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MEDIA INFORMATION

Condor Ferries moves sailings from Weymouth to Poole this weekend

As a short term measure, Condor Ferries has announced sailings this weekend will be relocated from Weymouth to Poole. Earlier this week mutual concerns were raised by Condor Ferries and Weymouth Harbour regarding the structural integrity of part of the ferry berth in Weymouth Port. An initial investigation by the Weymouth Port Engineer has been completed today, and based on this; the berth will be removed from use to allow detailed investigations to be made.

Condor Ferries is contacting passengers affected by the change of port and where necessary helping them to change their travel plans, as well as making sure that up-to-date information is available on its website www.condorferries.com.

Capt Fran Collins, Operations Director Condor Ferries, said:

“The safety of our passengers and crew is always our highest priority and we have taken this step to help sustain our lifeline ferry services between the Channel Islands and the UK. We are working closely with Weymouth Harbour to understand the extent of this issue and are in close cooperation with Poole Harbour Commissioners to make sure the change of port goes as smoothly as possible.”

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Editor's Notes

Affected sailings

Friday 17th February

Ferry departs Weymouth at 1000 as per the original schedule. Return will be to Poole not Weymouth with a slightly later arrival at 1945.

Sunday 19th February and Monday 20th February

Ferry departs Poole half an hour earlier at 0930 and will return to Poole at 1945.

All other times of arrival and departure in Guernsey and Jersey will remain as shown in the original schedule. Passengers travelling onward to France will make their original connecting services as shown on their booking confirmation.

Services later this month will be reviewed during next week once further feedback on the structure is available.

About Condor Ferries

Condor Ferries was founded in 1964 and initially operated a passenger service between France and the Channel Islands. In 1987 the first service linking the Channel Islands with the UK was launched and since then Condor Ferries has operated a year-round service connecting the UK through Poole, Weymouth and Portsmouth, the Channel Islands through Guernsey and Jersey and the ports of St Malo and Cherbourg in France.

Condor Ferries operates Condor Vitesse, Condor Express, and Condor Rapide fast cat ferries. In 1999 Commodore Clipper, a conventional car, passenger and freight carrying vessel was introduced to the fleet to offer an all weather, year round service. Each year Condor Ferries carries more than 1 million passengers and 200,000 passenger vehicles.

Condor Ferries also operates Commodore Goodwill, as a freight only vessel. The Condor Ferries fleet carries 100,000 freight vehicles into the Channel Islands each year as well as exporting tonnes of local produce.

Condor Ferries is also an active member of the communities within which it operates and supports numerous organisations, sports and charities through sponsorship and travel.

More information about Condor Ferries and its services is available at www.condorferries.com.