

# Challenges and Opportunities for the Cruise Sector

A Product and Logistical Perspective September 25, 2008



- Significant factors which are challenging the historical business practices of the sector
- Key challenges which we face as a result of our steady growth
- Two examples of recent projects which represent novel approaches to port development



#### Port selection increasingly complicated

- Deployment (product) strategy evolving
  - Financial opportunity costs playing a bigger role in asset allocation
    - Developing markets versus mature
    - Currency challenges affect returns, operating costs and newbuild decisions
  - Regulatory issues restrict historical itineraries
  - Fuel efficiency changes cost benefit relationship of port content



### Itinerary/Fuel Optimization

#### Port Content - Commercial appeal

 10-day Round trip European cruise – 13 departures: Evaluate 2 different port options within itinerary

	City "A" B/(W) City "B"
	(per PBD)
Yield lower	(\$3.00)
Fuel cost lower	\$1.70
Shore Ex profit higher	\$6.60
Port cost lower	<u>\$1.05</u>
Profit contribution higher	\$6.35



### Itinerary/Fuel Optimization

#### Deployment Decision – Competitive Home Ports

- 7-day US Domestic Round Trip Cruise: Fall 2009/Spring 2010 - 2 turn port options
  - Fuel Savings: \$60,160/voyage or \$3.20/PBD in favor of city "B"
  - Yield difference: City "A" > City "B" by \$17.00 gross
    - Adjusted for richness: \$9.35 (to make historical results comparable)
  - Conclusion: \$9.35-\$3.20 = \$6.15 higher yield for City "A"



### Itinerary/Fuel Optimization

#### Timings for Port Calls

- 7-day US Domestic RT Cruise
  - ➤ Change: arrive Port 1 hour later (0900 vs. 0800)
  - Fuel savings/voyage: \$18,750 (\$1.00/PBD)
  - Fuel saving, full-year: \$600,000



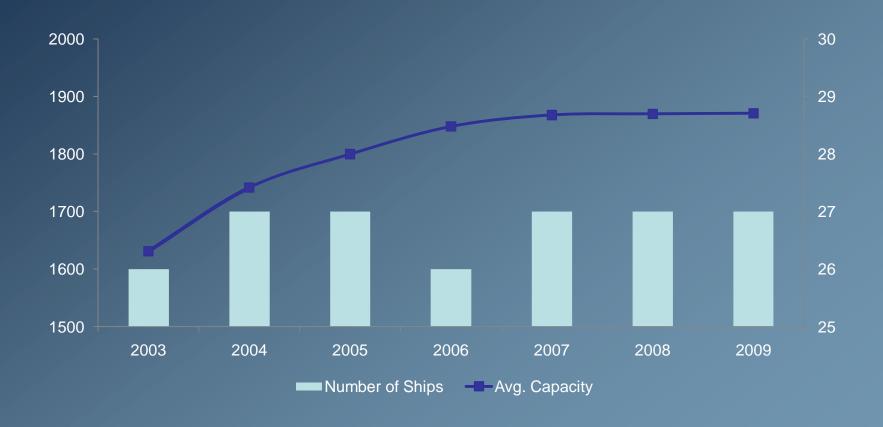
#### Challenges of Growth

- Host community impacts
  - Balancing community with commerce
  - Long term vs. short term development
- Challenges of vessel growth
  - Efficient clearance
  - Ample gangway capacity
  - Tour staging facilities
  - Luggage handling
    - US Direct
  - Storing



#### **Product and Logistical Issues**

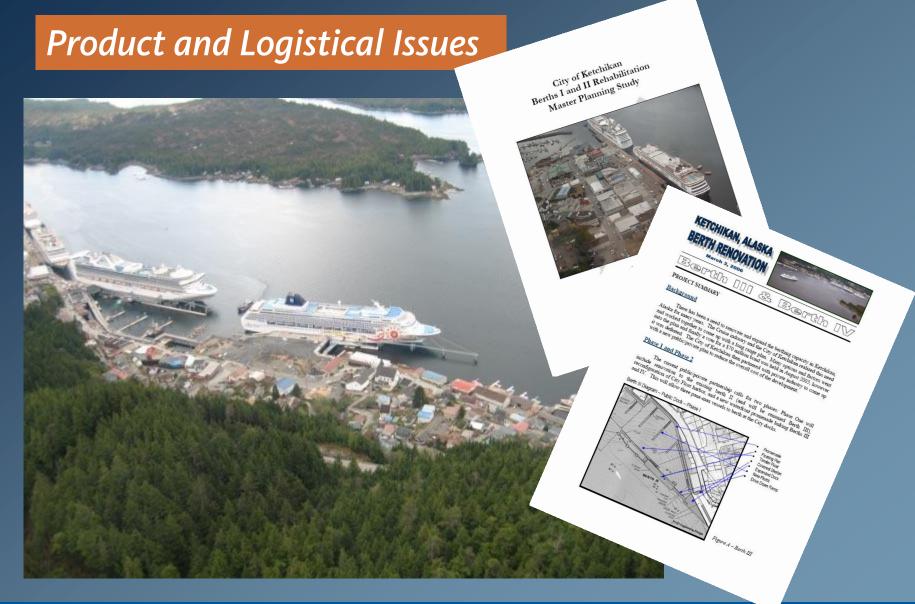
Alaska Vessel Deployment vs. Average Size





- Case study Ketchikan
  - Five year program (so far)
  - Capacity from 2.5 to 4 post panamax berths in two phases
  - Community facilities renovated
    - City float rebuilt, third berth designed to serve commercial fishing fleet in off-season
    - Staging areas all upgraded
    - Seawalk built to link all facilities
  - Public-private partnership
    - One berth and infrastructure funded by bonds
    - Second berth private development leased to city

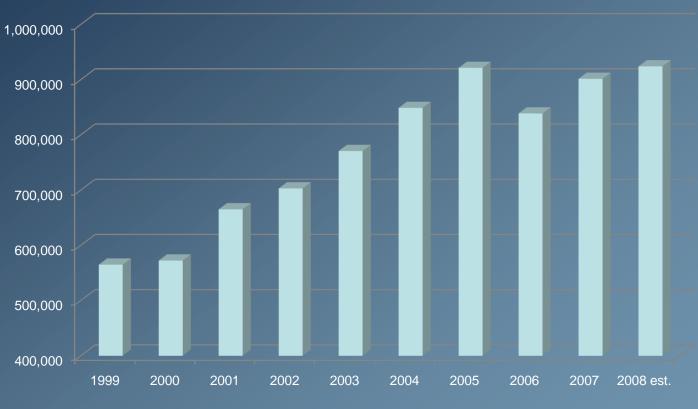






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#### Ketchikan Alaska





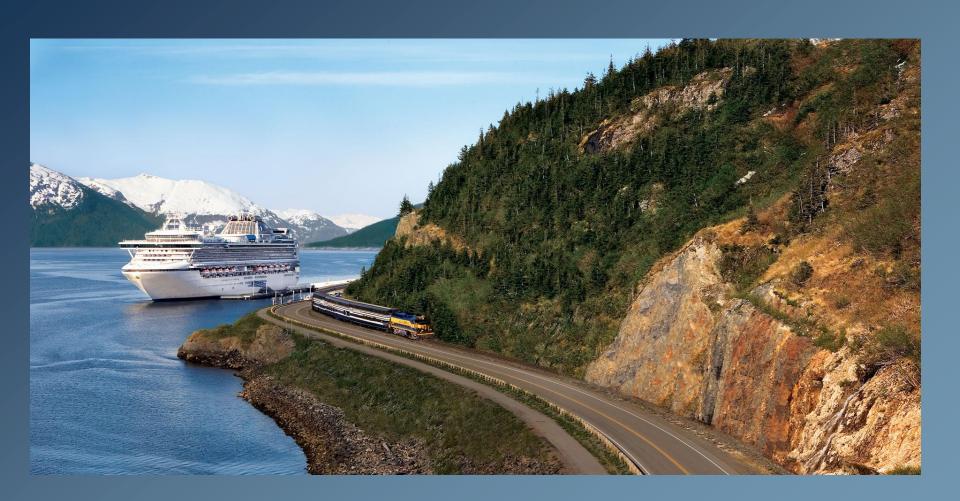


- Case study Whittier
  - Opportunity for inter-modal ship turn facility
  - Private terminal development on city leased land
  - 75 miles closer to Anchorage airport
  - 8 hour shorter route for ships
  - Purpose built facility
    - Floating dock
    - Airline check-in in terminal migrated to BAGs Inc. direct check
  - Highest rated customer service in the world









- "We don't make the market, the market makes us"
  - If you build it, they might not come!
    - Engage the lines, we're always looking for new, novel and improved
    - Scale development to grow with traffic
  - Current cruise ports need to assure they are aware of and adapting to the developing needs of the industry

