



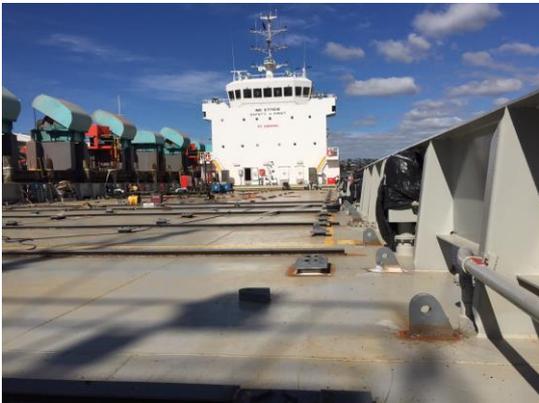
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# Bass Island Line Update – edition 52

## Progress on new vessel

Bass Island Line (BIL) is pleased to confirm that the modifications onboard the new vessel are moving at pace and are on schedule.

Since arriving in Tasmania last month, *John Duigan* has been undergoing final modifications at the Southern Marine ShipLift yard at Invermay before coming into service in the near future.



Pictured: New fitting modifications on the top deck of *John Duigan*



Pictured: A sneak peek look inside the bridge of the new vessel.

TasPorts Executive General Manager Customer and Commercial, Steven Clark said these alterations will enhance the cargo handling capability of the vessel.

“Progress is coming along well. We currently have 12 welders onsite fitting container mounts and additional lashing points on deck.



Pictured: Engine Room,

“These additions will allow maximum cargo stowage flexibility on deck for future sailings for the *John Duigan*.”

Installation for further fittings are also underway for the new 75mm thick Tasmanian Hardwood cladding which will be secured to the top deck.

Stevedoring negotiations for cargo handling and general compliance are now being finalised and BIL is progressing well on schedule options and rotation for the new vessel.

A published schedule will be released before the new vessel takes over the service.

## Busy on the Bass

BIL is set for a busy week ahead and it certainly shows in the numbers: the *Investigator II* will have carried more than 1500 tonnes of general cargo in completing this week King Island freight task.

Well done to everyone involved in this busy week.

## The schedule

The next three sailings are as follows:

- Saturday 7 April: General Sailing - Depart Devonport 1.30pm
- Sunday 8 April: General sailing – Depart Grassy 1:30pm
- Monday 9 April: Livestock – Depart Stanley 12:00pm

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