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Victoria reaches 4 million cruise passengers

A major milestone in the Victoria cruise industry was reached Aug. 18 with the arrival of the four millionth passenger.

Grace Fornari and Raymond Wentworth arrived on the Amsterdam, a ship of the Holland America Line. They were treated to a day filled with Victoria's finest sights and locations.

The retired couple began their busy itinerary with a visit to Ford Rodd Hill National Historic Site.



Ten years ago, Victoria was visited by 77 cruise ship calls a year. This year, Ogden Point will see more than 200 ship calls in the cruise season. More than 420,000 passengers will visit Victoria in 2011.

New benches at Ogden Point



Visitors to Pier B have a new place to rest when leaving the terminal building at Ogden Point.

Three new wooden benches have been placed near the exit of the cruise terminal. The seats are shaped in unique organic style from large pieces of hardwood.

The custom-made benches were donated by the [Ogden Point Enhancement Society](#). Space is available on them for memorial plaques, in a similar style to others that line the breakwater park on the south side of Ogden Point.

Classic Boat Festival

Floating representatives of the ages of sail and steam are just part of the boats that will line Victoria's Inner Harbour during the upcoming Classic Boat Festival from Sept. 2 to 4.

The long-running annual event brings a range of restored vessels to the city and gives the public an opportunity to see examples of many eras of shipbuilding.

Come on down to the harbour this Labour Day weekend and enjoy a celebration of our maritime past. For more information on the Classic Boat Festival, visit the [event website](#).



Causeway welcomes dragon boaters

The 34th annual Victoria Dragon Boat Festival brought 90 teams to race across the Inner Harbour on Aug. 12 – 14. The paddlers raced along a 500-metre course from Laurel Point to a finish line near the Causeway marina.

The finger piers at the marina were busy with boats as racers headed out at six-minute intervals.

Visit the [event website](#) to learn more about the Victoria Dragon Boat Festival.

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