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**THE STENA HSS SPRINGS INTO ACTION FOR SEASONAL SERVICE**

STENA Line has announced that the Stena HSS Fastcraft will return for its seasonal service on its Dun Laoghaire to Holyhead route from Wednesday April 9 until Tuesday September 9.

With great value fares starting from only €129 single for car and driver, the service will operate one round trip per day with a 10.30am sailing from Holyhead and a 13.30pm sailing from Dun Laoghaire giving passengers the chance to speed across the Irish Sea and arrive in Britain in only 2 hours 20 minutes.

Stena Line’s Head of Travel, Orla Noonan said: “The brighter part of the year is set to get even brighter when Stena Line’s iconic HSS springs into action on Wednesday April 9. We hope the seasonal service of the vessel, well known for its style and speed, will get people thinking about booking a spring break or summer holiday to Britain in the coming months.

“The seasonal HSS service will help Stena Line cope with the additional demand over the busy spring and summer period and it is fantastic to be able to offer our customers with an even greater choice of sailings,” Orla added.

The Stena HSS Fastcraft caters for up to 1,500 passengers and 350 cars and boasts the Metropolitan Bar and Barista Coffee Lounge, Stena Plus lounge, free Wi-Fi, free movies, Curious George children’s play area and Teen Town and an onboard shop which offers a wide range of gifts, jewellery, spirits and fragrances with average prices up to 40% cheaper than the high street.

“To celebrate the return of the HSS, we have launched a spring photo competition to give people the chance to win a VIP HSS trip for one lucky winner and four friends as well as lots of other runner up prizes. It’s really simple to enter, all you have to do is take a photo of what spring means to you, if you are feeling extra creative you could include the iconic HSS in your pic, upload online and the photo with the most votes from the public wins,” Orla continued.

To enter Stena Line’s HSS Photo competition, all you have to do is like the Facebook page ([www.stenaline.com/StenaLineUKIE](http://www.stenaline.com/StenaLineUKIE)) and submit an original photograph, taken by you, at [www.stenaline.ie/facebook-comp](http://www.stenaline.ie/facebook-comp)  via Facebook, Twitter or Instagram using the hashtag #stenahsscomp.

But don’t worry if you’re not a winner as you can get the lowest fares by booking early and online at [www.stenaline.ie](http://www.stenaline.ie)

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