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**BAHAMIAN CAPTAIN APPOINTED AS ROYAL BEACH CLUB HARBORMASTER**

*Grand Bahama native Captain Cameron Gibson brings more than 20 years of maritime experience*



*Bahamian captain Cameron Gibson joins Royal Caribbean International as harbormaster to oversee the management of harbor operations for the cruise line's all-new Royal Beach Club Paradise Island, the first in the Royal Beach Club Collection and opening in 2025.*

**MIAMI, June 24, 2024** – Royal Caribbean International has appointed Grand Bahama master mariner **Captain Cameron Gibson** as harbormaster for the [Royal Beach Club Paradise Island](#), the cruise line's 17-acre beach experience coming to The Bahamas in 2025. In the role, Gibson will oversee the management of harbor operations.

"We are extremely pleased to welcome Captain Gibson to our growing Bahamian team. He brings a wealth of experience with him, from navigating ships around the world to serving as an environmental officer on cruise ships, making him ideally suited for this new and critical position," said Philip Simon Jr., president and general manager, Royal Beach Club and Royal Caribbean International Bahamas. "Captain Gibson's return home to The Bahamas is a testimony to his unwavering loyalty to his homeland, and this new appointment also echoes our commitment to hiring Bahamians at every level of the operation."

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Gibson brings more than 20 years of experience to the team, including navigating some of the world's largest and highest tonnage cargo and cruise ships through diverse regions and waters, from the South China Sea to West Africa and the Middle East. He earned a bachelor's degree in maritime business and commerce from the State University of New York Maritime College in 2012 and has since gained extensive experience on ships around the world, where he has contributed to the development of marine monitoring processes and environmental management strategies. In 2018, Gibson returned to The Bahamas, obtained certifications in various specializations and chaired disaster preparedness and response committees. He also earned the prestigious International Master Unlimited License bestowed to him by the United Kingdom in 2021, the highest maritime qualification in the world.

[Royal Beach Club Paradise Island](#), the first of the Royal Beach Club Collection, will take shape in the coming months ahead of its **opening in 2025**, and at **the heart of the experience will be the island nation of The Bahamas**. From the location – **one of the island's most idyllic beaches** – to the **Bahamian food, culture and staff**, to a unique **public-private partnership** in which **Bahamians will own up to 49% equity**, the all-new beach club combines the beauty and spirit of The Bahamas with signature Royal Caribbean touches across the experience, service and design.

#### **About Royal Caribbean International**

[Royal Caribbean International](#), part of Royal Caribbean Group (NYSE: RCL), has delivered memorable vacations for more than 50 years. The cruise line's game-changing ships and private destinations revolutionize vacations with innovations and an all-encompassing combination of experiences, from thrills to dining and entertainment, for every type of family and vacationer. Voted "Best Cruise Line Overall" for 21 consecutive years in the *Travel Weekly* Readers Choice Awards, Royal Caribbean makes memories with adventurers across more than 300 destinations in 80 countries on all seven continents, including the line's top-rated private destination, Perfect Day at CocoCay in The Bahamas.

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