



**MEDIA ADVISORY**  
**First Cruiseship of 2008 Sails into Ogden Point**

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**Victoria, B.C., Tuesday, April 1, 2008....** The *Celebrity Mercury* will be sailing into Victoria on April 3, 2008 at 7am. *Mercury* was the last ship to visit in the 2007 season and is the last scheduled ship to depart Ogden Point in 2008 on October 14. The arrival of the *Mercury* kicks off the start of a very promising cruise season with a record-breaking 211 cruise ships scheduled to dock at Ogden Point bringing an estimated 396,000 visitors to Victoria on 25 different ships.

Members of the media wishing to get a photograph of the *Mercury* on its first trip to the Victoria harbour in 2008 are encouraged to come to Ogden Point at 2:00pm on Thursday when the ship sets sail. The City of Victoria's new fireboat will be giving the ship a send off.

The 2008 Ogden Point cruise ship schedule and 2008 Ship Point pocket cruise ship schedule are available at [www.victoriaharbour.org](http://www.victoriaharbour.org)

*The Greater Victoria Harbour Authority (GVHA) owns and operates deep water, marina and upland holdings throughout Victoria's harbour including the large vessel Ogden Point port facility, Victoria's renowned Fisherman's Wharf, and the inner harbour's new luxury yacht and marine tourism facility at Ship Point. GVHA's vision is a harbour where people live, learn, work and play; a spectacular gateway into Victoria's past and into its future, monumental in look and feel, linking communities and all people together. GVHA is incorporated under the BC Society Act and is governed by a board of directors representing key stakeholders and the community at-large.*

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