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VIPs Celebrate Aboard Fred. Olsen's Boudicca in Port of Tyne

On Tuesday 4th October 2011, Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines, in association with the Port of Tyne, welcomed a delegation of VIP guests aboard its elegant 880-guest cruise ship, *Boudicca*, in Newcastle.

The VIP guests, who included Alan Campbell, Member of Parliament for Tynemouth, Mary Glindon, Member of Parliament for North Tyneside, and the Deputy Mayor of North Tyneside, Councillor Judith Wallace, were welcomed aboard with a champagne reception in the ship's Observatory Lounge, hosted by Captain Tom Hansen. Welcome speeches were given by Matt Grimes, Fred. Olsen Cruise Lines' Director, Planning, Ports and Logistics, and Stephen Harrison, Chief Operating Officer, Port of Tyne, followed by a guided tour of the ship, and an exclusive VIP lunch served in the Tintagel Restaurant on board.

The VIP reception on board *Boudicca* celebrated the close relationship between Fred. Olsen and the Port of Tyne, with historic links dating back over a hundred years. The cruise programme aboard *Boudicca* has proved increasingly successful in recent years, as the ship is dedicated to serving a range of regional ports around the UK throughout the year, as part of the cruise line's commitment to offering its guests convenient departures close to home. Four Fred. Olsen cruises are departing from the Port of Tyne in 2011, rising to five for the Summer and Autumn season in 2012.

Following the VIP visit, *Boudicca* set sail for a 12-night cruise to the Baltic.

Photocaption:
Pictured is Matt Grimes (right) receiving a specially engraved vase, created by local glassmaker, Jane Charles, from Stephen Harrison.

Fred. Olsen Cruise Line operates in the UK with four intimately sized ships for a more personal cruising experience.

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