

Good traffic development in Q2 despite postponed battery conversion

Scandlines Helsingborg-Helsingör transported more cars and passengers in Q2 2017 than in the comparison period, and the development was positively affected by Easter, which fell in Q1 last year. The number of transported trucks was unchanged and the time table and reliability were only marginally impacted by the postponement of the commissioning of Tycho Brahe as a 100% battery-operated ferry in June.

- The number of departures was 12,400 (2016: 12,500), and reliability remained high despite amendments to the sail plan following the postponed commissioning of Tycho Brahe as a 100% battery-operated ferry. Capacity utilisation on the car deck continued to increase.
- The number of transported trucks was unchanged around 109,000, and transported goods were stable around 1,255,000 tons. Bus traffic on the route declined to 5,800 transported units in Q2 2017 (2016: 6,000).
- Scandlines Helsingborg-Helsingör transported 372,000 cars in Q2 2017 (2016: 359,000), corresponding to an increase of 4%.
- The number of passengers increased by 3% to 1.9 million in Q2 2017 (2016: 1.9 million).
- The use of AutoBizz Smart increased by 20% compared to the same period last year.

“Traffic between Helsingborg and Helsingör grew in Q2, which was affected by the busy Easter period this year. We transported more cars and passengers, and we simultaneously improved the service level as we opened a new roofed gangway between the terminal and the Mercandia ferries’ berth in Helsingör and further developed our new app, which has already been downloaded by 32,000 customers. Following a period of significant growth in freight traffic, we maintained the high level by ensuring competitive prices and high regularity,” said Jens Ole Hansen, COO of HH Ferries AB.

“We succeeded in maintaining a high service level and good regularity in Q2 even though we had to postpone the commissioning in June of Tycho Brahe as the world’s largest 100% battery-operated ferry due to technical challenges with the charging stations on shore. Our supplier has found a solution and is working to complete the final amendments, and we expect the commissioning to take place during late summer to the benefit of our customers and the regional environment,” said Jens Ole Hansen.

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Scandlines Helsingborg-Helsingör

- on time departures at all times

HH Ferries Group operates Scandlines Helsingborg-Helsingör, transporting up to 50,000 passengers and 9,000 cars across Öresund on a daily basis with departures every fifteen minutes. The five modern vessels on the route offer travelers a short travel time of 20 minutes and a pleasant break with the option of shopping at low prices and enjoying a wide selection of food and beverages onboard.

An efficient and environmentally friendly traffic machine

Scandlines Helsingborg-Helsingör is the region's floating bridge with the five vessels Aurora, Tycho Brahe, Hamlet, Mercandia IV and Mercandia VIII. The ferries are environmentally friendly and fitted with catalytic converters. In 2016-2017, Aurora and Tycho Brahe are converted to battery operation at a total investment of around SEK 300 million. INEA, the EU's executive agency for innovation and network, supports the project with around SEK 120 million.

In 2016, Scandlines Helsingborg-Helsingör transported 7.3 million passengers and 1.4 million cars, 410,000 trucks and 20,000 buses, corresponding to around 20% of the vehicles crossing Öresund¹. The route promotes integration and growth in the Öresund region, and is operated by 750 employees. It operates on a daily basis to ensure an efficient connection between Denmark and Sweden with a view of making travellers' crossing as pleasant and efficient as possible. The route furthermore contributes to generating up to 2,000 jobs in the region.

The ferry route is marketed under the trademark Scandlines Helsingborg-Helsingör and is owned by the company HH Ferries AB, headquartered in Helsingborg. Jens Ole Hansen is interim CEO of HH Ferries AB, which is owned by investment company First State Investments.

¹ The total number of transported vehicles on the connections Scandlines Helsingborg-Helsingör and the Öresund Bridge.