



Item: 10

Development and Infrastructure Committee: 12 November 2024.

Inter-Island Ferry Services – Proposed Summer 2025 Timetable.

**Report by Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable
Regeneration.**

1. Overview

- 1.1. The draft timetables in respect of ferry services to be operated by Orkney Ferries Limited during summer 2025 was presented to the Ferry Services Consultative Forum for consideration on 20 August 2024, with main comments and representations from transport representatives outlined in section 4 of this report.
- 1.2. The inter-island ferry services timetables for summer 2025 are scheduled to operate from 4 May 2025 to 28 September 2025 inclusive.
- 1.3. The proposed timetables, attached at Appendix 1 to this report are consistent with that operated in previous years, with any amendments outlined in section 4 of this report.
- 1.4. The draft timetables and feedback from the Ferry Services Consultative Forum were presented to the Board of Orkney Ferries on 5 September 2024.
- 1.5. In advance of the Council’s budget setting process for 2025/26 being established, the timetable in respect of inter-island ferry services, will be subject to an adequate service revenue budget being established.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that members of the Committee:
 - i. Approve the timetables in respect of inter-island ferry services, to be operated by Orkney Ferries Limited during summer 2025 attached as Appendix 1 to this report, subject to an adequate service revenue budget for 2025/26 being established.

3. Background

- 3.1. In accordance with the Service Level Agreements entered into by Orkney Ferries Limited and the Council, a recommendation from the Board of Orkney Ferries

must be made via the Head of Marine Services and Transportation in order for the winter and summer timetable periods to be approved by this Committee.

- 3.2. The six Outer North Isles Community Councils each appoint a Transport Representative to represent their respective communities on the Inter-Island Ferry Service Forum.

4. Ferry Services Forum

- 4.1. The draft timetables for summer 2025 were considered by the Ferry Services Consultative Forum on 20 August 2024, with the key issues outlined below. Transport Representatives were reminded that a period of consultation with the communities, including businesses, hauliers and residents is expected so that a collective view is taken forward when considering timetable amendments. Individual requests from residents or businesses should go through the transport representative and be considered by the community in advance of the forum.
- 4.2. The proposed summer 2025 timetables presented to the forum are consistent with that operated by Orkney Ferries Limited in previous years, with the exception of some timing changes.
- 4.3. Outer North Isles Timetable
 - 4.3.1 For operational reasons, the Monday and Wednesday sailings to Westray have been amended to revert to 1035 from 1200 (as per summer 2023). The later sailing was trialled during summer 2024 however the timetable change did not provide sufficient turnaround time for crew to carry out essential maintenance checks.
 - 4.3.2 A request was made from the Westray Transport Representative to amend the sailings to 1300 as it was more suitable for the community. Following consideration by Orkney Ferries Limited it was noted that this request could not be accommodated as it would have an impact to the timetable and crewing hours.
 - 4.3.3 An amendment to the timetable was made on Friday mornings to give a more realistic arrival time to Kirkwall, noting that the arrival times are often delayed. This affected the Sanday arrival into Kirkwall due to delays on the loading of the Papa Westray vessel (and only one linkspan).

It was noted by all North Isles Transport Representatives that the Friday timetable pushed the vessels to arrive later at Kirkwall which was not a preferred option. For example, the Stronsay/Eday vessel would arrive at 1120 instead of 1100.

- 4.3.4 It was noted that the loss of overnighting in the isles has meant the loss of early morning sailings on a Wednesday and Friday morning and due to

crewing hours, it is not feasible to start the operating day earlier without pulling back the timetable elsewhere.

4.3.5 To address the comments received from members of the community about delays to Kirkwall and conflicts with appointment times, the summer 2025 timetable now better reflects the arrival times into Kirkwall, noting that earlier times cannot be achieved due to crewing hours.

4.3.6 A passenger service covering the Outer North Isles will be explored further with the view to implement during summer 2025 ahead of the ZEVI 2 trial period serving the Outer North Isles. This service could potentially provide early morning connectivity which was lost following the loss of overnighting the vessels in the isles. This will be explored further by Orkney Ferries Limited and Transportation and will be subject to budget availability.

4.3.7 The Outer North Isles Sunday Excursion timetable will be finalised once all key dates are received from communities.

4.4. Papa Westray Timetable

4.4.1 No changes proposed to the timetable however it was noted that any change to the Westray service would ideally need to be incorporated in the Papa Westray timetable for onwards connectivity if possible.

4.4.2 It should be noted that onwards connectivity by public bus is not currently achievable during the winter period on a daily basis as this is out with the terms of the current bus contract. The bus can meet all evening connections but a Saturday and Monday morning only. As this would require an additional bus and driver, the onwards connectivity has not been extended further at this time but will be considered in future contracts. Alternative transport options are available.

4.5. North Ronaldsay

No changes proposed to the North Ronaldsay timetable.

4.6. South Isles Timetable

4.6.1 A request was made by the Hoy and Walls Transport Representative to amend the South Isles Timetable so that the departures were consistent Monday to Sunday. Following a period of consultation with Hoy and Flotta communities during September, this request has been incorporated into the timetable, attached at Appendix 1.

4.6.2 A request was made to move the morning sailings forward by 30 minutes. Following discussion, it was noted that this could have a significant impact to those who may work in positions which start before 09:00. Further engagement would be required before this could be taken forward. It was also noted that this would have an impact on bus connections and potential

clashes with school bus times. This request has not been accommodated at this time.

- 4.6.3 The Saturday afternoon sailings were amended for summer 2024, consistent with the Monday to Friday times, following a number of previous requests from the community. When considering the timetable for summer 2025, a number of comments were received to note that this provided too long a day on the mainland. After noting that increased frequency on a Saturday could not be provided as the crew required this to carry out drills and maintenance, the Community Councils were asked to carry out further consultation to determine whether to revert back to the earlier sailing on a Saturday afternoon or whether it should remain consistent with the Monday to Friday with a 17:30 departure from Houton.
- 4.6.4 Following a period of consultation during September with the communities, the feedback received via Democratic Services from the Hoy community was that whilst opinion was mixed, the majority of people would ask that the existing Saturday times remain unchanged, thereby providing the longer day on the mainland.
- 4.6.5 It was noted that if crewing hours and maintenance had allowed, a request for an earlier afternoon sailing as well as the later sailing would have been the preferred option on a Saturday, consistent with the timetable operated on a Monday to Friday.
- 4.6.6 Feedback from the Flotta community however, was that the timetable should revert back to a shorter day on the Saturday. This represents a challenge having mixed opinion of communities, sharing services.
- 4.6.7 Taking into consideration the feedback received, it is felt that the majority of people would benefit from a longer operating day, providing the ability to connect with more services on the mainland. The Saturday timetable has therefore remained unchanged for 2025, attached at Appendix 1.

4.7. Graemsay and Hoy (Moaness)

No changes proposed to the Graemsay/ Hoy (Moaness) timetable.

4.8. Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Timetable

- 4.8.1 Requests from two residents were received to amend the ferry timetables for education reasons. It was noted that the requests must be considered by the Education, Leisure and Housing Service in the first instance before any specific timetable requests can be considered. No further changes to the draft timetables were proposed.
- 4.8.2 On 30 September 2024, a request was received from Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Gairsay Community Council regarding the trial of a Saturday evening

ferry service to connect with the west mainland evening bus service. A request for the service one Saturday per month over the summer months and to coincide with key dates such as County Show was suggested. Orkney Ferries Limited have noted that the request could not be accommodated within the existing crewing pattern however this could be considered further as part of the ZEVI trial using a small electric hydrofoil passenger vessel.

4.8.3 A request was also made for connectivity one Sunday per year to connect with the Sunday excursions to the Outer North Isles. Again, if this is not feasible with the existing timetable then this could be considered further as part of the ZEVI trial.

4.9. Shapinsay Timetable

The Shapinsay Transport Representative asked that changes were made to the timetable to coincide with specific events such as the Shapinsay Show, County Show, Darts Events and to coincide with Sunday excursions to the Outer North Isles on at least two occasions. It was noted that this would be accommodated where possible.

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Implications of Report

1. Financial:

The timetables proposed in this report, attached as Appendix 1, represent a continuation of the existing level of service provision.

The revenue budget for the current financial year, 2024/25, stands at £15,829,000 fully funded with specific grant funding received from the Scottish Government, and gives an indication of the resources needed to maintain the level of service.

In advance of a service budget being established as part of the Council's annual budget setting process for financial year 2025/26, the level of ferry service provision for next financial year is subject to an adequate budget being made available for that purpose.

2. Legal:

Section 153 (2) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 empowers the Council to "acquire, provide, maintain, improve and operate any ferry situated wholly or partly within their area".

Orkney Ferries Limited operates the ferry services on behalf of Orkney Islands Council under Service Level Agreements, updated in 2024.

The Service Level Agreements state that the timetables for the summer period should be recommended by the Company to the Council's Development and Infrastructure Committee for approval.

The Service Level Agreements state that Orkney Ferries Limited will operate the “Approved Services” and in return for funding from the Council. The definition of “Approved Services” covers inter-island ferry services as approved by the Council.

3. **Human Resources:** None relating to this report.
4. **Corporate Governance:** In terms of the Scheme of Administration, determination of timetables in respect of inter-isles ferry services is a delegated function of the Development and Infrastructure Committee.
5. **Equalities:** None related to the recommendations in this report.
6. **Island Communities Impact:** None related to the recommendations in this report.
7. **Links to Council Plan:** The proposals in this report support and contribute to improved outcomes for communities as outlined in the following Council Plan strategic priorities:
 - Growing our economy.
 - Strengthening our Communities.
 - Developing our Infrastructure.
 - Transforming our Council.
8. **Links to Local Outcomes Improvement Plan:** The proposals in this report support and contribute to improved outcomes for communities as outlined in the following Local Outcomes Improvement Plan priorities:
 - Cost of Living.
 - Sustainable Development.
 - Local Equality.
9. **Environmental and Climate Risk:** None directly related to the recommendations in this report. The internal ferry service is however recognised as one of the major contributors to carbon emissions in Orkney.
10. **Risk:** None directly related to the recommendations in this report.
11. **Procurement:** None directly related to the recommendations in this report.
12. **Health and Safety:** None directly related to the recommendations in this report.
13. **Property and Assets:** None directly related to the recommendations in this report.
14. **Information Technology:** None directly related to the recommendations in this report.
15. **Cost of Living:** None directly related to the recommendations in this report.

List of Background Papers

None

Appendix

Appendix 1 Draft Summer 2025 Timetables

**Westray - Papa Westray Passenger Service
Summer Timetable effective from 4 May until 28 September 2025**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Pierowall dep	0730	0700	0730	0730	0730	0730	
Papa Westray arr	0755	0725	0755	0755	0755	0755	
Papa Westray dep	0800	0730	0800	0800	0800	0800	
Pierowall arr	0825	0755	0825	0825	0825	0825	
Pierowall dep	0845A	0800A	0915	0915	0915	0915	0915
Papa Westray arr	0905	0820	0940	0940	0940	0940	0940
Papa Westray dep	0910A	0825A	0945	0945	0945	0945	0945
Pierowall arr	0930	0850	1010	1010	1010	1010	1010
Pierowall dep	0945	0855	1205				1115
Papa Westray arr	1010	0920	1230				1140
Papa Westray dep	1015	0925	1235				1145
Pierowall arr	1040	0950	1300				1210
Pierowall dep	1205	1305	1355	1305			1315
Papa Westray arr	1230	1330	1420	1330			1340
Papa Westray dep	1235	1335	1425	1335			1530
Pierowall arr	1300	1400	1450	1400			1555
Pierowall dep	1545B	1455C	1545B	1545B	1500D	1625	1630
Papa Westray arr	1610	1515	1610	1610	1525	1650	1655
Papa Westray dep	1655	1520C	1655	1655	1655	1655	1700
Pierowall arr	1720	1545	1720	1720	1720	1720	1725
Pierowall dep	1815	1550A	1815	1815	1815	1815	1815
Papa Westray arr	1840	1610	1840	1840	1840	1840	1840
Papa Westray dep	1845	1615A	1845	1845	1845	1845	1845
Pierowall arr	1910	1640	1910	1910	1910	1910	1910

- A. Will not operate between 05 July to 18 August inclusive
- B. From 05 July to 18 August inclusive sailings will be replaced by **(dep Pierowall 1625 arr Papa Westray 1650)**
- C. Additional sailings from 05 July to 18 August inclusive
- D. From 05 July to 18 August inclusive sailings will be replaced by **(dep Pierowall 1625 arr Papa Westray 1650)**

ALL BOOKINGS (INCLUDING FOOT PASSENGERS) MUST BE MADE AT LEAST 1 HOUR BEFORE DEPARTURE EXCEPT OF THOSE MARKED A, B, C, D & E

Notes

All of these sailings with the exception of those marked **A/B/C/D/E** are scheduled and are timed to connect with the arrivals and departures of the ro-ro vessels at Rapness - normal fares will therefore apply. Any sailings outwith these times will be treated as hires and charged accordingly.

1. All enquires to the Company's main office, Telephone 01856 872044
2. Passengers must be available for boarding **10 minutes** before departure times.
3. **No Show Charges** - All cancellations must be made at least **24 hours** before the intended time of travel or full charges may apply.
4. For Conditions of Carriage of Passengers and Cargo see notices exhibited in the vessels, company premises and website.



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**GRAEMSAY AND HOY (MOANESS)
EFFECTIVE FROM 04 MAY UNTIL 28 SEPTEMBER 2025**

Our service from Stromness to Hoy/Graemsay is a **PASSENGER ONLY** service. Vehicles can be carried by prior arrangement to Graemsay on the advertised cargo sailings.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Stromness dep	0730	0730	0730	0730	0730	0815C	
Hoy (Moaness) dep	0755	0755	0755	0755	0755		
Graemsay dep	0810	0810	0810	0810	0810	0845C	
Stromness dep	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	0930	0930
Hoy (Moaness) dep	1030	1030	1030	1030	1030	1000	1000
Graemsay dep	1045	1045	1045	1045	1045	1015	1015
Stromness dep	1200A		1200A	1200A			
Graemsay dep	1230A		1230A	1230A			
Hoy (Moaness) dep	1240A		1240A	1240A			
Stromness dep	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600		
Graemsay dep	1615	1615	1615	1615	1615		
Hoy (Moaness) dep	1630	1630	1630	1630	1630		
Stromness dep	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800
Graemsay dep	1815	1815	1815	1815	1815	1815	1815
Hoy (Moaness) dep	1830	1830	1830	1830	1830	1830	1830
Stromness dep					2130B		
Graemsay dep					2145B		
Hoy (Moaness) dep					2200B		

ALL BOOKINGS MUST BE MADE AT LEAST 1 HOUR BEFORE DEPARTURE

- A** Cargo Sailings will have limitations on passenger numbers therefore booking is not guaranteed. These sailings may be delayed due to cargo operations.
- B** ON REQUEST to and from Hoy (Moaness) must be booked online or through the Kirkwall Office by 1600hrs on the day of sailing.
- C** ON REQUEST must be booked online or through the Kirkwall Office by 1600hrs on Friday.

Notes:

1. All enquires must be made through the Kirkwall Office. Telephone: 01856 872044.
2. Passengers are requested to be available for boarding **5 minutes** before departure.
3. Monday cargo to be booked by **1600hrs** on previous Friday otherwise all cargo must be booked before **1600hrs** the day before sailing. Cargo must be delivered to Stromness Pier no later than **1100hrs** on the day of sailing.
4. For Conditions of Carriage of Passengers and Cargo see notices exhibited in the vessels, company premises and website.
5. **No show charges** - All cancellations must be made by **1600hrs** Monday to Friday and **1400hrs** Saturday for Sunday and Monday Sailings or full charges may apply.

**For information on this service contact Orkney Ferries, Shore Street, Kirkwall.
Telephone: 01856 872044, Fax: 01856 872921, E-Mail: info@orkneyferries.co.uk**



SOUTH ISLES RO-RO SERVICE

SUMMER TIMETABLE FROM 04 MAY UNTIL 28 SEPTEMBER 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	
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Longhope dep	0625	0625	0625	0625	0625	0800	0800	0800
Lyness dep								
Flotta dep	0650	0650	0650	0650	0650	0830	0825	0825
Lyness dep	0710	0710	0710	0710	0710	0900	0845	0845
Houton arr	0745	0745	0745	0745	0745	0935	0920	0920
Houton dep	0800	0800	0800	0800	0800	0950	0930	0930
Lyness dep	0845				0845	1030		1015
Flotta dep	0910	0845	0845	0845	0910	1055		
Lyness dep		0910	0910	0910				
Houton arr	0945	0945	0945	0945	0945			1050
Houton dep	1015	1000	1015	1000	1015			1100
Lyness dep	1100	1040	1100	1040	1100			1135
Flotta arr							1005	1155
Flotta dep							1010	1220
Lyness arr							1025	1240
Houton arr	1135	1110	1135	1110	1135	1130		
Houton dep	1145	1120	1145	1120	1145			
Flotta dep		1200		1200				
Lyness dep	1230	1230	1230	1230	1230			
Houton arr	1305	1305	1305	1305	1305			
Houton dep	1315	1315	1315	1315	1315	1415		
Flotta dep					1400			
Lyness dep	1400	1400	1400	1400	1425	1500	1500	1630
Flotta dep	1425	1425	1425	1425		1610		
Houton arr	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500			1705
Houton dep	1515	1515	1515	1515	1515			1715
Flotta dep	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600		1530	1750
Lyness dep	1640	1640	1640	1640	1640	1640		1815
Houton arr	1715	1715	1715	1715	1715	1715	1605	1850
Houton dep	1730	1730	1730	1730	1730	1730	1615	1900
Lyness dep	1810	1810	1810	1810	1810	1810	1700	1935
Flotta dep	1830A	1830A	1830A	1830A	1830A	1830A	1720	
Longhope arr	1850	1850	1850	1850	1850	1850	1740	1955

A - ON REQUEST SAILING. Bookings for these services must be made up to 1 hour before departure from Houton.

Vehicle bookings must be made at least one hour before departure, either online or by telephone during office opening hours.

NOTES

1. Vehicles **must** be available for boarding **15 minutes** before departure, and passengers **5 minutes** before departure.
2. **No Show Charges** - Cancellations must be made at least **12 hours prior to the scheduled sailing time** either by phone or email or full charges may apply.
3. For Conditions of Carriage of Passengers and Cargo see notices exhibited in the vessels, company premises and website.

The Sunday runs are effective as follows:

Sunday 1 – 04/05/25 to 01/06/24 and 17/08/25 to 28/09/25 Sunday 2 – 08/06/25 to 10/08/25

For information on these services contact Ferry Services, Houton, Orphir. Telephone: 01856 811397,
Email: info@orkneyferries.co.uk



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Shapinsay Ro-Ro Service

Summer Timetable Effective From 04 May until 28 September 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Shapinsay dep	0730	0730	0730	0730	0730		
Kirkwall dep	0815	0815	0815	0815	0815		
Shapinsay dep	0900	0900	0900	0900	0900	0900	0900*
Kirkwall dep	0945	0945	0945	0945	0945	0945	0945
Shapinsay dep	1030	1030	1030	1030	1030	1030	1030
Kirkwall dep	1130	1130	1130	1130	1130	1130	1130
Shapinsay dep	1330	1330	1330	1330	1330	1330	1330
Kirkwall dep	1415	1415	1415	1415	1415	1415	1415
Shapinsay dep	1515	1515	1515	1515	1515	1515	
Kirkwall dep	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600	1600	
Shapinsay dep	1645	1645	1645	1645	1645	1645	
Kirkwall dep	1730	1730	1730	1730	1730	1730	
Shapinsay dep							1730*
Kirkwall dep							1815
Shapinsay dep						1900	1900
Kirkwall dep						1945	1945*

Vehicle bookings must be made at least one hour before departure, either online or by telephone during office opening hours.

* Slight alterations will be made to these sailings on a few Sundays in May June, July and August to allow connections with the other ships – details will be advertised by separate notices. Dates will be entered here once excursions are known.

Notes:

1. Vehicles **must** be available for boarding **15 minutes** before departure and passengers **5 minutes** before departure.
2. For Conditions of Carriage of Passengers and Cargo see notices exhibited in the vessels, company premises and website.
3. **No show charges** – Cancellations must be made **at least 12 hours prior to the scheduled sailing time** either by phone or email or fill charges may apply.

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ROUSAY, EGILSAY AND WYRE RO-RO SERVICE

SUMMER TIMETABLE EFFECTIVE FROM 04 MAY UNTIL 28 SEPTEMBER 2025

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Rousay dep	0650	0650	0650	0650	0650	0650	
Egilsay dep	0710A	0710A	0710A	0710A	0710A	0710A	
Wyre dep	0730A	0730A	0730A	0730A	0730A	0730A	
Rousay dep	0745	0745	0745	0745	0745	0745	
Tingwall dep	0820	0820	0820	0820	0820	0840	
Rousay dep	0850	0850	0850	0850	0850		
Wyre dep	0900	0900	0900	0900	0900		
Rousay dep	0910	0910	0910	0910	0910	0910	0915
Egilsay dep	0930	0930	0930	0930	0930	0930B	0935A
Wyre dep	0950	0950	0950	0950	0950	0950	0955A
Rousay dep	1005	1005	1005	1005	1005	1005	1010
Tingwall dep	1040	1040	1040	1040	1040	1040	1045
Rousay dep	1115	1115	1115	1115	1115	1115	1120
Tingwall dep	1150	1150	1240	1150	1150	1150	1155
Rousay arr	1215	1215	1305	1215	1215	1215	1220
Rousay dep	1315B	1315B		1315B	1315B	1315B	1315B
Egilsay dep	1335B	1335B		1335B	1335B	1335B	1335B
Wyre dep	1355B	1355B		1355B	1355B	1355B	1355B
Rousay dep	1410	1410	1410	1410	1410	1410	1410
Tingwall dep	1445	1445	1445	1445	1445	1445	1445
Rousay dep	1520	1520	1520	1520	1520	1520	1520
Wyre dep	1530	1530	1530	1530	1530	1530	1530
Tingwall dep	1605	1605	1605	1605	1605	1605	1605
Rousay dep	1635	1635	1635	1635	1635	1705B	1635
Egilsay dep	1655	1655	1655	1655	1655		1655B
Wyre dep	1715	1715	1715	1715	1715	1715B	1715B
Rousay dep	1730	1730	1730	1730	1730	1730	1730
Tingwall dep	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800	1800
Rousay arr	1825	1825	1825	1825	1825	1825	1825
Rousay dep	1830B	1830B	1830B	1830B	1830B	1830B	
Wyre dep	1840B	1840B	1840B	1840B	1840B	1840B	
Egilsay dep	1900B	1900B	1900B	1900B	1900B	1900B	
Rousay arr	1915B	1915B	1915B	1915B	1915B	1915B	

- A** On request **TO and FROM** Egilsay and Wyre. Customers are requested to make advanced bookings by 1700 on the day before travel. For travel on Sunday this **must** be made by 1115 on Saturday.
- B** On request **TO and FROM** Egilsay and Wyre. Can be made up to one hour before the departure from Tingwall either by booking online or calling the Tingwall Office

In the event of an urgent need for "on request" sailings outside of the above please contact the Tingwall Office during normal office hours.

ALL BOOKINGS MUST BE MADE AT LEAST ONE HOUR BEFORE DEPARTURE FROM TINGWALL EXCEPT THOSE MARKED A.

NOTES

- All bookings **MUST** be made through the Tingwall Office Telephone 01856 751360. Or online at www.orkneyferries.co.uk.
- Vehicles **must** be available for boarding **15 Minutes** before departure and passengers **5 minutes** before departure times.
- No Show Charges** – Cancellations must be made **at least 12 hours prior to the scheduled sailing time** either by phone or email, or full charges may apply.
- For Conditions of Carriage of Passengers and Cargo see notices exhibited in the vessels, company premises and website.

For information on these services contact Orkney Ferries, Tingwall, Evie.

Telephone 01856 751360, E-Mail: info@orkneyferries.co.uk, website www.orkneyferries.co.uk



Outer North Isles Ro-Ro Service
Effective from 04 May - 28 September 2025 Inclusive

Port		Sunday***			Monday			Tuesday			Wednesday			Thursday			Friday			Saturday			
Kirkwall	dep	0840	0920	0900	0700	0720	0740	0720	0700	0740	0700	0720	0740	0700	0720	0740	0720	0700	0740	0700	0720	North Ronaldsay	
Eday	arr	0955								0855													
Eday	dep	1005								0905													
Stronsay	arr	1040			0840			0855			0840			0840					0900				0840
Stronsay	dep	1050			0855			0910			0855			0855					0915				0850
Sanday	arr			1025			0905			0925			0905			0905					0925		
Sanday	dep			1035			0915			0935			0915			0915					0935		
Eday	arr				0930						0930			0930					0950				0955
Eday	dep				0945						0945			0945					1005				1005
Westray	arr		1045			0845			0825			0845			0845				0825				0845
Westray	dep		1055			0900			0840			0900			0900				0840				0900
Kirkwall	arr	1230	1220	1200	1100	1025	1040	1050	1005	1100	1100	1025	1040	1100	1025	1040	1100	1025	1040	1100	1025		1120
Kirkwall	dep				1115	1035	1055		1300	1030	1115	1035	1055		1300			1040					
Stronsay	arr				1250						1250												
Stronsay	dep				1300						1300												
Eday	arr												1210										
Eday	dep												1220										
Sanday	arr						1220						1240										
Sanday	dep						1230						1250										
Eday	arr						1250																
Eday	dep						1300																
Westray	arr					1200			1425			1200			1425				1205				
Westray	dep					1210			1435			1210			1435				1215*				
P. Westray	arr																		1255**				
P. Westray	dep																		1315**				
Kirkwall	arr				1440	1335	1415		1600		1440	1335	1415		1605			1505					
Kirkwall	dep	1545	1620	1600	1600	1620	1640	1620		1640	1600	1620	1640	1600	1620	1500	1600	1620	1640	1600	1620	1640	
Eday	arr				1715						1715			1715			1715						
Eday	dep				1730						1730			1730			1730						
Stronsay	arr	1725			1805			1800			1805			1805			1805				1740		
Stronsay	dep	1740			1815			1810			1815			1815			1815				1750		
Sanday	arr			1725			1805			1805			1805			1625			1805			1805	
Sanday	dep			1740			1815			1815			1815			1635			1815			1815	
Eday	arr	1815																			1825		
Eday	dep	1825																			1835		
Westray	arr		1745			1745					1745			1745				1745				1745	
Westray	dep		1800			1755					1755			1755				1755				1755	
Kirkwall	arr	1940	1925	1905	1955	1920	1940	1945	1715**	2005	1955	1920	1940	1955	1920	1800	1955	1920	1940	1955	1920	1940	

Vehicle bookings must be made one hour before the departure from Kirkwall either online, or by phone during office opening hours.

* This sailing is not available for vehicle bookings Westray to Kirkwall. ** These sailings may be delayed due to cargo operations.

RO-RO TIMETABLE 4 MAY – 28 SEPT 2025 INCLUSIVE, excluding the following dates for special excursions, posters are on display advertising local events: 14 & 15 June, 26 & 27 July, 02 August, 09 & 10 August and 16, 17 & 18 August 2024.

*** On the following SUNDAYS there will be special excursions (North Ronaldsay: 09 June, 14 July, 04 August, 08 September, Papa Westray: 30 June, 25 August). These excursions will not affect all Sunday sailings – please see excursion timetable.

1. Vehicles **must** be available for boarding **20 minutes** before departure, passengers **10 minutes** before departure.
2. For Conditions of Carriage of Passengers and Cargo see notices exhibited in the vessels, company premises and website.
3. **No Show Charges** – All cancellations must be made **at least 12 hours prior to the scheduled sailing time** either by phone or email, or full charges may apply.

For information on these services contact Orkney Ferries, Shore Street, Kirkwall, Orkney, KW15 1LG. Telephone: 01856 872044, E-Mail: info@orkneyferries.co.uk

Tuesday 06 May 2025

Kirkwall	dep	1030
North Ronaldsay	arr	1310
North Ronaldsay	dep	1340
Papa Westray	arr	1455
Papa Westray	dep	1525
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Saturday 10 May 2025

Kirkwall	dep	0915
North Ronaldsay	arr	1155
North Ronaldsay	dep	1225
Kirkwall	arr	1505

Tuesday 13 May 2025

Kirkwall	dep	1300
Papa Westray	arr	1450
Papa Westray	dep	1520
North Ronaldsay	arr	1635
North Ronaldsay	dep	1710
Kirkwall	arr	1950

Saturday 17 May 2025

Kirkwall	dep	0900
North Ronaldsay	arr	1140
North Ronaldsay	dep	1210
Kirkwall	arr	1450

Tuesday 20 May 2025

Kirkwall	dep	1030
North Ronaldsay	arr	1310
North Ronaldsay	dep	1340
Papa Westray	arr	1455
Papa Westray	dep	1525
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Saturday 24 May 2025

Kirkwall	dep	0830
North Ronaldsay	arr	1110
North Ronaldsay	dep	1140
Kirkwall	arr	1420

Tuesday 27 May 2025

Kirkwall	dep	1130
Papa Westray	arr	1320
Papa Westray	dep	1350
North Ronaldsay	arr	1505
North Ronaldsay	dep	1535
Kirkwall	arr	1815

Saturday 01 May 2025

Kirkwall	dep	0800
North Ronaldsay	arr	1040
North Ronaldsay	dep	1110
Kirkwall	arr	1350

Tuesday 03 June 2025

Kirkwall	dep	1030
North Ronaldsay	arr	1310
North Ronaldsay	dep	1340
Papa Westray	arr	1455
Papa Westray	dep	1525
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Saturday 07 June 2025

Kirkwall	dep	0830
North Ronaldsay	arr	1110
North Ronaldsay	dep	1140
Kirkwall	arr	1420

Tuesday 10 June 2025

Kirkwall	dep	1130
Papa Westray	arr	1320
Papa Westray	dep	1350
North Ronaldsay	arr	1505
North Ronaldsay	dep	1535
Kirkwall	arr	1815

Friday 13 June 2025***

Kirkwall	dep	0830
North Ronaldsay	arr	1110
North Ronaldsay	dep	1140
Kirkwall	arr	1420

Possible sports day on Sat

Tuesday 17 June 2025

Kirkwall	dep	1030
North Ronaldsay	arr	1310
North Ronaldsay	dep	1340
Papa Westray	arr	1455
Papa Westray	dep	1525
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Saturday 21 June 2025

Kirkwall	dep	0800
North Ronaldsay	arr	1040
North Ronaldsay	dep	1110
Kirkwall	arr	1350

Possible sports day on Sat so also fri times

Tuesday 24 June 2025

Kirkwall	dep	1030
North Ronaldsay	arr	1310
North Ronaldsay	dep	1340
Papa Westray	arr	1455
Papa Westray	dep	1525
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Saturday 28 June 2025

Kirkwall	dep	0700
North Ronaldsay	arr	0940
North Ronaldsay	dep	1010
Kirkwall	arr	1250

Tuesday 01 July 2025

Kirkwall	dep	1030
North Ronaldsay	arr	1310
North Ronaldsay	dep	1340
Papa Westray	arr	1455
Papa Westray	dep	1525
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Saturday 05 July 2025

Kirkwall	dep	0730
North Ronaldsay	arr	1010
North Ronaldsay	dep	1040
Kirkwall	arr	1320

Tuesday 08 July 2025

Kirkwall	dep	1030
North Ronaldsay	arr	1310
North Ronaldsay	dep	1340
Papa Westray	arr	1455
Papa Westray	dep	1525
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Saturday 12 July 2025

Kirkwall	dep	0730
North Ronaldsay	arr	1010
North Ronaldsay	dep	1040
Kirkwall	arr	1320

Tuesday 15 July 2025

Kirkwall	dep	1030
North Ronaldsay	arr	1310
North Ronaldsay	dep	1340
Papa Westray	arr	1455
Papa Westray	dep	1525
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Saturday 19 July 2025

Kirkwall	dep	0700
North Ronaldsay	arr	0940
North Ronaldsay	dep	1010
Kirkwall	arr	1250

Tuesday 22 July 2025

Kirkwall	dep	1030
North Ronaldsay	arr	1310
North Ronaldsay	dep	1340
Papa Westray	arr	1455
Papa Westray	dep	1525
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Friday 25 July 2025 ***

Kirkwall	dep	0630
North Ronaldsay	arr	0910
North Ronaldsay	dep	0940
Kirkwall	arr	1220

Westray Regatta Sat



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NORTH RONALDSAY SAILINGS SUMMER 2025

DRAFT as at 30.05.24. Sailing times all to be confirmed

Tuesday 29 July 2025

Kirkwall	dep	1030
North Ronaldsay	arr	1310
North Ronaldsay	dep	1340
Papa Westray	arr	1455
Papa Westray	dep	1525
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Saturday 02 August 2025

Kirkwall	dep	0730
North Ronaldsay	arr	1010
North Ronaldsay	dep	1040
Kirkwall	arr	1320

Tuesday 05 August 2025

Kirkwall	dep	1030
North Ronaldsay	arr	1310
North Ronaldsay	dep	1340
Papa Westray	arr	1455
Papa Westray	dep	1525
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Friday 08 August 2025 ***

Kirkwall	dep	0630
North Ronaldsay	arr	0910
North Ronaldsay	dep	0940
Kirkwall	arr	1220

County Show on Sat

Tuesday 12 August 2025

Kirkwall	dep	1030
North Ronaldsay	arr	1310
North Ronaldsay	dep	1340
Papa Westray	arr	1455
Papa Westray	dep	1525
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Friday 15 August 2025***

Kirkwall	dep	0630
North Ronaldsay	arr	0910
North Ronaldsay	dep	0940
Kirkwall	arr	1220

Stronsay Massive Weekend

Tuesday 19 August 2025

Kirkwall	dep	1030
North Ronaldsay	arr	1310
North Ronaldsay	dep	1340
Papa Westray	arr	1455
Papa Westray	dep	1525
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Saturday 23 August 2025

Kirkwall	dep	0600
North Ronaldsay	arr	0840
North Ronaldsay	dep	0910
Kirkwall	arr	1150

Tuesday 26 August 2025

Kirkwall	dep	1030
North Ronaldsay	arr	1310
North Ronaldsay	dep	1340
Papa Westray	arr	1455
Papa Westray	dep	1525
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Saturday 30 August 2025

Kirkwall	dep	0600
North Ronaldsay	arr	0840
North Ronaldsay	dep	0910
Kirkwall	arr	1150

Tuesday 02 September 2025

Kirkwall	dep	1030
North Ronaldsay	arr	1310
North Ronaldsay	dep	1340
Papa Westray	arr	1455
Papa Westray	dep	1525
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Saturday 06 September 2025

Kirkwall	dep	0600
North Ronaldsay	arr	0840
North Ronaldsay	dep	0910
Kirkwall	arr	1150

Tuesday 09 September 2025

Kirkwall	dep	1030
North Ronaldsay	arr	1310
North Ronaldsay	dep	1340
Papa Westray	arr	1455
Papa Westray	dep	1525
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Saturday 14 September 2025

Kirkwall	dep	0530
North Ronaldsay	arr	0810
North Ronaldsay	dep	0840
Kirkwall	arr	1120

Tuesday 16 September 2025

Kirkwall	dep	1030
North Ronaldsay	arr	1310
North Ronaldsay	dep	1340
Papa Westray	arr	1455
Papa Westray	dep	1525
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Saturday 20 September 2025

Kirkwall	dep	0800
North Ronaldsay	arr	1040
North Ronaldsay	dep	1110
Kirkwall	arr	1350

Tuesday 23 September 2025

Kirkwall	dep	1030
North Ronaldsay	arr	1310
North Ronaldsay	dep	1340
Papa Westray	arr	1455
Papa Westray	dep	1525
Kirkwall	arr	1715

Saturday 27 September 2025

Kirkwall	dep	0800
North Ronaldsay	arr	1040
North Ronaldsay	dep	1110
Kirkwall	arr	1350

*** Sailings changed due to events the following day

All North Ronaldsay and Papa Westray departure times are estimates and are subject to alteration due to cargo operations, weather and tide

All arrivals in Kirkwall subject to change due to cargo operations.

Sailings are all weather permitting and subject to confirmation the day before sailing.