

**MAIN IRISH SEA PASSENGER CARRYING FERRY COMPANIES**

<b>IOM Steam Packet</b>	
Douglas – Heysham	Ro-pax twice daily Fast craft 12 per week (summer)
Douglas – Liverpool	Fast craft 3 per week (winter)
<a href="http://www.steam-packet.com">www.steam-packet.com</a>	

<b>Stena Line</b>	
Holyhead – Dun Laoghaire	HSS 2/3 per day
Stranraer – Belfast	HSS 3 per day
Fleetwood – Larne	up to 3 ro-pax per day
<a href="http://www.stenaline.co.uk">www.stenaline.co.uk</a>	

<b>Norfolkline</b>	
Birkenhead – Belfast	Ro-Pax 13 per week
Birkenhead – Dublin	Ro-Pax 12 per week
<a href="http://www.norfolkline.com">www.norfolkline.com</a>	

<b>P&amp;O Irish Sea</b>	
Liverpool – Dublin	Ro-Pax 2 per day
Cairnryan - Larne	Ro-Pax 6 per day
<a href="http://www.poirishsea.com">www.poirishsea.com</a>	
	Fastcraft 1 per day (summer)

<b>Irish Ferries</b>	
Holyhead – Dublin	Ro-Pax 2 per day Fast craft 2 per day
<a href="http://www.irishferries.com">www.irishferries.com</a>	

<b>Notes:</b>	
Ro-Pax	Freight/passenger vessel
Fast craft	Fast car/passenger vessel
HSS	Large fast craft

<b>IRISH SEA PASSENGERS BY ROUTE</b>											
<i>[000 foot and vehicle passengers]</i>	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Stranraer/Cairnryan/Troon - Belfast/Larne	2342	2205	2660	2572	2590	2466	2325	2284	2430	2337	2051
Holyhead – Dublin / Dun Laoghaire	2125	2489	2475	2775	2541	2518	2380	2371	2334	2236	2174
North West to Belfast / Larne	58	60	86	169	193	207	197	204	217	230	229
North West to Dublin	24	29	97	343	337	293	303	335	317	280	190
North West to IOM	393	375	407	445	480	526	497	566	585	582	541
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4942</b>	<b>5158</b>	<b>5725</b>	<b>6304</b>	<b>6141</b>	<b>6010</b>	<b>5702</b>	<b>5760</b>	<b>5883</b>	<b>5665</b>	<b>5185</b>

Source: DfT

<b>NORTHWEST PORTS</b>											
<i>[000 foot and vehicle passengers]</i>	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Liverpool (Mostyn) – Dublin	24	29	97	343	337	293	303	335	317	280	190
Liverpool – Belfast	58	60	58	127	142	154	130	137	150	158	167
Fleetwood – Larne			28	42	51	53	67	67	67	72	62
Liverpool – IOM	133	100	202	220	241	286	273	314	324	310	281
Heysham – IOM	260	275	205	225	239	240	224	252	261	272	260
<b>Totals</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>464</b>	<b>590</b>	<b>957</b>	<b>1010</b>	<b>1026</b>	<b>997</b>	<b>1105</b>	<b>1119</b>	<b>1092</b>	<b>960</b>

Source: DfT

<b>Estimate of NW Ferry passengers who are potential public transport users</b>			
<b>2005 figures</b>	<b>Total Passengers</b>	<b>Foot Passengers</b>	
		<b>Thousands</b>	<b>Pct</b>
Liverpool + Birkenhead – Dublin	190	10	5%
Birkenhead – Belfast	167	10	6%
Fleetwood – Larne	62	0	0%
Liverpool – IOM	281	132	47%
Heysham – IOM	260	66	25%
<b>Holyhead - Dublin/Dun Laoghaire</b>	<b>2173</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>7%</b>

Author's estimates based on figures from:  
Dft – Network Rail - IOMSPCo

PUBLIC TRANSPORT CONNECTIONS				
Company	Terminal	Surface Transport	Publicity	Through ticketing
IOMSPC	Pier Head	Bus S2/S3 to/from City/Stations	none by IOMSPC	Sail/Rail (little publicised)
		Ace Travel to Lime Street Station	none	
	Heysham Hbr	Northern Rail to Lancaster	none by IOMSPC	
		10 min walk to local buses	IOMSPC website	
Norfolkline	12 Quays	Walk to Hamilton Square Station?	none by Norfolkline	none
P&O	Cairnryan	Local bus to Stranraer for rail	none by P&O	none
Stena	Holyhead	Virgin / Arriva Trains Wales		Sail&Rail
	Stranraer	Scotrail to Glasgow via Ayr		(prices on website)
Irish Ferries	Holyhead	Virgin / Arriva Trains Wales		SailRail / Buseireann
Ferry companies do not offer on-line booking for Sail/Rail tickets - book by phone				
Rail and coach companies can offer (limited) on-line through booking services				
Coach services from NW England to Belfast/Dublin operate via Stranraer/Holyhead				

#### THERE ARE NO:

- Consultative user groups for the ferry industry in England & Wales.
- Route licensing arrangements for Irish Sea services
- Restrictions on use of ports by ferry companies – **except** in the Isle of Man

#### STATISTICS:

- Department for Transport [www.dft.gov.uk/transtat](http://www.dft.gov.uk/transtat)
- IOM Harbours <http://www.gov.im/harbours/allnews.gov>

#### FERRY INDUSTRY ORGANISATIONS ETC

- **Passenger Shipping Association.** All the Irish Sea ferry operators are members of this organisation – which also included cruise companies. <http://www.the-psa.co.uk>
- **Maritime & Coastguard Agency** – safety regulator for shipping in UK waters. <http://www.mcga.gov.uk/c4mca/mcga-home.htm>

#### INDEPENDENT SOURCES OF IRISH SEA FERRY NEWS & INFORMATION

- European Ferry Scene – magazine and website – <http://www.ferrypubs.co.uk>
- Coastal Cruising Association – members magazine and public website - <http://www.cruisingmonthly.com/>
- Irish Sea Shipping – news website updated weekly - <http://www.irishseashipping.com/>
- World Ship Society – branches in Liverpool and Manchester - <http://www.worldshipsociety.org/>

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