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Carnival Cruise Line Diverts Largest Ship to Galveston

Galveston, Texas...August 29, 2005...Carnival Cruise Line's vessel *Carnival Conquest* was diverted from its homeport in New Orleans to the Port of Galveston on Sunday, August 28, 2005 as Hurricane Katrina was expected to have a catastrophic impact on Louisiana and the city of New Orleans.

"We were very happy to be able to help our partner Carnival Cruise Line last weekend when it became apparent that the *Conquest*, one of the biggest ships in the Carnival line, needed to move to another port to discharge passengers," stated Steve Cernak, Port Director. "We quickly made arrangements to accommodate the *Conquest* at Pier 10 as our cruise terminals were busy with Carnival's *Elation* at Cruise Terminal No. 1 and Royal Caribbean International's *Rhapsody of the Seas* at Terminal No. 2."

Approximately 3,300 passengers were debarked on Sunday and Monday. The *Carnival Conquest* was expected to depart the Port of Galveston mid-day on Monday headed for a shipyard in the Bahamas.

The Port of Galveston is the #1 cruise port in the Gulf of Mexico. Galveston is home port to two Carnival Cruise Line ships, one Royal Caribbean ship, and seasonal cruise operations by Celebrity Cruises, Princess Cruises and Royal Caribbean, offering approximately 227 cruises in 2005.

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