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La Digue's Feast
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SPA gears up for the La Digue's Feast

With the Assumption Feast coming up on La Digue this weekend, the Seychelles Ports Authority (SPA), along with other concerned authorities and partners are expecting a lot of activities to the island. Therefore, these authorities have met and put in place a series of safety measures to ensure that the feast goes smoothly and according to plan.

As customary, additional staff of SPA has been deployed to handle all port-related operations at La Digue's Jetty area. This will ensure appropriate coordination of vehicular traffic around the port area and movement of passengers entering/leaving La Digue. With various activities spreading over a period of four consecutive days, from Friday 12th to Monday 15th August, these measures will commence as of today, Thursday 11th August 2022. It must be noted that no vehicles will be allowed at the La Digue's Jetty unless they are emergency response vehicle. Extra measures will also be implemented at Baie Ste. Anne Jetty on Praslin.

Vessels carrying passengers to La Digue will also be managed by SPA. No vessels will be allowed to stay in berth position at the jetty during this period of time in view of the high level of traffic expected to La Digue. The same rule shall apply to all charter and leisure vessels going to La Digue - berthing alongside the quay shall be permitted for disembarkation/embarkation of passengers only. Upon completion of same, vessels are to vacate berth and move to a safe anchorage position outside/away from the jetty area.

In view of the ongoing major construction work to extend the La Digue Jetty, members of the public are being advised to respect the signpost instructions around the area and to follow the additional road markings to avoid any inconvenience that may compromise their safety. The parking bay has been well demarcated for buses, taxis and trucks that will be waiting for arriving passengers. An access gate has been placed at the jetty to better control vehicular and pedestrian movements. In addition, signs have been placed at the breakwater, where rock armouring has just been completed, in order to prohibit people from going there.

During the four days of celebration, the La Digue Jetty will function as per the passenger ferry schedules. The Head Pier Master and Pier Masters on Praslin and La Digue will be in communication with the vessels via VHF radios so as to better manage vessel traffic at sea between those the islands.

As per protocol and as a precautionary and safety measure, SPA is urging all vessels to notify the Port Control (via VHF Channel 12 / 16 or Tel no. 2722448) when going out at sea.