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Cruise Ships of Dover

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This book is the result of the author's interest in ships that began in 1956 as an 8 year-old. At that time his parent's house had a wonderful view over the North Dockyard at Devonport. Now he has retired he is able to devote much more time to his interest in photography. This is evident in many of the 180 odd illustrations throughout the book. His friend Ken Larwood has supplied a number of the pictures from his large personal collection of slides.

Since 1906 there have been many different sizes and shapes of cruise ships visiting Dover. One of the smallest is the *Hebridean Princess*, although only carrying 49 passengers she is one of the most luxurious cruise ships afloat.

At the other end of the scale many large ships have called into the port. These include the massive *MSC Poesia*, NCL'S *Norwegian Sun* and Princess Cruises' three Grand Princess Class ships.

The *Disney Magic* first visited in June 2010. One unusual thing that caught the eye was the 15 foot tall Goofy hanging over the stern appearing to be touching up the paintwork.

The *Windsurf* looks different from most ships in that she has five masts with computer-controlled sails. The ship announces its arrival and departure by the playing of rousing fanfare music.

The price of the book is £16 and is available from local bookshops, Dover Museum, the Marina Hotel and Spa on the seafront and online from www.ferrypubs.co.uk the publishers' website.

