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CLAYTON TO SERVE AS PORT OF CALL FOR 2 LUXURY CRUISE SHIPS

CLAYTON, NY (April 14, 2015) – Mayor Norma Zimmer and the Village of Clayton have announced that the Thousand Islands Regional Dock and Clayton Cruise Ship Terminal located at Frink Park in downtown Clayton will welcome two luxury cruise ships over the course of the 2015 summer and early fall.

MS Saint Laurent and Pearl Mist will make port calls into Clayton between May 10 and October 17. In total, 13 large cruise ship visits are slated for the Regional Dock this summer.

MS Saint Laurent, a 286-foot cruise ship, which was recently refurbished after being purchased by Haimark Line, will be making its maiden voyage under its new name and owner in 2015 and will dock in Clayton a total of 11 times between May 10 and October 17. The five-deck, 105 stateroom luxury liner will make numerous trips along the St. Lawrence Seaway, as well as the upper Great Lakes. The ship previously sailed the St. Lawrence Seaway while known as Cape May Light and Sea Voyager.

Pearl Mist returns to Clayton after making two visits in 2014. The 335-foot ship features six decks with 108 staterooms. The vessel, which is owned by Pearl Seas Cruises, will again make two port visits, both of which will be overnight stays.

Both ships carry up to 210 passengers.

In addition to the cruise ships, Clayton is also expected to receive a visit from a US Coast Guard Cutter over the July 4th holiday.

2015 Port Schedule for Clayton, New York *(as of April 14, 2015; subject to change)*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Hours in Port</u>	<u>Vessel</u>
May 10	8am – 1pm	MS Saint Laurent
May 17	7am – 6pm	MS Saint Laurent
May 26	9am – 1pm	MS Saint Laurent
June 22	9am – 1pm	MS Saint Laurent
July 1	9am – 1pm	MS Saint Laurent
July 3	TBD	US Coast Guard Cutter
July 16/17	8pm – 8pm	Pearl Mist (overnight visit)
July 28	9am – 1pm	MS Saint Laurent

September 11	9am – 1pm	MS Saint Laurent	
September 13/14	8am – 8am	Pearl Mist	(overnight visit)
September 20	9am – 1pm	MS Saint Laurent	
September 29	9am – 1pm	MS Saint Laurent	
October 8	9am – 1pm	MS Saint Laurent	
October 17	9am – 1pm	MS Saint Laurent	

About the Thousand Islands Regional Dock and Clayton Cruise Ship Terminal

The Thousand Islands Regional Dock and Clayton Cruise Ship Terminal became a U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Coast Guard certified 105c Port of Entry in October 2011.

Recent vessels to call upon the port include; tall ships – Lynx, Pride of Baltimore II and Empire Sandy; yachts – Blue Moon, Lady Sandals, Unity, Battered Bull, Freedom; tugboats – Robinson Bay, Performance and Commodore Straits. In 2014, the port welcomed cruise ship Pearl Mist on two separate occasions.

The Regional Dock is conveniently located just off the main shipping channel at Frink Park along Riverside Drive in downtown Clayton.

For more information on the Thousand Islands Regional Dock and Clayton Cruise Ship Terminal, contact the Village of Clayton at 315-686-5552 or visit www.villageofclayton.org.