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  - b. Length of time vessel is scheduled to be in port, and
  - c. Best estimates of times and number of crew members seeking shore access.

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