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Scandlines Helsingborg-Helsingör expands capacity

On 1 December, Scandlines Helsingborg-Helsingör expands capacity when Hamlet's sailing schedule is expanded by five hours daily. The expansion is driven by increasing demand from the route's freight customers and implemented following a long period of significant growth in freight traffic.

The route's competitive prices and high regularity form the foundation for Scandlines Helsingborg-Helsingör transporting 410,000 trucks in 2016. The capacity expansion lets the route accommodate customers' demand and increase the number of transported trucks by 40,000 units per year.

"Over a longer period of time, we have seen growth in freight traffic, and over the course of the most recent eight weeks the growth rate has exceeded 8%. Our freight customers are satisfied with Öresund's floating bridge, and the expansion is part of our ongoing work to maintain the necessary capacity and the right service level. We want to offer on time departures at all times," said Johan Röstin, CEO of HH Ferries AB.

Hamlet has already been on an expanded sailing schedule in connection with Aurora's docking related to the ferry's conversion to 100% battery operation. During that period, regularity has been high, and Hamlet's restaurant has proven a great success. At the same time, the route's newly expanded app has been popular with customers, reaching more than 40,000 downloads.

"Developments have been very positive recently, and we are now looking forward to expand capacity and continue the progress in the coming period to accommodate demand from both professional and retail customers. The capacity expansion furthermore entails hiring of additional staff," said Johan Röstin.

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- 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. Johan Röstin is 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.