

Polar vessels meet at Harwich International

On 20 October Hutchison Ports Harwich International welcomed the first call by mv *Maud*, a polar cruise vessel operated by Norwegian Hurtigruten Group. The ship is named after one of the most famous polar vessels, the original *Maud* took explorer Roald Amundsen on his second expedition to the Arctic in 1917.

Returning from a 14-night cruise of Norway during which time the vessel crossed the Arctic Circle, *Maud* was in Harwich International port at the same time as the British Antarctic Survey's new vessel, RRS *Sir David Attenborough*. (For more on BAS readers are invited to see here: www.bas.ac.uk)

Sir David Attenborough was due to remain at Harwich then sail for London to become the centre of the British Antarctic Survey's showcase of polar environmental science, engineering and technology, to coincide with the UN COP26 climate talks in Glasgow from 1 November.

Maud is powered by environmentally certified biofuel, made from waste produced from industries such as fisheries, and mixed with marine gas oil, to reduce carbon dioxide, nitrogen oxides and sulphur oxides emissions.

On passage south to Harwich *Maud*'s port calls were Stavanger, Ålesund, Brønnøysund, Reine, Svolvær, Tromsø, Honningsvåg, Finnsnes, Kristiansund, Molde and Bergen.

Of this interesting port call Chris Lewis, Chief Executive Officer of Hutchison Ports UK, owners of Harwich International, commented: *'We are delighted to welcome Maud on its first call to Harwich International and we look forward to many future visits.'*

'Having the RRS Sir David Attenborough in port at the same time provides a nice moment of symmetry – one regular Arctic visitor and one ship about to sail on its first voyage to the Antarctic. Both are extraordinary vessels that will have the privilege to visit some of the remotest parts of the planet.'

Picture caption

Polar vessels mv Maud and RRS Sir David Attenborough at Harwich International, 20 October 2021.

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