

Press release

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Scandlines sees strong growth in Baltic traffic in 2010

The shipping company Scandlines reported an enormous increase in transport volumes in Baltic traffic. Freight volumes rose year on year by 59.7 per cent and passenger volumes by 48.5 per cent in 2010. Altogether Scandlines carried some 54,000 cargo units and 69,000 passengers on the Baltic Sea routes Travemünde–Ventspils, Travemünde–Liepaja and Nynäshamn–Ventspils in 2010.

The year 2009 was a difficult one for all industries, but now all the indicators at Scandlines are set for growth. "The extremely positive figures for freight and passengers volumes in 2010 show that demand in Baltic traffic is picking up strongly. For 2011 we are again expecting growth of around 15 per cent for freight and 30 per cent for passenger traffic. To meet that, we deployed a new ship, the M/V Scottish Viking, on the Nynäshamn–Ventspils route in January. It increases our freight capacity by more than 30 per cent and our passenger capacity by a large multiple", says Gerald Lefold, Line Manager Sweden/Baltic Routes.

Scandlines has operated a ferry service to Ventspils since 2005. Since then the company has transported around 280,000 freight units and 360,000 passengers on these routes. In 2010 Scandlines added Travemünde–Liepaja to its route network to the Baltic.

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Scandlines was established in 1998 and is one of Europe's largest shipping companies. Its core business is the transport of passengers and goods in the triangle between Germany, Denmark and Sweden, as well as on routes to the Baltic States and Finland. Scandlines carries 16 million passengers, 3.7 million cars and over 1 million trucks and trailers a year, with the objective of providing an efficient, dependable and competitive transport service.