure of Nakagusukuwan Port during the year 2024

Dredging construction will not have an impact on the sea route and turning basin(−13m)											
2024 January	2024 February	2024 March	2024 April	2024 May	2024 June	2024 July	2024 August	2024 September	2024 October	2024 November	2024 December
Available to receive cruise ships below 160,000gt throughout the year (Cruise ships "entering" night time will not be accepted)											
Wind sped limitation Below 160,000GT class Day time:10m/sec Night time:8m/sec Below 50,000GT class:12m/sec											

Cruise ship may enter/leave any day of the week.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Once every other week						