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MEDIA INFORMATION

Condor Ferries moves sailings to Poole while investigations get underway in Weymouth

Condor Ferries has announced that sailings up to Monday 27 February will be relocated from Weymouth to Poole, while initial investigations get underway at Weymouth Port.

Earlier this week mutual concerns were raised by Condor Ferries and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council regarding the structural integrity of part of the ferry berth in Weymouth Port.

Condor Ferries continues to contact passengers affected by the change of port and where necessary is 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 remains our highest priority. We have taken the decision to move all sailings to Poole for a further week to give our customers as much notice as possible while investigations are undertaken into the condition of the berth in Weymouth. This will help to minimise disruption and allow us to continue to sustain our lifeline ferry services between the Channel Islands and the UK.

“Condor Ferries and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council are committed to working in close cooperation during the investigations and recognise the longstanding role of the port of Weymouth as the gateway to the Channel Islands.”

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Editor's Notes

Affected sailings

Sunday 19th February and Monday 20th February

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

Friday 24th February

Ferry departs Poole half an hour earlier at 1200 and will return to Poole at 2215.

Saturday 25th February

Ferry departs Poole half an hour earlier at 1300 and will return to Poole at 2315.

Monday 27th February

Ferry departs Poole half an hour earlier at 0630 and will return to Poole at 1645.

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 (week commencing 20 February 2012) 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.