**Issued on behalf of Stena Line**

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*Leading ferry company launches new timetable on Fishguard - Rosslare route*

The new timetable on Stena Line’s Fishguard - Rosslare route has set sail and now gives customers the chance to avail of three day sailings and one extended overnight crossing.

Having carried out extensive customer research and feedback, the leading ferry company reviewed the previous schedule and has introduced a more customer friendly timetable which now comprises of three x 3 hour 15 minutes daytime crossings making Stena Line’s Fishguard - Rosslare route the shortest and fastest crossing between Ireland and South Wales.

Ian Davies, Stena Line’s Trade Director, Irish Sea South commented: “We recently carried out a substantial investment in the Stena Europe vessel and to ensure we make the most of this service for our customers, we carried out extensive research with them to find out how we can provide an even more enjoyable travel experience.

“After analysing the results, we made the decision to amend the timetable on our Fishguard - Rosslare route and are now delighted to offer our customers three day sailings and an extended overnight crossing. This not only creates new opportunities which were not previously available on the market for our travel and freight customers, but also reduces the crossing times on some of our sailings by 15 minutes.”

Stena Line’s sailing schedule between Fishguard and Rosslare is now:

                                                **Departure                   Arrival                    Crossing Time**

*Rosslare*                                  08:00                           11:15                           3hr15

*Fishguard*                                13:10                           16:25                           3hr15

*Rosslare*                                  18:10                           21:25                           3hr15

*Fishguard*                                23:45                           04:00                           4hr15\*

Stena Line is the largest ferry operator on the Irish Sea, offering the biggest fleet and the widest choice of routes between Britain and Ireland including Fishguard to Rosslare, Holyhead to Dublin, Liverpool, Heysham and Cairnryan to Belfast, with a total of 228 weekly sailing options. Stena Line also offers a direct service from Rosslare to Cherbourg with three return crossings a week.

*\*Overnight sailing time will increase by 15 minutes giving customers a little more time to rest particularly drivers before they disembark.*

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