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MEDIA RELEASE

TOBAGO WELCOMES BACK DIRECT BERTHING OF YACHTS AFTER PANDEMIC PAUSE

(*Smithfield, Tobago – November 1, 2022*): The Office of the Chief Secretary (OCS) wishes to advise that effective Thursday, October 27, 2022, yachts can now berth directly in Tobago waters, without first berthing in Trinidad for the necessary approvals and clearance.

Cruisers/yachties coming directly to Tobago, please note that you **MUST** first berth at ports located at Scarborough or Charlotteville. Upon arrival at either port, the following protocols **MUST** be followed:

- 1. Firstly, contact the Port Health Unit (visit website or email porthealth.tobago@gov.tt)
- 2. Secondly, visit the Immigration Division's office at either ports
- 3. Thirdly, visit the Customs and Excise Division's office at either ports

The OCS advises to visit <u>www.ysatt.com</u> to obtain information about the hours of operation of the above entities, for incoming yachts. However, please note that a fee will be incurred for services rendered outside of the hours of operation.

The OCS and by extension the Tobago House of Assembly and the tourism sector, welcome all cruisers/yachties back to our beautiful island without logistical inconvenience, and wish for smooth operations and an enjoyable Tobago experience.