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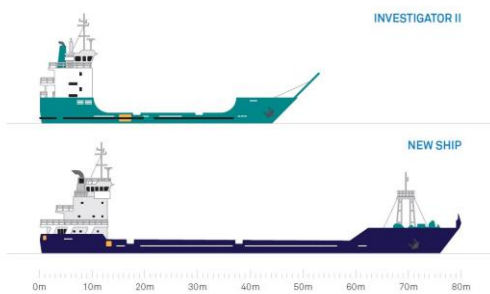
Bass Island Line Update – edition 30

New vessel

Deputy Premier Jeremy Rockliff and TasPorts General Manager Customer Management, Kevin Moore, were on King Island today following this week’s announcement of a new vessel for the shipping service.

The new vessel – which is much bigger and faster than the current *Investigator II* – will be operated by Bass Island Line (BIL).

SHIP COMPARISON



TasPorts expects the construction of the vessel to be completed by the end of the year. Sea trials will be conducted in January and the new vessel will come into service shortly afterwards.

The intention is for the new vessel to sail southbound from a Victorian port to King Island and then onto a North West Tasmanian port. The exact sailing schedule will be announced before the new vessel comes into service.

Kevin and Minister Rockliff were speaking with customers and stakeholders about the new vessel and how the service will operate. Those discussions will continue over the coming months.

"The meetings today with the Mayor and Council was positive and there was support and interest in the new vessel," Kevin said.

"The meeting with King Island Shipping Group was also very productive and

everyone had an opportunity to express their views."



Deputy Premier Jeremy Rockliff and TasPorts General Manager Customer Management Kevin Moore with King Island Shipping Group after today’s meeting.

The current season

BIL is pleased to report that it is meeting all known demand for the current Spring season. Customers are invited to get in touch to discuss their needs.

Customers can contact BIL to discuss their requirements by calling **1300 038 228**.

The schedule

The next three sailings are as follows:

- Saturday 28 October: General cargo - Depart Devonport 1pm.
- Sunday 29 October: General cargo - Depart Grassy 1.30pm
- Monday 30 October: combined general cargo and livestock – Depart Stanley 11pm

The website

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

Visit <https://www.bassislandline.com.au/>, and click on the ‘Schedule’ button.

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