



PORT OF KIEL

# SK NEWS

for customers and partners  
of the PORT OF KIEL  
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Dear friends of the port of Kiel,



It is summer time on the Baltic Sea and we are very pleased with the many tourists taking the large ferries that depart from our terminals to Scandinavia and to the Baltic States. At the same time, the cruise ships that head from Kiel towards the Norwegian fjords or to the metropolises on the Baltic Sea can be spotted in port. Despite our goal to achieve economic success, it is also important to us to consider the ecological consequences of our actions. Kiel is a climate protection city with high ambitions - just as the maritime industry. We are taking on this responsibility and have started to implement our measures laid down in the BLUE PORT concept. On-shore power supply is - next to energy efficiency, electric mobility or the high capacity waste water reception facility - one of the key elements here. I am happy that we could take the first on-shore power plant in Kiel into operation which supplies emission-free power to vessels at the Norwegenkai Terminal. Thus, the PORT OF KIEL supports the climate protection goals of the Schleswig-Holstein State Capital City on a sustainable basis.

I hope you enjoy reading our latest issue of the SK news!

Yours, 

Dr Dirk Claus  
Managing Director

## CLIMATE PROTECTION

Official inauguration of the first on-shore power supply plant in the commercial port of Kiel: The facility at the Norwegenkai Terminal was declared open jointly by the Minister-President of the federal state of Schleswig-Holstein, Daniel Günther, the German Federal Government's Coordinator for the Maritime Industry, Norbert Brackmann, and the Lord Mayor of Kiel, Dr Ulf Kämpfer along with Dr Dirk Claus, the Managing Director of the PORT OF KIEL



and Trond Kleivdal, Board Chairman of Color Line. With immediate effect, the Color Line's big cruise-ferries can be supplied with emission-free electric power from on shore. Minister-President Günther said: "We are together making an important contribution to keeping the air clean. By using power from on shore we are reducing to zero the emission of harmful substances as well as of greenhouse gases during the time ships are berthed in port. Schleswig-Holstein supports this trend-setting project and will encourage further facilities of this type", he added. The Schwedenkai Terminal and the cruise shipping terminal at Ostseekai will follow the Norwegenkai example and are to get shore-based power supply capability for ships in the coming year. In future the PORT

OF KIEL wants to use eco-friendly shore-based electricity to cover 60% of the power requirements of ships calling at Kiel.

## PARTNER OF MSC CRUISES

The PORT OF KIEL and the shipping company of MSC Cruises are going to intensify their long-lasting partnership. The corresponding letter of intent was signed when the "MSC Meraviglia" vessel came to Kiel for its maiden call. The City President, Hans-Werner Tovar, the Executive Chairman of MSC Cruises,

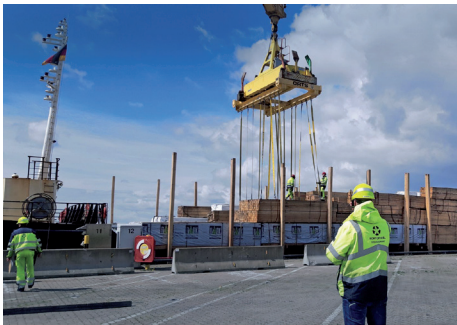


Pierfrancesco Vago, and Dirk Claus opened the enhanced cruise terminal in Ostuferhafen which has been custom-tailored to the processes of MSC. MSC cruise ships have been frequently calling at the port for fourteen years now. The beginning was marked by the vessel "Rhapsody" on 4th September 2005 before Kiel became the shipping company's port of origin and destination in 2006. Kiel has been part and parcel of the itinerary planning for Northern Europe ever since and has been visited 375 times by eleven different MSC cruise ships to date. This season, the "MSC Meraviglia" offers 22 trips throughout Northern Europe and brings a great number of

international guests to Schleswig-Holstein. In the following 2020 season MSC will even base a second cruise ship in Kiel, namely the “MSC Splendida”.

## CONNECTED WITH RUSSIA

Kiel remains connected with Russia. After Finnlines ceased the liner service to St Petersburg last spring, DFDS is already offering its customers alternative transport options. While trucks use the daily ferry departures to Klaipeda,



forest products are shipped in a conventional way several times a month. As soon as the trade restrictions between the EU and Russia will be reduced, direct ferry traffic will also be enabled again. The first conventional cargo vessel in Ostufershafen was the “Surgut” from which 5,200 m<sup>3</sup> sawn timber were unloaded for renowned importers. At Berth No. 8 there is a brand-new gripper in operation which can be supported by a mobile harbour crane depending on the vessel’s time in port. The different forest products are stored in the sheds in the first instance until they are delivered by truck or train.

## RIVERBOATS IN KIEL

In addition to the large cruise ships there is a growing number of riverboats paying a visit to Kiel. The first guest of the season was the “Junker Jörg” berthing at the Sartorikai just as



the riverboat “Frederic Chopin” did which has been designed for 80 passengers. During the peak season over the course of the Kiel Week, the riverboats also berthed at the Norwegenkai Terminal. These ships usually leave Kiel through the Kiel Canal, then they go up the river Elbe to Hamburg and from there they often head towards Dresden or Prague. This season, five different riverboats will visit Kiel on thirteen different occasions.

## HEAVY CARGO TRANSHIPMENT

Heavy cargo transshipment in Ostufershafen: As promoted at the Break Bulk trade fair in Bremen, Kiel is also excellently equipped for handling heavy-lift cargo and project loadings. The latest example is the transshipment of a powerhouse generator weighing about 100 tons that had arrived by an inland vessel coming from the south-western hinterland of Germany. Within no more than 30 minutes, the generator was lifted out of the cargo hold by the mobile harbour crane and put down and secured on a



33 m long flatbed truck. The generator was transhipped from Kiel to the Belarusian destination via Klaipeda by a ferry of the DFDS shipping company. Due to its location at the exit of the Kiel Canal, the port of Kiel is connected to the inland waterway network without restrictions. This mode of transport is predestined for larger heavy cargo as road transport is often very difficult due to overheights, overwidths and heavy load weights. However, also large quantities of general and bulk cargo are transhipped from Kiel with inland vessels.

## TRADE SHOW IN MUNICH

Together with the companies of Color Line Cargo and SCA Logistics, the PORT OF KIEL draws a very positive balance regarding the joint representation at the transport logistic trade show in Munich. The trade fair was the



perfect platform to meet business partners and to talk about new projects. The key points of Kiel’s presentation were the capacity expansion in the ferry traffic to Norway as well as the shipping options in Roll-on/Roll-off traffic to the Swedish south and east coasts.

## PEAK SEASON FOR FERRIES

The summer months are the peak season for the ferry services from and to Kiel. Tourists are attracted by Sweden, Norway and more and more also by the coasts of the Baltic States. On the other hand, the Scandinavians use the ferries for the perfect start into their vacations



spent in Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland and also the Benelux States. The largest passenger ferries of the Baltic Sea serve the Kiel - Oslo route. The sister vessels “Color Fantasy” and “Color Magic” measuring 75,000 GT each depart from Norwegenkai at 2 p.m. every day and arrive in the Norwegian capital at 10.00 p.m. next morning. The Stena Line vessels connect Kiel with Gothenburg in Sweden also on a daily basis. They depart in the early evening and arrive at their destination at 9.15 a.m. Last but not least, DFDS offers its passengers a comfortable passage of 20 hours from Kiel to Klaipeda in Lithuania. The beaches of the Curonian Spit can already be seen from there.

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