

NEWSLETTER

Monthly News Digest

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Welcome to our new updated Stornoway Port newsletter. Following positive feedback on our regular Deep Water Port newsletters, we will be issuing a new SPA newsletter which will give project updates and news on what is happening right across Stornoway Port.

Deep Water Terminal welcomes Pelagic vessels

The multifunctional Deep Water Terminal (DWT) demonstrated its capabilities with the arrival of Pelagic vessels, this month.



Pelagic vessels have a deep draft, these vessels require significant water depth—something that few ports on Scotland's west coast can provide. Pelagic trawling is a key fishing method, towing large nets to catch midwater species such as herring, mackerel, and blue whiting.

The Stornoway DWT continues to prove its value as a hub for maritime activity, and the arrival of Pelagic vessels marks another significant step in its growing role within the region.



Luggage van

The introduction of a luggage van for passengers on the Stornoway to Ullapool ferry service has significantly improved operations, helping to ease some of the challenges caused by the Passenger Access System being out of use.

Stornoway Port Authority is in discussions with its insurance company to determine the next steps for the system's resolution. In the meantime, the luggage van has been well received by travellers and has proven successful.



CalMac Ferries, Ullapool Harbour, and Stornoway Port Authority continue to work closely to ensure the luggage service is as efficient as possible, with CalMac staff on hand to assist passengers and provide support when requested.

While foot passengers may experience slight disembarkation delays, vehicle passengers remain unaffected, and efforts are ongoing to minimise disruption.

Up Helly Aa

Last month, Stornoway Port Authority (SPA) CEO Alex Macleod took part in Lerwick's famous Up Helly Aa festival, joining fellow port authority representatives as honorary Vikings for the day.



Invited by Lerwick Port Authority Chief Executive, Captain Calum Grains, Alex Macleod and Montrose Port Authority CEO Tom Hutchison became part of the prestigious Jarl Squad, immersing themselves in the rich traditions of the event.

The festival provided a valuable opportunity for SPA to strengthen relationships with other Scottish port authorities and foster collaboration between island communities.

Up Helly Aa is a strong example of community spirit, bringing together people from all sectors to create an unforgettable celebration.

Ongoing work at Cromwell Street Quay

Work is almost complete to improve the old bus station site at Cromwell Street Quay, which will create a new public space which can be accessed and enjoyed by all.



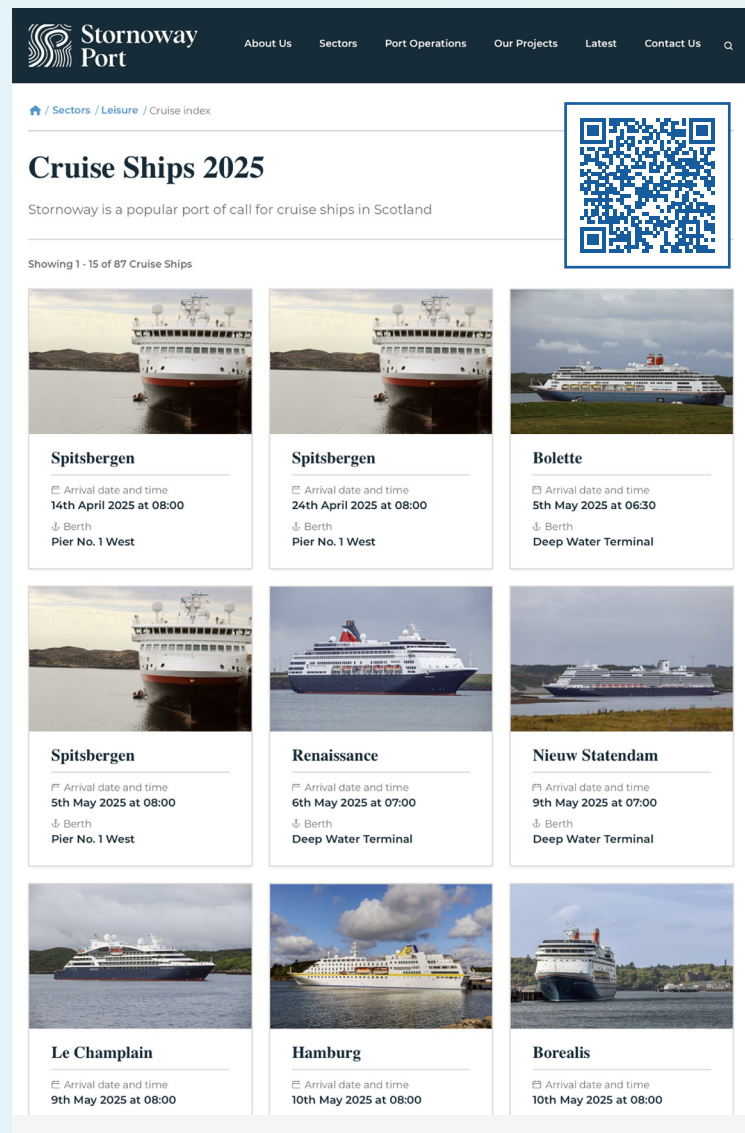
The wall towards the RNLI building is being extended. It had been previously left until some cable diversions were undertaken but this has now been completed.

These improvements not only vastly improve the look of the town centre but also provide an additional amenity area.

Keep up to date on all cruise ship schedules on SPA website

A full list of all scheduled cruise ship arrivals from April onwards is available on the Stornoway Port Authority website and is updated regularly.

For the full updated list, scan the QR code below or visit www.stornowayport.com.



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Cruise Ships 2025

Stornoway is a popular port of call for cruise ships in Scotland

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Ship Name	Arrival date and time	Berth
Spitsbergen	14th April 2025 at 08:00	Pier No. 1 West
Spitsbergen	24th April 2025 at 08:00	Pier No. 1 West
Bolette	5th May 2025 at 06:30	Deep Water Terminal
Spitsbergen	5th May 2025 at 08:00	Pier No. 1 West
Renaissance	6th May 2025 at 07:00	Deep Water Terminal
Nieuw Statendam	9th May 2025 at 07:30	Deep Water Terminal
Le Champlain	9th May 2025 at 08:00	
Hamburg	10th May 2025 at 08:00	
Borealis	10th May 2025 at 08:00	

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