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**Baltimore Business Journal**

## **More than 2,500 people boarded Carnival cruise at Port of Baltimore**

by Scott Dance Staff

The Port of Baltimore saw its highest passenger count on a cruise ship June 6, with 2,577 aboard the Carnival Pride ship.

The city's cruise industry is in the midst of its biggest year, expecting its passenger total to more than triple from 47,000 to 165,000. And it expects further growth — and millions of dollars in economic impact — with even more cruises planned in 2010.

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So far, 10 cruises have sailed from Baltimore this year, according to the Maryland Port Administration. All have been at full capacity.

The port is offering 79 cruises this year, up from 27 in 2008. In 2010, 92 cruises are planned.

The MPA estimates the economic impact of the cruise industry to hit \$152 million in 2009, up from \$63 million in 2008.

### **CRUISE INDUSTRY NEWS**

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## Baltimore Sun

### **Port of Baltimore sets cruise passenger record for single sailing**

By Clarissa Higgins | Baltimore Sun reporter

*June 10, 2009*

A record number of cruise passengers sailed from the Cruise Maryland Terminal on June 6, according to the Port of Baltimore.

The *Carnival Pride* set sail for the Caribbean with 2,577 passengers on board, breaking the port's previous record for passengers in a single sailing set by another Carnival ship in 2004.

Since the 2009 cruise season began, all of the cruises that have sailed from Baltimore have done so at 100 percent capacity, according to port officials. A ship's total passenger capacity is based upon the number of available staterooms at double occupancy per room. When a family of four occupies a stateroom, the capacity for that room is exceeded.

The *Carnival Pride* is in its inaugural season in Maryland, offering year-round 6-, 7-, and 8-day cruises to the Bahamas and eastern Caribbean. Carnival is one of four cruise lines sailing from Baltimore this year. The others are Norwegian, Celebrity Cruises and Royal Caribbean, which will begin year-round cruises in 2010.

## The Baltimore Times

### **Port of Baltimore sets record**

Written by Editor

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## Trips and Getaways Newsletter

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