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## RCCL CANCELS EIGHT CALLS TO ST. THOMAS

Royal Caribbean Cruise Line (RCCL) has canceled eight scheduled calls to the Austin “Babe” Monsanto Marine Terminal in Crown Bay, St. Thomas, citing issues with the Allure of the Seas’ propulsion system. The following scheduled calls to Crown Bay by the Allure of the Seas have been canceled:

- May 16, 2019
- June 6, 2019
- June 27, 2019
- July 18, 2019
- August 8, 2019
- August 29, 2019
- September 19, 2019
- October 10, 2019

The Oasis-class vessel is sailing at reduced speeds with one of three propulsion pods and has had to adjust its itineraries to eliminate destinations throughout the Caribbean that require high travel speeds. RCCL has reportedly adjusted a total of 25 cruises - impacting eastern and western Caribbean itineraries from Fort Lauderdale, Florida from May 5 through October 27, 2019.

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