

## More than 110,000 passengers to St Malo (01 September 2007)

HD Ferries is very pleased to announce that over 110,000 passengers have now travelled on the routes to and from St Malo.

This is a very positive result for the service, which has finally provided affordable ferry travel to and from the Channel Islands by breaking the 2 year monopoly on the routes.

## More people travelling to Jersey by sea (01 August 2007)

According to the BBC there has been a 17% rise in people travelling by ferry from St Malo.

There has been a 6% overall increase in the number of people arriving in Jersey from the UK and abroad this year compared with the same period in 2006. More people travelled to Jersey by air, while arrivals by sea from all destinations were up 10%.

The official figures from January to June record all arrivals by sea and air, including locals, people on business and tourists. Separate figures for holidaymakers are issued by Jersey Tourism.

A break down of the statistics showed 14,000 more people came to Jersey by sea from St Malo in the first six months of 2007, representing a 17% rise. There was a 4% increase in the number of people travelling to the island by air.

This all makes excellent reading for Jersey whose visitor numbers dropped by nearly 60,000 in 2006 (source: BBC news). HD Ferries, which has been running since 15th March 2007, is considered to be the major reason for the increase in sea traffic to Jersey thanks to its regular schedule and low fares.



## Variety Charity Day hailed a success (14 August 2007)

On Wednesday 8th August, HD Ferries donated the HD1 for a day to the Variety Club of Jersey to host an "Around the Island Party Cruise". One hundred and fifty disadvantaged Jersey children and their carers, as well as many of the HD Ferries staff (dressed up as Pirates), left St Helier for a 3 hour cruise around Jersey Island. Onboard there was a band, face painting, balloon sculptures as well as free refreshments and a lot of noise! Below is the thank you letter received following the event:

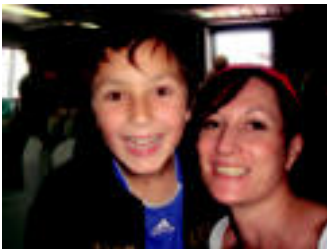
Dear Chris HD

Words cannot truly express our sincere thanks for your incredibly generous offer of the boat in order that Variety could entertain the children in such a truly lavish way.

The children without doubt probably had one of the best days of their lives thanks to you and your wonderful crew. And what a crew - it was really fantastic to see them all join in the spirit of the occasion, dressed up and looking really superb.

The day was indeed memorable and I know that the publicity that we were able to achieve can only do your Company further much deserved praise. Thank you again and congratulations on having such a really devoted and caring team.

Jim Rotheram  
Chief Barker, Variety Club of Jersey



## PET OWNERS – BEWARE!

Protecting the welfare of pets when travelling.

### General information:

Heat exhaustion in cats, dogs and other animals can occur in warm weather. Make sure your pet is comfortable and has enough water. The inside of a vehicle left in sunshine for instance on an open ferry deck where the temperature is likely to be higher than 25C for more than a few minutes, or in an enclosed ferry deck, will very quickly become too hot for any animal inside and cause distress and suffering. Overheating, distress and suffering are likely when the temperature rises above 25C. The temperature inside in a car in full sun on a hot day can quickly rise to double the outside temperature, leading rapidly to distress for any animal in the vehicle. Dogs with snub noses (e.g. Pekinese, bulldogs etc.) or dogs suffering from breathing problems are more susceptible to heat stress. Long-haired dogs are more likely to be affected than those with short hair.

### When travelling:

Try to get to the port early so that we can give you the most suitable position in the car deck for your pet. Travel in the early morning or late evening, when temperatures may be cooler. At check in and when loading, ferry staff should be alerted that a pet is being carried in the vehicle. Dogs and other pets should be suitably restrained when in a vehicle. Pets (particularly small dogs and cats) should preferably travel in a container of a suitable size for the animal. If a dog is travelling loose in a vehicle, every effort should be made to ensure that it cannot escape through any open windows.

For further advice, please contact your vet, or Commerce and Employment in Guernsey on 01481 234567 or Environment Department in Jersey on 01534 441600.

# HD1 - A unique ferry

Fast ferries are nothing new to residents of the Channel Islands and indeed since the early 1990's several vessels, built by Incat in Australia, have provided the backbone of services to England and France. However, the latest newcomer to the Channel Islands scene not only looks radically different from any vessel previously supplied by Incat; at speeds of over 50 knots it is also the fastest.



The vessel before becoming HD1

The Incat K-Class range of vessels are recognised around the world for their speed, economy and technical reliability and HD Ferries' HD 1 is the youngest of three similar vessels.

In July 1996 a joint venture agreement was signed between Incat and Afai Ships of Hong Kong to build and market K-Class catamarans at a new shipyard at Panyu in China, two hours north of Hong Kong. The first new Chinese-built high speed ferry, which would eventually become HD1, was very much a further development of the previous K-Class vessels, more powerful engines being just one of many refinements adopted.

Most of the materials for the craft were supplied through Incat's Tasmanian yard and a constant stream of Incat personnel and sub-contractors travelled to Panyu to supervise each stage of construction. Of welded aluminium construction to Det Norske Veritas classification, the ferry is 80.1 metres long with an extreme beam of 19 metres. The two slender hulls are 72.3 metres long on the waterline. On sea trials she impressed; delivering speeds of up to 50 knots lightship and 46 knots fully loaded at 167 tonnes deadweight.

HD1 provides capacity for up to 400 persons and 89 cars. An open deck area aft also allows HD Ferries to offer some truck capacity, attractive to shippers of French produce. Passenger comfort is ensured by a Maritime Dynamics active ride control system.

### Exotic History!

Under its original name, Incat K3, the vessel made its commercial debut in April 1999 on charter to Canada's Bay Ferries for a new service in the Bahamas. Based in Miami the ferry operated a crossing to the Bahamian capital of Nassau four days per week and a five hour passage to Freeport, Grand Bahama Island three days per week.

The service targeted both business and tourist markets and features included a food court, a casino and onboard bingo! After just two months in service Incat K3 was carrying an average of 200 passengers per crossing.

A change of career followed and in August 2002 Incat K3 was taken on charter by Guadeloupe's Caribbean Ferries for service in the French West Indies. The decision to acquire the craft met with a favourable response from local French authorities and a growing demand from passengers long deprived of a real car ferry around the islands. Until Incat K3 appeared on the scene the only vessel in the islands with the ability to accommodate vehicles offered capacity for a maximum of ten cars.

Even before the craft had entered service on her new routes between Guadeloupe and Martinique she was making the news at her new home port. When on her delivery voyage from Louisiana Incat K3 came to the aid of five Venezuelan fishermen who had been caught out at sea in poor weather conditions.

And what an introduction it was! Making stops at the Windward Islands of Dominica and St Lucia en route to and from Martinique, Incat K3 was

breathing new life into sea transportation in the region. Just four months after entering service the ferry had taken a majority of the local market share. The fact that her speed of 47 knots was 12 knots faster than the nearest competitor played its part in this instant success!

An added boon for Caribbean Ferries was Incat K3's suitability for small and medium sized freight vehicles requiring a daily fast and efficient same-day ship between Guadeloupe and Martinique. Prior to the arrival of the craft, freight had to travel by container ships offering a twice weekly service utilising lift-on/lift-off operations.

Incat K3's role in Guadeloupe came to an end in 2006 and it was not long before she found new employment in Spain with the nation's largest shipping company; Acciona Trasmediterránea. Employed between Palma, Ibiza and Alicante, the craft provided valuable extra capacity throughout the 2006 summer season pending delivery of that company's new Incat 98 metre Wave Piercing Catamaran.

Following the cessation of the Émeraude Lines ferry service in 2005, the States of Jersey, Guernsey and the French region of Brittany sought an additional operator to meet the demand for ferry travel between the Channel Islands and France.

The 2Morrow Group was one of the companies approached and after nine months of investigation they established HD Ferries to meet the requirement for a regular and reliable ferry service for cars, freight and passengers between Jersey, Guernsey and France. Renamed HD1 the vessel offers six crossings per day, providing travellers with a wide range of additional options to complement existing ferry services.

By Justin Merrigan  
Incat Business Development Officer



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