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**STENA LINE POSTS 6.5% INCREASE IN CAR VOLUMES**

Stena Line has posted an impressive 6.5% year on year increase in the number of cars it carried across the Irish Sea in the month of July.

The July performance has rounded off a strong first six months for the leading ferry operator which also recorded a 3% increase in car volumes from January to June. Each year Stena Line carries approximately 2.2m passengers, 614 000 cars and 732 000 freight units across its Irish Sea routes.

Orla Noonan, Stena Line’s Head of Travel (Irish Sea) commented: “Traditionally July is a very busy month for us across the Irish Sea as we enter our peak season but to post a 6.5% year on year increase in our car volumes pays tribute to the quality of the service we operate.

Orla added; “It’s encouraging to note that our July performance outstrips the UK and Ireland ferry industry as whole which experienced a 1.5% increase in car volumes according to industry stats. As well as strong volume performances we have also managed to deliver some best in class punctuality and reliability stats which is why we believe more customers are choosing to travel with Stena Line.”

Stena Line operates the biggest fleet and the widest choice of routes between Ireland and Britain with an extensive route network including Belfast to Cairnryan, Belfast to Liverpool, Belfast to Heysham, Dublin Port to Holyhead and Rosslare to Fishguard.

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