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Bass Island Line Update – edition 18

100 crossings

Bass Island Line (BIL) this week achieved another milestone: the shipping service completed its 100th crossing since it began on 7 April. That amounts to 100 crossings to and from King Island in 119 days.

Below is an interview with the Master of the *Investigator II*, Justin Webster, to mark this important point in BIL's service for the people of King Island.

Moving your freight

Since it started operating on 7 April 2017, BIL has moved 22,456 tonnes of freight into and off King Island including fertiliser, livestock, fuel, groceries, stockfeed, household goods, construction materials, agricultural equipment and motor vehicles.

Of the 100 voyages completed to date, 44 have been livestock sailings with more than 7000 head of cattle moved from King Island to mainland Tasmania.

The upcoming season

A reminder that BIL encourages all its customers to get in touch to discuss future requirements, especially for the upcoming spring season when fertiliser demand is likely to rise again. To discuss future bookings or to make current booking please call BIL on **1300 038 228**.

The schedule

The next three sailings are as follows:

- Sunday 6 August: General cargo - Depart Devonport 1pm
- Wednesday 9 August: Livestock - Depart Grassy 12.30pm
- Sunday 13 August: General cargo - Depart Devonport 1pm

For further information and the shipping schedule, please visit the BIL website at www.bassislandline.com.au

100 crossings to King Island

Bass Island Line (BIL) interviewed the Polaris Marine Master Justin Webster (right) on the bridge of the *Investigator II* ahead of the 100th crossing since BIL started operating. This is what Justin had to say.

Where are you from, Justin?

I am from Lakes Entrance in Victoria.





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How do you feel as you set out on the 100th BIL crossing?

I feel great satisfaction, for myself and my crew in continuing to service the King Island community.

What has been the highlight for you over the past four months?

Working within the challenging parameters of Bass Strait conditions and getting the most out of this vessel to achieve the best outcome for our customers.

Why do you enjoy this work?

Bass Strait and Tasmanian waters have been my working environment for over 20 years on various types of vessels. It continues to challenge, develop and satisfy me on a professional and personal level.

What do you think the BIL service means to the people of King Island?

It is a vital service allowing people to continue to enjoy living on King Island, which is such a beautiful place.

Thanks Justin and all the crew of the Investigator II as well as BIL and TasPorts staff who have made these 100 crossings possible for the King Island community!



SHIPSHAPE: Crew of the *Investigator II* with TasPorts staff on board the Investigator II

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