

# **Port Congestion**



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# Perspective - "Port of call" experiencing rapid growth

- 1. Contributing Factors that Create Port Congestion
- 2. Saint John Cruise Business Growth
- 3. Evolution of Cruise Port Infrastructure Water & Land
- 4. Future Trends in Cruise
- 5. Proposed Solutions to Manage Growth & Congestion
- 6. Other Factors to Consider





#### Contributing Factors that Create Port Congestion

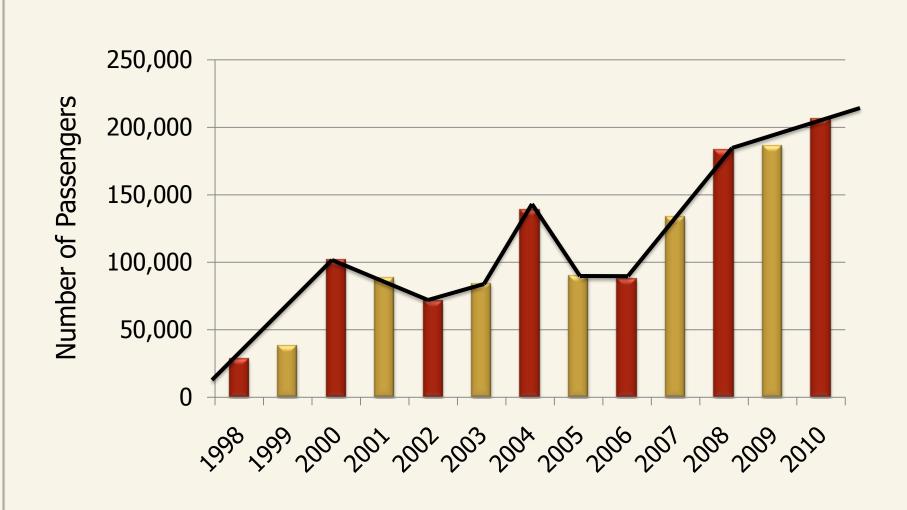
- Expanding world & regional market activity
- Seasonal factors
- A ports' position within a cruise lines' itinerary
- Availability of berths:
  - I. Size of ships
  - II. Competition with "cargo"
  - III. Competition for "cruise berths"
  - IV. Dockside vs. Anchor
- Enhanced destination "draw"
- Obsolescence of "cruise" berths at cargo piers
- "Homeport" availability & strategies





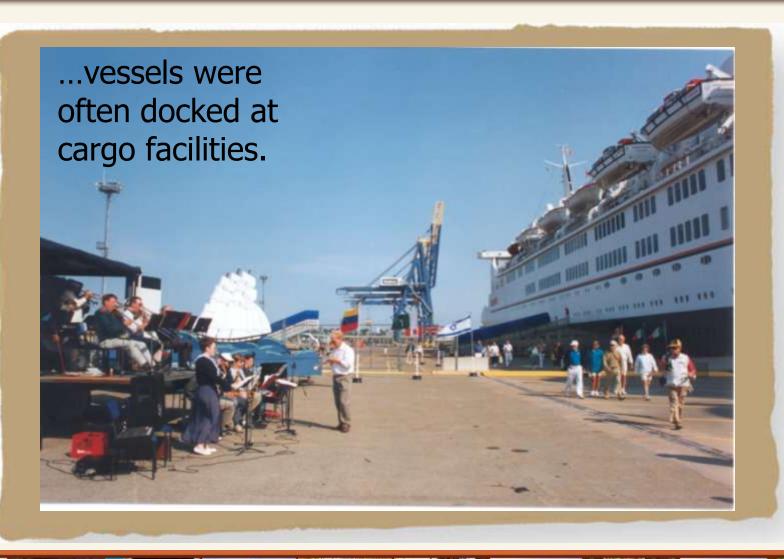


#### Saint John Cruise Business Growth















...that with the internet and social websites, blogs, Cruise Critic etc. Ports cannot afford to use a "cargo pier".

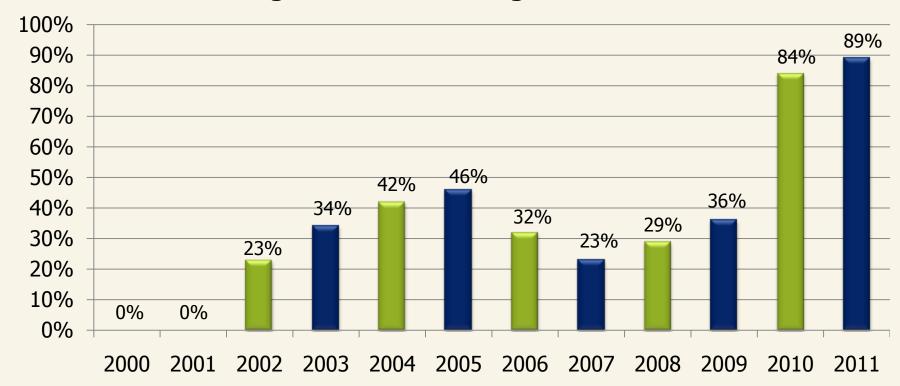






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#### Percentage of vessels calling over 290 meters

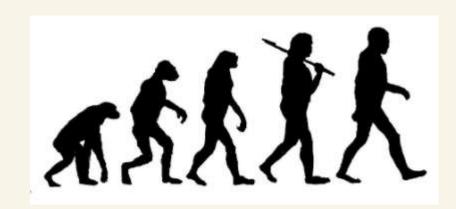






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# **Evolution of Long Wharf Cruise Terminal**







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# Cruise Ships have steadily increased in length over the past 20 years.....

and the trend continues.

Opportunity....but with a challenge





# With our present cruise berth capacity, on any given day:

Due to ever increasing vessel sizes, we are rapidly becoming a "two-ship cruise port".

We can only accommodate one vessel in excess of 300m overall length.





















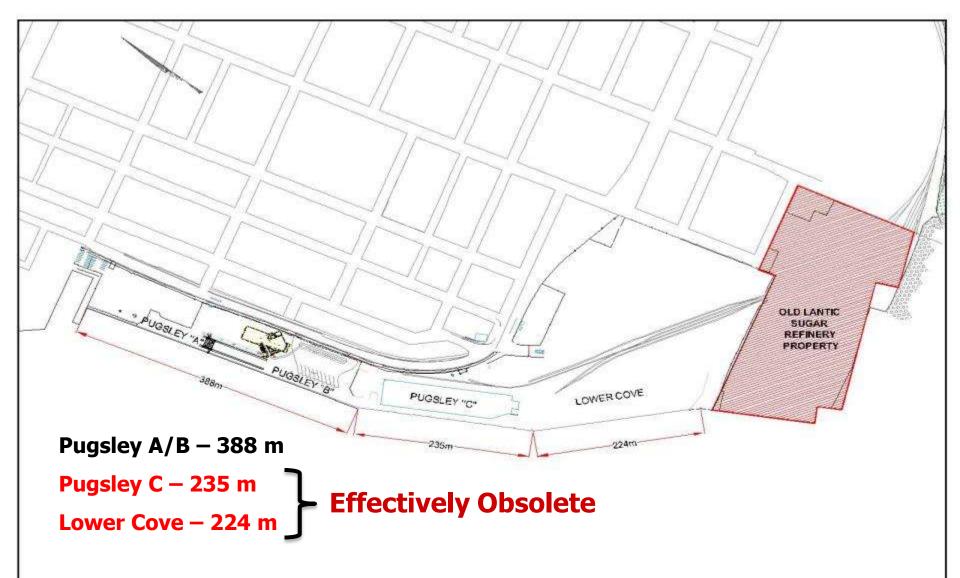






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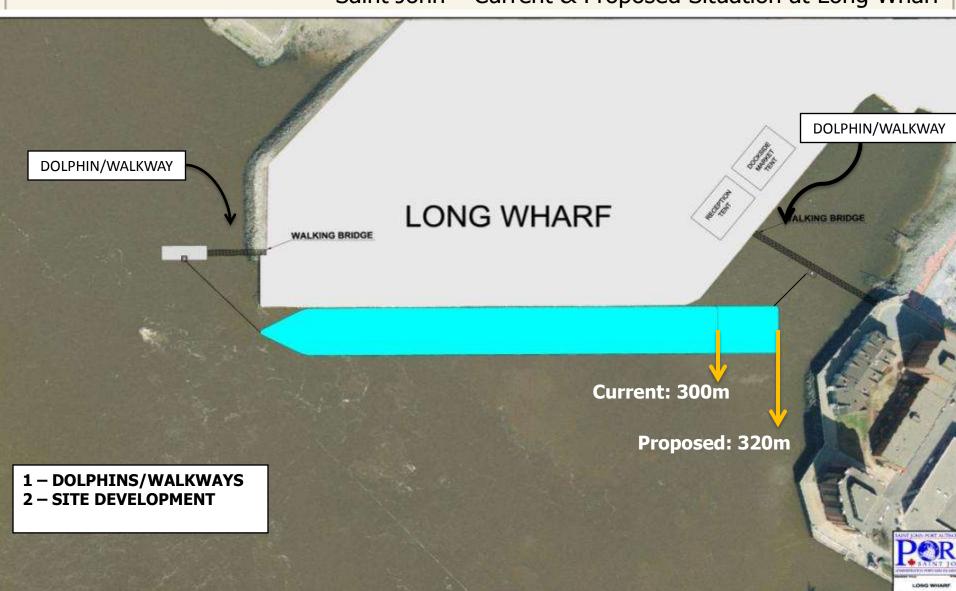
Proposed: 340m

Current: 290m



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Saint John – Current & Proposed Situation at Long Wharf





#### Other Factors to Consider

- Can / will the community embrace maximum cruise growth?
- Shorex infrastructure
- Partnership with tourism entity for support
- Safety and security capacities
- Want to balance growth without losing destination focus – undesirable effects could lead to poor guest experience or longer term decline
- Defined contracts like "Home Ports" have

