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NS: Halifax cruises to new record for port visitors

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Three of the four cruise ships docked in Halifax are pictured here Thursday. — Ryan Taplin/Metro Halifax photo

[HALIFAX, NS] — Four cruise ships pouring out thousands of passengers on Thursday tipped the scales for a new record.

The 10,000 visitors who stopped in Halifax yesterday increased the tally to 250,000 visitors in one season.

“The last record was set in 2008 and we had 228,000 visitors for the whole season,” said Cathy McGrail, spokeswoman for the Port of Halifax.

And the 2010 cruise season isn’t over yet. Another three ships carrying a total of 5,000 are scheduled to dock in Halifax by the end of the month.

“The cruise industry has been working very hard over the past couple of years to continue to build the business but I can’t say why they’re doing better than other years,” she said.

McGrail sees more success on the horizon for Halifax’s cruise ship industry in 2011.