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Bass Island Line Update – edition 24

Moving to meet demand

Bass Island Line (BIL) has moved forward the next crossing to King Island to ensure it can deliver freight to its customers ahead of forecasted poor weather on Sunday.

As a responsive action to meet customer demand, BIL has moved the general cargo departure from Devonport from the middle of the day on Sunday to 6pm on Saturday.

“We have taken this pro-active step to meet the needs of our customers,” said BIL Business Manager, Tom McBroom.

“We have rescheduled the service in order to get to Grassy with plenty of time before the weather turns.”

Mr McBroom said the service scheduled on Tuesday would be going via Stanley as it would be a combined general and livestock service.

“There is no livestock coming off the island this week so this service will complete the overall task for the week.”



SAILING: A file photo of the *Investigator II*.

First fertiliser freight

Mr McBroom said the first fertiliser containers for the season would arrive in Devonport early next week and would be on the Tuesday sailing.

“We have been liaising with the fertiliser shipper over their requirements for the next month,” he said.

“Early indications from the shippers are that expected tonnages will be less than previously anticipated.

“This is the information we have been given by our customers and is subject to change if their requirements change.”

Spring reminder

All customers are invited to get in touch to discuss their needs for the spring season. You can do that by calling BIL on **1300 038 228** to discuss your requirements.

Achievements

Since it started operating in April this year – five months ago – BIL has completed 122 voyages:

- 66 general Devonport/Grassy
- 56 Livestock sailings Stanley/Grassy

Revised schedule

The service schedule is now as follows:

- Saturday 16 September: General cargo - Depart Devonport 6pm.
- Sunday 17 September: General cargo - Depart Grassy 6.30pm.
- Tuesday 19 September: Combined general and livestock - Depart Devonport 2pm.

The website

A full schedule showing **both departure and arrival times** is available to view on the BIL website.

Just visit www.bassislandline.com.au, scroll down to the heading “Schedule” and click on the link “Port Schedule”.

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