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**Bahamas Paradise Cruise Line Offers Accommodations to Those in Need
*Free Hot Meals Being Offered to First Responders and Local Residents***

(Riviera Beach, FL)—The U.S. Coast Guard cleared the Port of Palm Beach today for Bahamas Paradise Cruise Line’s *MV Grand Celebration* to return to port. The cruise line is expected to resume normal cruise operations with the 2-night Bahamas cruise on Saturday, September 16.

Due to the number of dire situations people are dealing with in our local communities, Bahamas Paradise has decided to keep the ship docked through Saturday afternoon at the Port of Palm Beach. For Thursday and Friday, the cruise line is opening its doors to those individuals and families who have experienced hardships as a result of the hurricane, including damage to their homes and a loss of power. The ship will offer cabin accommodations, meals and on-board services, through Saturday morning.

“As we all work through issues related to Hurricane Irma, we wanted to offer our ship to local residents to provide some relief in this time of need, now that we’re able to return to port,” said Oneil Khosa, CEO of Bahamas Paradise Cruise Line. “We very much feel part of the community and want to lend a hand.”

The cruise line will charge a modest all-in fee of \$39 a person per night for onboard accommodations and meals. First responders and local residents facing hardships are being offered free hot meals at no cost. Anyone interested in taking advantage of the overnight stay program should call 800-611-4242 to reserve a cabin or stop by the cruise terminal check-in desks at the Port of Palm Beach.

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