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**Port of Palm Beach welcomes  
Margaritaville at Sea Paradise**

**Riviera Beach, FL.** – The Port of Palm Beach welcomed *Margaritaville at Sea Paradise* at a plaque exchange ceremony on board the newly christened cruise ship on Friday, May 13.



*Margaritaville at Sea Paradise* will set sail Saturday, May 14 for its first passenger sailing from the Port of Palm Beach to Grand Bahama Island.

“After months of anticipation, it’s exciting to see the transformation of the cruise terminal and the ship,” said Port of Palm Beach District Board of Commission Chairman Blair Ciklin.

Immediately upon embarkation, guests will be transported into a vacation state of mind-greeted by island-inspired music and friendly “Fins Up Crew” team members. *Margaritaville at Sea Paradise* is 723 feet-long with 658 staterooms that can accommodate almost 1,700 passengers.



The ship offers 11 food and beverage venues, a Broadway-style show written and produced by Jimmy Buffett and Frank Marshall, a St. Somewhere Spa and more.

To mark the occasion, Port Executive Director Manuel Almira, alongside Port of Palm Beach District Board of Commission Vice Chair Dr. Jean Enright and Commissioner Joseph Anderson, presented the ship's captain, CEO of Margaritaville at Sea Oneil Khosa, the cruise line's Chief Commercial Officer Francis Riley and CEO of Margaritaville Holdings John Cohlan with a commemorative plaque.



“We are honored to serve as the ships’ home port,” said Port Executive Director Manuel Almira. “*Margaritaville at Sea Paradise* will bring a positive economic impact to the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County and the State of Florida with its one-of-a-kind cruise experience.”



The Port of Palm Beach is a short five-minute walk to the Riviera Beach Marina Village where cruise passengers can grab a bite to eat at a local restaurant or enjoy several recreational water sports including paddle boarding, kayaking, parasailing, jet skiing, and more.

The Port’s proximity to the [Port of Palm Beach International Airport](#) is just 15 minutes.

Cruise passengers looking to travel further south, can take a quick ride to the West Palm Beach [Bright Line](#) Station or the nearby [Tri-Rail](#) station in Mangonia Park. Both services provide connectivity to Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International and Miami International Airports.

### **About Port of Palm Beach**

Located in Riviera Beach, the Port of Palm Beach is a full-service, diversified port, offering cruise and cargo services to more than 30 onsite tenants and users. At 162 acres, the Port’s efficiency is unparalleled, processing more than \$14 billion in commodities, 2.5 million tons of cargo, and 500,000 cruise passengers annually. As one of the largest employers in Palm Beach County, the Port of Palm Beach and its tenants employ more than 2,850 people. Through the contribution of more than \$185 million in business revenue and \$17.5 million in tenant-contributed state and local annual tax revenue, the Port of Palm Beach is a large economic engine in South Florida. For more information, visit [www.portofpalmbeach.com](http://www.portofpalmbeach.com).

## **About Margaritaville at Sea**

Margaritaville at Sea is a floating island vacation at sea that brings together the brand's iconic hospitality and resort experiences with the ability to escape and see the world. The inaugural ship, *Margaritaville at Sea Paradise*, features 658 casual-luxe cabins with nautical details and colors influenced by the sea, sand, and sky. Amenities include several dining venues, pools, entertainment programming, retail stores, a St. Somewhere Spa, Fins Up! Fitness Center, and more. In addition to Margaritaville at Sea, Margaritaville features over 25 hotels and resorts, two gaming properties, RV resorts, and over 60 food and beverage venues – as well as real estate communities, vacation clubs, and consumer lifestyle products. To learn about Margaritaville at Sea, visit [margaritavilleatsea.com](http://margaritavilleatsea.com). Follow Margaritaville at Sea on Facebook and Instagram, @MargaritavilleatSea.