

CONDOR FERRIES PLAY HOST TO ENGLISH FOLK ROCKER

Music star Newton Faulkner briefly took the helm of Condor Ferries' wave-piercing catamaran en route from Poole to the Channel Islands for a festival recently.

The 24-year-old singer songwriter was invited on to the bridge by Condor Captain Steve Ainscow during his trip to Jersey to headline the Grassroots Eco Music Festival.

Under the close supervision of the Captain, the spectacularly dreadlocked-Newton was allowed to steer the fast ferry with members of the band looking on.

"It was an absolute pleasure to welcome Newton and his band on board. He seemed genuinely interested in the workings of the bridge and came across as a thoroughly nice man," said Captain Ainscow.

"I have to admit that I had to check who he was with my 12-year-old daughter Alex via telephone. She updated me of his career to date and assured me of his outstanding musical talents," he added.

In 2007 Newton's debut album, 'Hand Built By Robots', topped the British charts and went platinum selling more than a million copies.

Later this year he is embarking on a 12-date nationwide tour to promote his new album 'Rebuilt By Humans'.

Operating from the UK ports of Poole, Portsmouth and Weymouth, Condor Ferries' schedules have expanded over the years with services that now include the French ports of St.Malo and Cherbourg. Condor Ferries are the only cross-channel service that still offers duty free.

Condor Ferries employs over 700 staff and operates a fleet of five vessels including three wave piercing catamarans (Condor Vitesse, Condor Express and Condor 10) and two conventional ferries (Commodore Clipper and Commodore Goodwill).

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