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**Stena Line wins ‘*Best Ferry Company’* for the 26th time**

LEADING ferry company Stena Line is celebrating after winning the Best Ferry Company award for a record-breaking **26th** time at the annual *Northern Ireland Travel and Tourism Awards*.

The award was presented to Paul Grant, Stena Line’s Trade Director, Irish Sea North at the awards ceremony last Friday (October 19) at the Slieve Donard Resort and Spa in Newcastle, Co Down.

The ceremony is organized by Northern Ireland Travel News and is attended by travel industry VIPs from all over the UK and Ireland. The event was hosted this year by Saoirse Jackson, Louisa Harland and Dylan Llewllyn from the hit TV series The Derry Girls.

Orla Noonan, Stena Line’s Travel Commercial Manager, Irish Sea North said: “We are absolutely delighted to win this prestigious award for the 26th time!”

“The award is a great testament to our total commitment to providing the best ferry travel experience and excellent customer service,” added Orla. To have this recognized by the travel trade and by travel and tourism industry leaders is an honour”.

Stena Line is the largest ferry operator on the Irish Sea, offering the biggest fleet and the widest choice of routes between Ireland and Britain including Belfast to Cairnryan, Belfast to Liverpool, Belfast to Heysham, Dublin to Holyhead and Rosslare to Fishguard, a total of 232 weekly sailing options between Ireland and Britain.

Stena Line also offers a direct service from Rosslare to Cherbourg with three return crossings a week. The company carries approximately three million passengers on its Irish Sea routes each year, more than its rival ferry operators combined.

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