

New route to Bilbao from Brittany Ferries



From Spring 2011, Brittany Ferries will be introducing a twice weekly service from Portsmouth to Bilbao, operated by the 33,000 tonne vessel Cap Finistère. This new route will be in addition to a twice weekly Portsmouth-Santander, weekly Plymouth-Santander and the ever popular twice weekly Poole-Santander freight-only services. In total there will be seven return crossings a week between the UK and Spain – four from Portsmouth, one from Plymouth and two from Poole.

The decision to expand services on the direct axis between the UK and Spain has been based on the results of progressively building freight traffic on the route from the initial introduction of the freight-only vessel Cotentin from Poole in 2007 through the acquisition of the Cap Finistère in 2010. Again, the new route will have transit times purpose designed with the optimum use of the weekly 24 hour drivers' rest in mind, and with a minimum of 65 freight spaces on any sailing, the service will help move still more vehicles off France's heavily congested roads.

Jon Clarke, Group Freight Director, says "Now we have seven return sailings a week, it begs the question as to whether there is really an alternative for both driver-accompanied and unaccompanied freight to Northern Spain. This progress clearly mirrors the enhanced appreciation by the road transport industry that vehicles travelling on long crossings are more productive in the round than when parked in either traffic queues or insecure parking areas. Then there are the increased pressures from the environmental lobbies, whose aim is to eradicate road congestion through a combination of pricing and driving restrictions that focus attention on the alternatives we now consistently offer."

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Seafield Logistics has been in business since the 1940s, but has expanded massively in recent years with the acquisition of a series of independent companies including the Thompson Martin and Ken Thomas Groups. The business now has an ambitious growth target in its four core business activities – logistics, warehousing, distribution and contract packing.

Seafield has developed an extensive array of tailored, integrated logistics solutions to enable its large and varied client base to reduce its supply chain costs. Although based in Worksop, the company has dedicated sites, staff and resources located strategically throughout the UK. This emphasises Seafield's flexible approach that delivers bespoke logistics solutions to each client.

Seafield have in excess of 1.5 million square feet of dedicated or multi-user warehousing, and all operations are managed by an advanced warehouse management system, enabling the company to undertake a full range of activities, including high accuracy case and item picking, while still maintaining very accurate inventory control. This is complemented by a contract packing facility which provides a cost-effective value added operation with expertise in co-pack, contract packing and pre-retailing services.

Seafield's clients can be assured of quality as they are accredited to ISO 9001:2008 and all their sites are equipped with the latest and most effective IT systems designed to manage and control every aspect of their operation. Seafield's main advantage, however, is its experienced and dedicated staff.

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