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In my view, cruise ships should be entirely banned from the world's oceans and waterways. First of all, due to their vastly outsized structure, they require fuel oil to operate. Fuel oil produces extremely high-emitting greenhouse gases, which we SAY we should attempt to reduce. Although many are satisfied with the status quo when it comes our rapidly-changing climate, that appears either a low-information or unrealistic point of view. In this situation, we do not have the luxury of invoking our hubris to act as though we are not in fact at a pivotal point in human history. As an additional reason to halt cruise ship traffic, it is well-known that these ships have been known to become vectors for disease, and well before the appearance of COVID-19. Governments should consider a far better use of these ships: converting them to hospitals. Thank you for your consideration.