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# Port of Palm Beach and Celebration Cruise Line Sign 5-Year Agreement

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RIVIERA BEACH — Officials of the Celebration Cruise Line and the Port of Palm Beach District held a formal signing ceremony of a five-year agreement bringing the cruise line to the Port of Palm Beach.

Port Executive Director Manny Almira noted that the Bahamas Celebration Cruise Line will be the “crown jewel” of the Port of Palm Beach and will be the principal tenant of a beautiful and modern cruise terminal and baggage facility.

“This is a wonderful day for the Port of Palm Beach and for the residents of Palm Beach County,” said Port Chairman Blair Ciklin as he welcomed the Bahamas Celebration as the “official Flagship of the Port of Palm Beach.” “For many years, we have tried to bring a quality cruise line to the Port. This agreement achieves that goal.” Ciklin noted that local residents will enjoy sailing on the Bahamas Celebration and will no longer have to drive to Fort Lauderdale or Miami to enjoy top of the line cruises.

Charles Kinnear, president, signed on behalf of Celebration Cruise Line and expressed his delight in coming to the Port of Palm Beach. He announced that the Bahamas Celebration will begin offering two-day cruises from the Port of Palm Beach to Grand Bahama Island on March 15.

Celebration Cruise Line plans to sail to Grand Bahama Island every other day and will offer a variety of travel packages. The anticipated volume is over 240,000 passengers in the first year which is equivalent to the number of passengers on three ships offering extended cruises. The agreement is expected to bring the Port of Palm Beach approximately \$4.2-million a year in gross revenue.

Information about reservations and travel packages will be available at 800-995-3143 or at their website: [www.celebrationcl.com](http://www.celebrationcl.com).

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