

press release

Boulogne Hub Port Starts Operations A new terminal for freight and passengers

From 17th September LD Lines' *Norman Arrow* - the largest catamaran operating across the English Channel, first to carry both freight and passengers and providing four return sailings daily between Dover and Boulogne, has become the first ferry service to operate into the Port of Boulogne's new Hub Port terminal.

The new Hub Port covers a surface area of 13 hectares and the first phase of the development introduces a unique double lane linkspan which can be mechanically moved along the quay to accommodate all types of conventional ships and high speed ferries.

Landowners, the Région Nord-Pas-de-Calais and Managers of the new multi-activity port, the Chamber of Commerce Boulogne-sur-Mer Cote d'Opale, officially inaugurate the new port installations on Saturday 19 September.

A new page in the history of the Port of Boulogne begins. To present the new Hub Port terminal an exhibition is open, with free admission, at the Boulogne Chamber of Commerce offices from 21 September to 9 October. The exhibition will enable the visiting public to follow the many different stages of the creating of the new Hub Port. *Hours of opening of the exhibition are : Monday to Friday from 9am to 6pm – Saturday from 10pm – 12 midday and 3pm to 6pm.*

- *A Hub Port is a port facility which provides companies and operators a whole range options including logistics, storage and forwarding. It is a port that can accept an extensive range of all types of products and materials, which are then distributed to destinations throughout Europe. It is also a port that focuses on all types of transportation ; shipping, road and rail.*

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