



November 10, 2022

TO: Mike Riehl, Manager Harbour Operations, Ports Toronto RJ Steenstra, CEO and President of Ports Toronto Chris Glover, MPP Spadina-Fort York
CC: Users of Toronto Waterfront (See bottom of letter)

Sunday, October 2, 2022: At approx noon hour, a relatively huge tour boat (Viking Octantis) anchored in the Toronto Harbour. (See picture.)

Our Harbour is a major recreation area for sailboats (including sailboat races), ferries, party boats, water taxis, water skis, canoes, kayaks, motor boats, and paddle boards. This population will only increase with the development of the Portlands and Queens Quay.



We know that there are currently regulations under Transport Canada's 2022 environmental regulations for cruise ships. (<https://tc.canada.ca/en/marine-transportation/marine-safety/ship-safety-bulletins/new-environmental-measures-cruise-ships-waters-under-canadian-jurisdiction-2022-season-ssb-no-10-2022-modified-august-18-2022>). Regulations that contain caveats such as "Cruise ships....should endeavor", and "to the greatest extent possible" are not appropriate in this age of climate crisis. We would hope and expect that Toronto, a waterfront City, would be a leader in protecting our planet's water.

On behalf of the York Quay Neighbourhood Association, will you please provide some insights to the following:

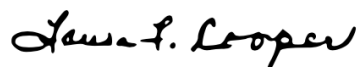
1. How many times are tour boats of this, or almost this size, expected to anchor in Toronto Harbour in next few years?

Of Viking's 10 ships, all 10 have installed advanced sewage treatment systems, resulting in a grade of C for the company's 60 percent sewage treatment score. One of the Viking ships, the Viking Venus, has plug-in capability and docks at ports with shoreside power, earning Viking an F for air pollution reduction. The Viking Orion traveled to Alaska for the first time in 2019 and received one citation for water quality violations from Alaskan authorities. Seven Viking ships have scrubbers installed. Together these factors give Viking an F for water quality compliance since scrubber use merely converts air pollution into toxic water pollution. (<https://foe.org/cruise-lines/viking>)

4. GARBAGE (including food) & RECYCLABLES: Is any of the garbage from these ships emptied into any body of water—either in the Lakes, Rivers or or the oceans? If not, where are they disposed of?
5. Are these ships entering our harbour retrofitted with cold iron technology to plug into available shoreside electrical grids when docked? Are there such retrofitted plugs in Toronto Harbour for them to do so? If so, where are they located? Are there any plans for such?
6. Do the ships in question use the lower sulfur fuel available worldwide?
7. Why did Viking receive an “F” from the Friends of the Earth for Water Quality Compliance? (ie. To what degree did the Viking cruise ship violate 2010-2021 water pollution standards designed to protect the Alaskan coast?
8. Do the ships in question use scrubbers and do they generate toxic water pollution?
9. Do you know if Viking responded to the request from Friends of the Earth for specifics regarding their environmental practices? If they did, why did they receive an “F”. If Viking did not, why did they not respond? (https://foeus.wpenginepowered.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/CruiseShipReportCard_2022_final-July-25.pdf)
10. Do you and/or the Canadian government support having independent observers on these ships? If not, why not? Is this being pursued with the proper authorities?
11. Are there any reports regarding a ship’s discharge (what and where and when)? Who receives these reports? Are they available to the public?

And finally, why are cruise ship companies that received an F rating for clean cruises, allowed in our Harbour?

Yours sincerely,



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November 16, 2022

FROM: Mike Riehl, Manager Harbour Operations
TO: Laura Cooper, YQNA Planning Committee
CC: (See bottom of letter)

Good day Laura,

Thank you for your questions on cruise ships in Toronto and the Great Lakes.

I am happy to answer the questions that PortsToronto has the data / knowledge on.

1. The MV Viking Octantis was anchored in the harbour on October 2, as it wished to spend one additional day in Toronto and there was another cruise ship booked to berth at the Cruise Ship Terminal. This is the first time that a cruise ship has anchored in the harbour. In future this could happen once or twice during the 6-month cruise season, but the priority remains that cruise ships will dock in the east harbour at the Cruise Ship Terminal dock wall.
2. Cruise ships will rarely choose to anchor and move passengers via tender but if it does occur it would be primarily during the day to ensure safe passage of passengers.
3. Vessels in the Great Lakes are heavily regulated by Transport Canada, and all watercraft, whether recreational or commercial vessels, are required by law to pump out through licensed operators. All liquid waste is pumped out while the ship is in port into Ministry of Environment (MOE) regulated tanker trucks. No liquid waste enters the harbour. This is a heavily regulated and enforced component of cruise ship operations and one that all parties take very seriously with constant and regular oversight.
4. All garbage and recycling is removed while the ship is in port into trucks and taken to a regulated disposal facility. No garbage or recycling enters the harbour. Again, this is a heavily regulated and enforced area of operations.
5. Port does not have shore power capacity for cruise ships at this time.

I will have to read the report from Friends of the Earth for Water Quality Compliance first to understand their study, methodology and investigations undertaken.

For the balance of your questions which are specific to Viking Cruises, I would suggest you contact Viking's Canadian agent at vikinggreatlakes@mcleankennedy.ca

Feel free to contact me directly at 416-462-1227.

Regards,

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Dear Mike: Thank you so very much for taking the time to respond with such GREAT news about the sewage and garbage. We will certainly be circulating this to our members.

We are not sure if the presence of these large ships have an impact on the other users of the harbour. We are sending your response to our followers and I am sure you will be contacted if there are issues from the sailing, water sports etc communities.

In the meantime, again many thanks.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Laura F. Cooper'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

on Behalf of YORK QUAY NEIGHBOURHOOD ASSOCIATION

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