



Item: 7

Development and Infrastructure Committee: 1 April 2025.

Inter-Island Ferry Services – Proposed Winter 2025/26 Timetables.

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

1. Overview

- 1.1. The inter-island ferry services timetables for winter 2025/26 are scheduled to operate from 29 September 2025 until 2 May 2026 inclusive.
- 1.2. The draft timetables in respect of ferry services to be operated by Orkney Ferries Limited during winter 2025/26 were presented to the Ferry Services Consultative Forum for consideration on 22 January 2025, with the main comments and representations outlined in section 4 of this report.
- 1.3. The draft timetables were presented to the Board of Orkney Ferries on 19 February 2025 for consideration.
- 1.4. The proposed timetables for winter 2025/26, attached as Appendix 1 to this report, are consistent with that operated during winter 2024/25.
- 1.5. In advance of the Council's budget setting process for 2025/26 being concluded, any decision on the proposed timetables 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 timetable in respect of inter-island ferry services, to be operated by Orkney Ferries Limited during winter 2025/26, 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 between 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 Consultative Forum

- 4.1. The draft timetables for winter 2025/26 were considered by the Ferry Services Consultative Forum on 22 January 2025 following circulation of the draft timetables to the communities in November 2024. It was noted at the forum that communities are aware that services are already operating to their maximum based on the current crewing configuration and ageing fleet, therefore communities know that they are not able to ask for more.
- 4.2. ZEFI Trial – Rousay, Egilsay, Wyre and Shapinsay - A request was made to arrange visits to each of the communities to introduce the new vessels during the sea trial period where possible. It was also noted that it would be beneficial to include a Kirkwall based open day for other interested parties. It is anticipated that the smaller vessel will arrive in March 2025 with sea trials to be carried out before confirmation of the timetable and service to be operated. It was emphasised that this was a trial of new technology, and the project would operate for a three-year period.
- 4.3. Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre - Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Community Council noted the continued desire to establish an evening ferry service on a Saturday evening once a month to connect with the evening bus service which is already in operation. It was agreed that this would be taken back for further consideration. Following consideration by Orkney Ferries Limited it was agreed that this request could be accommodated during June, July and August on an ad hoc trial basis.
- 4.4. Outer North Isles - It was noted that the additional passenger service via the Nordic Sea was welcomed during the refit period. A request was made to circulate a draft timetable to the Transport Representatives for consideration. A request was also made to extend use of the passenger service over the summer period if possible. A draft timetable has been circulated to relevant transport representatives.

- 4.5. The Outer North Isles timetable for winter 2025/26 is comparable to that operated in previous years, with some small timetable adjustments proposed for operational purposes. The Friday morning sailings have been adjusted to reflect the time required to load the vessel for Papa Westray. As a result, the arrival of the Stronsay/Eday sailing has been pushed back to 11:20 which was not welcomed by the communities. This amendment is outlined at Appendix 1 to this report.
- 4.6. South Isles - The Flotta Transport Representative noted that the change to the morning schedule could potentially cause difficulties for those wishing to travel from Hoy to Flotta. It was noted that the Flotta community did not respond to the additional period of consultation before this was introduced. The change to the timetable was made following a request from the Hoy Transport Representative. Democratic Services plan to meet with the communities together with a view to work together going forward. In the meantime, the original request to align the morning sailings has been retained as outlined in Appendix 1.
- 4.7. A request was made to have a later sailing once per month in the South Isles to allow attendance at evening events on the Orkney Mainland. It was agreed that this would be taken back for further consideration. It was noted at the Board of Orkney Ferries that the request cannot be accommodated within the timetable for winter 2025/26 due to limited crewing hours.
- 4.8. A query was made whether it was necessary for the Hoy Head to go back to Longhope in the middle of the day on Saturdays and Sundays or if it could lie at Lyness, potentially freeing up more time to schedule other services. It was agreed that this would be taken back for further consideration.
- 4.9. The request from North Walls Community School to provide an additional sailing to coincide with the Island Games ceremony was noted. It was agreed that this would be taken back for further consideration.
- 4.10. Graemsay and North Hoy – The condition of Moaness Pier was noted and that during the winter period the service was subject to disruption. Education noted that this had an implication on pupil travel and cost to provide additional buses between Houton and Stromness. This matter has been passed to the Harbours Team for appropriate consideration.

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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.

Orkney Islands Council has not yet approved the final revenue budget for financial year 2025/26, however, it is expected the ferries subsidy of £20,804,000 which was awarded as part of the Scottish Government Settlement for 2025/26 will be passed onto Orkney Ferries to deliver ferry services.

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 winter 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. Corporate Governance

In accordance with the Scheme of Administration, the determination of timetables in respect of inter-island ferry services is delegated to the Development and Infrastructure Committee.

4. Human Resources – None related to the report recommendations.

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.

Improving Population Health.

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 Winter 2025/26 Timetables.



**Ro-Ro timetable covering the refit period Outer North Isles service
From Sunday 04 January 2026 until 07 March 2026.
but it may extend beyond this date, following which sailings will revert to normal published timetable.**

**** Sailings could be subject to delays due to cargo operations ****

| | Sunday | | Monday | | Tuesday | | Wednesday | | Thursday | | Friday | | Saturday | |
|----------------|--------|------|--------|------|---------|------|-----------|------|----------|------|--------|------|----------|------|
| Kirkwall dep | | | 0740 | 0720 | 0740 | 0720 | 0740 | 0720 | 0740 | 0720 | 0740 | 0720 | 0800 | N |
| Eday arr | | | | | 0855 | | | | 0855 | | | | | |
| Eday dep | | | | | 0905 | | | | 0905 | | | | | R |
| Sanday arr | | | | | 0925 | | | | 0925 | | | | | O |
| Sanday dep | | | | | 0935 | | | | 0935 | | | | | N |
| Stronsay arr | | | 0920 | | 1010 | | 0920 | | 1010 | | 0920 | | 0940 | A |
| Stronsay dep | | | 0930 | | 1020 | | 0930 | | 1020 | | 0930 | | 0955 | L |
| Sanday arr | | | 1005 | | | | 1005 | | | | 1005 | | 1030 | D |
| Sanday dep | | | 1015 | | | | 1015 | | | | 1015 | | 1040 | S |
| Eday arr | | | 1035 | | | | 1035 | | | | 1035 | | 1100 | A |
| Eday dep | | | 1045 | | | | 1045 | | | | 1045 | | 1110 | Y |
| Westray arr | | | | 0845 | | 0845 | | 0845 | | 0845 | | 0845 | | |
| Westray dep | | | | 0900 | | 0900 | | 0900 | | 0900 | | 0900 | | |
| Kirkwall arr | | | 1200 | 1025 | 1200 | 1025 | 1200 | 1025 | 1200 | 1025 | 1200 | 1025 | 1225 | |
| Kirkwall dep | | | | 1040 | 1040 | 1330 | | 1035 | | 1300 | | 1045 | | |
| Sanday arr | | | | 1205 | | | | 1200 | | | | | | |
| Sanday dep | | | | 1215 | | | | 1210 | | | | | | |
| Stronsay arr | | | | | 1220 | | | 1245 | | | | | | |
| Stronsay dep | | | | | 1230 | | | 1255 | | | | | | |
| Eday arr | | | | 1235 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eday dep | | | | 1245 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sanday arr | | | | | 1305 | | | | | | | | | |
| Sanday dep | | | | | 1315 | | | | | | | | | |
| Westray arr | | | | | | 1455 | | | | 1425 | | | | |
| Westray dep | | | | | | 1505 | | | | 1435 | | | | |
| P. Westray arr | | | | | | 1545 | | | | | | 1235 | | |
| P. Westray dep | | | | | | 1600 | | | | | | 1250 | | |
| Kirkwall arr | | | | 1400 | 1440 | | | 1435 | | 1600 | | 1440 | | |
| Kirkwall dep | 1540 | 1620 | 1600 | 1620 | 1540 | | 1540 | 1620 | 1540 | 1620 | 1600 | 1620 | | 1620 |
| Westray arr | | 1745 | | 1745 | | 1745 | | 1745 | | | | 1745 | | 1745 |
| Westray dep | | 1800 | | 1755 | | 1755 | | 1755 | | | | 1755 | | 1755 |
| Eday arr | 1655 | | 1715 | | | | 1655 | | 1655 | | 1715 | | | |
| Eday dep | 1710 | | 1730 | | | | 1710 | | 1710 | | 1730 | | | |
| Stronsay arr | | | | | 1720 | | | | | | | | | |
| Stronsay dep | | | | | 1730 | | | | | | | | | |
| Sanday arr | 1730 | | 1750 | | 1805 | | 1730 | | | 1745 | 1750 | | | |
| Sanday dep | 1740 | | 1800 | | 1815 | | 1740 | | | 1755 | 1800 | | | |
| Stronsay arr | 1815 | | 1835 | | | | 1815 | | 1745 | | 1835 | | | |
| Stronsay dep | 1825 | | 1845 | | | | 1825 | | 1800 | | 1845 | | | |
| Eday arr | | | | | 1835 | | | | | | | | | |
| Eday dep | | | | | 1845 | | | | | | | | | |
| Kirkwall arr | 2005 | 1925 | 2025 | 1920 | 2000 | 1920 | 2005 | 1920 | 1940 | 1920 | 2025 | 1920 | | 1920 |

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

A weekly service will be carried out to **North Ronaldsay**, weather permitting. As departure times vary from week to week, see reverse for proposed sailings.

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 vessels, company premises and website.
3. **No Show Charges** - Cancellations must be made at least **1 hour 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. Telephone: 01856 872044, email: info@orkneyferries.co.uk

**Rousay, Egilsay and Wyre Ro-Ro Service****Winter Timetable Effective from 29 September 2025 until 2 May 2026**

| | 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 | 0910A |
| Egilsay dep | 0930 | 0930 | 0930 | 0930 | 0930 | 0930B | 0930A |
| Wyre dep | 0950 | 0950 | 0950 | 0950 | 0950 | 0950 | 0950A |
| Rousay dep | 1005 | 1005 | 1005 | 1005 | 1005 | 1005 | 1005 |
| Tingwall dep | 1040 | 1040 | 1040 | 1040 | 1040 | 1040 | 1040 |
| Rousay dep | 1115 | 1115 | 1115 | 1115 | 1115 | 1115 | |
| Tingwall dep | 1150 | 1150 | 1240 | 1150 | 1150 | 1150 | |
| Rousay arr | 1215 | 1215 | 1305 | 1215 | 1215 | 1215 | 1115 |
| Rousay dep | 1315B | 1315B | | 1315B | 1315B | 1315B | 1120B |
| Wyre dep | | | | | | | 1130B |
| Egilsay dep | 1335B | 1335B | | 1335B | 1335B | 1335B | 1150B |
| Wyre dep | 1355B | 1355B | | 1355B | 1355B | 1355B | |
| Rousay arr | | | | | | | 1210 |
| 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 | 1520B |
| Wyre dep | 1530 | 1530 | 1530 | 1530 | 1530 | 1530 | 1530B |
| Tingwall dep | 1605 | 1605 | 1605 | 1605 | 1605 | 1605 | |
| Rousay dep | 1635 | 1635 | 1635 | 1635 | 1635 | 1705B | |
| Egilsay dep | 1655 | 1655 | 1655 | 1655 | 1655 | | 1550B |
| Wyre dep | 1715 | 1715 | 1715 | 1715 | 1715 | 1715B | |
| Rousay dep | 1730 | 1730 | 1730 | 1730 | 1730 | 1730 | 1610 |
| Tingwall dep | 1800 | 1800 | 1800 | 1800 | 1800 | 1800 | 1645 |
| Rousay arr | 1825 | 1825 | 1825 | 1825 | 1825 | 1825 | 1705 |
| 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 1500 on Saturday.

B On request **TO and FROM** Egilsay and Wyre. Can be made up to one hour before the departure from Tingwall by booking online or by calling the Tingwall Office during opening hours.

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

1. Vehicles must be available for boarding **15 Minutes** before departure and passengers **5 minutes** before departure times.
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 1 hour prior to the scheduled sailing time either by phone or email, or full charges may apply.

**For information on these services contact Orkney Ferries, Tingwall, Evie.
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Shapinsay Ro-Ro Service

Winter Timetable Effective From

29 September 2025 until 2 May 2026

| | 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 | |
| Kirkwall dep | 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 | 1515 |
| Kirkwall dep | 1600 | 1600 | 1600 | 1600 | 1600 | 1600 | 1600 |
| Shapinsay dep | 1645 | 1645 | 1645 | 1645 | 1645 | 1645 | |
| Kirkwall dep | 1730 | 1730 | 1730 | 1730 | 1730 | 1730 | |

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. 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 1 hour prior to the scheduled sailing time** either by phone or email or full charges may apply.

For information on this service contact Orkney Ferries, Shore Street, Kirkwall.

Telephone: 01856 872044 email: info@orkneyferries.co.uk

**South Isles Ro-Ro Service****Orkney Ferries****Winter Timetable Effective from 29 September 2025 until 2 May 2026**

| | | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|----------|-----|---------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Longhope | dep | 0625 | 0625 | 0625 | 0625 | 0625 | 0800 | 0830 |
| Flotta | dep | 0650 | 0650 | 0650 | 0650 | 0650 | 0830 | 0855 |
| Lyness | dep | 0710 | 0710 | 0710 | 0710 | 0710 | 0900 | 0915 |
| Houton | arr | 0745 | 0745 | 0745 | 0745 | 0745 | 0935 | 0950 |
| Houton | dep | 0800 | 0800 | 0800 | 0800 | 0800 | 0950 | 1000 |
| Lyness | dep | 0845 | | | | 0845 | 1030 | 1045 |
| Flotta | dep | 0910 | 0845 | 0845 | 0845 | 0910 | 1055 | 1110 |
| Lyness | dep | | 0910 | 0910 | 0910 | | | |
| Houton | arr | 0945 | 0945 | 0945 | 0945 | 0945 | | |
| Longhope | arr | | | | | | | 1125 |
| Longhope | dep | | | | | | | 1500 |
| Houton | dep | 1015 | 1015 | 1015 | 1015 | 1015 | | |
| Lyness | arr | 1050 | 1050 | 1050 | 1050 | 1050 | | |
| Lyness | dep | 1100 | 1100 | | 1100 | 1100 | | |
| Flotta | dep | | 1200 | | 1200 | | | |
| Houton | arr | 1135 | | | | 1135 | 1130 | |
| Houton | dep | 1145 | | | | 1145 | | |
| Lyness | dep | 1230 | 1230 | 1230 | 1230 | 1230 | | |
| Houton | arr | 1305 | 1305 | 1305 | 1305 | 1305 | | |
| Houton | dep | 1315 | 1315 | 1315 | 1315 | 1315 | 1415 | |
| Lyness | dep | 1400 | 1400 | 1400 | 1400 | | | |
| Flotta | arr | 1415 | 1415 | 1415 | 1415 | | | |
| Flotta | dep | 1425 | 1425 | 1425 | 1425 | 1400 | 1500 | |
| Lyness | dep | | | | | 1425 | | |
| Houton | arr | 1500 | 1500 | 1500 | 1500 | 1500 | | |
| Houton | dep | 1515 | 1515 | 1515 | 1515 | 1515 | | |
| Flotta | dep | 1600 | 1600 | 1600 | 1600 | 1600 | | 1530 |
| Lyness | dep | 1640 | 1640 | 1640 | 1640 | 1640 | 1530 | 1555 |
| Houton | arr | 1715 | 1715 | 1715 | 1715 | 1715 | 1605 | 1630 |
| Houton | dep | 1730 | 1730 | 1730 | 1730 | 1730 | 1615 | 1640 |
| Lyness | dep | 1810 | 1810 | 1810 | 1810 | 1810 | 1700 | 1715 |
| Flotta | dep | 1830A | 1830A | 1830A | 1830A | 1830A | 1720A | 1735 |
| Longhope | arr | 1850 | 1850 | 1850 | 1850 | 1850 | 1740 | 1750 |

A ON REQUEST SAILINGS - 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 **1 hour 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.

For information on these services contact Orkney Ferries, Houton, Orphir.

Telephone: 01856 811397 email: houton@orkneyferries.co.uk

Graemsay and Hoy (Moaness)
Effective From 29 September 2025 until 2 May 2026

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 | 1800B | 1800B | 1800B | 1800B | 1800B | 1800 | 1800 |
| Graemsay | dep | 1815 | 1815 | 1815 | 1815 | 1815 | 1815 | 1815 |
| Hoy (Moaness) | dep | 1830B | 1830B | 1830B | 1830B | 1830B | 1830 | 1830 |
| Stromness | dep | | | | | 2130C | | |
| Graemsay | dep | | | | | 2145C | | |
| Hoy (Moaness) | dep | | | | | 2200C | | |

- A Cargo Sailings to Graemsay, will have limitations on passenger numbers therefore booking is advisable. 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 1700hrs on the day of sailing.**
- C ON REQUEST must be booked online or through the Kirkwall Office by 1600hrs on Friday.**

Notes:

1. Passengers are requested to be available for boarding **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 1 hour prior to the scheduled sailing time either by phone or email, or full charges may apply.
4. 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.

**For information on this service contact Orkney Ferries, Shore Street, Kirkwall.
Telephone: 01856 872044, Email: info@orkneyferries.co.uk**

North Ronaldsay Sailings – 2025 / 26

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Proposed sailing times from Kirkwall to North Ronaldsay are noted below. All are weather permitting and subject to confirmation the day before sailing.

Return sailings will depart North Ronaldsay on completion of cargo operations.

Passengers from North Ronaldsay to Kirkwall should be ready to board as soon as the vessel arrives in North Ronaldsay.

As sailing times will vary from week to week, prospective passengers and shippers are advised to check with the Company to confirm timings of each sailing.

October 2025

| | | |
|----------|------------------|---------------|
| Saturday | 04 th | Dept Kirkwall |
| Saturday | 11 th | Dept Kirkwall |
| Saturday | 18 th | Dept Kirkwall |
| Saturday | 25 th | Dept Kirkwall |

November 2025

| | | |
|----------|------------------|---------------|
| Saturday | 01 st | Dept Kirkwall |
| Saturday | 08 th | Dept Kirkwall |
| Saturday | 15 th | Dept Kirkwall |
| Saturday | 22 nd | Dept Kirkwall |
| Saturday | 29 th | Dept Kirkwall |

December 2025

| | | |
|----------|------------------|---------------|
| Saturday | 06 th | Dept Kirkwall |
| Saturday | 13 th | Dept Kirkwall |
| Saturday | 20 th | Dept Kirkwall |
| Sunday | 28 th | Dept Kirkwall |

January 2026

| | | |
|----------|------------------|---------------|
| Sunday | 04 th | Dept Kirkwall |
| Saturday | 10 th | Dept Kirkwall |
| Saturday | 17 th | Dept Kirkwall |
| Saturday | 24 th | Dept Kirkwall |
| Saturday | 31 st | Dept Kirkwall |

February 2026

| | | |
|----------|------------------|---------------|
| Saturday | 07 th | Dept Kirkwall |
| Saturday | 14 th | Dept Kirkwall |
| Saturday | 21 st | Dept Kirkwall |
| Sunday | 28 th | Dept Kirkwall |

March 2026

| | | |
|----------|------------------|---------------|
| Saturday | 07 th | Dept Kirkwall |
| Saturday | 14 th | Dept Kirkwall |
| Saturday | 21 st | Dept Kirkwall |
| Saturday | 28 th | Dept Kirkwall |

April 2026

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| Saturday | 04 th | Dept Kirkwall |
| Saturday | 11 th | Dept Kirkwall |
| Saturday | 18 th | Dept Kirkwall |
| Saturday | 25 th | Dept Kirkwall |

May 2026

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| Saturday | 02 nd | Dept Kirkwall |
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North Isles Ro-Ro Service
Effective from 29 September 2025 – 2 May 2026

(Sailings subject to alteration during the Christmas and New Year period)

(This timetable will not operate during the refit periods of 'Earl Thorfinn', 'Earl Sigurd' and 'Varagen' which will commence on 4 January 2026 until 7 March 2026)

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| | Sunday | | | Monday | | | Tuesday | | | Wednesday | | | Thursday | | | Friday | | | Saturday | | |
|---------------|--------|------|------|--------|------|------|---------|------|------|-----------|-------|-------|----------|-------|------|--------|------|------|----------|------|---|
| Kirkwall dep | | | | 0700 | 0720 | 0740 | 0700 | 0720 | 0740 | 0700 | 0720 | 0740 | 0700 | 0720 | 0740 | 0720 | 0700 | 0740 | 0700 | 0720 | N |
| Eday arr | | | | | | | | | 0855 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Eday dep | | | | | | | | | 0905 | | | | | | | | | | | | R |
| Stromsay arr | | | | 0840 | | | 0835 | | | 0840 | | | 0840 | | | 0900 | | | 0840 | | O |
| Stromsay dep | | | | 0855 | | | 0900 | | | 0855 | | | 0855 | | | 0915 | | | 0850 | | N |
| Sanday arr | | | | | | 0905 | | | 0925 | | | 0905 | | | 0905 | | | 0905 | 0925 | | A |
| Sanday dep | | | | | | 0915 | | | 0935 | | | 0915 | | | 0915 | | | 0915 | 0935 | | L |
| Eday arr | | | | 0930 | | | | | | 0930 | | | 0930 | | | 0950 | | | 0955 | | D |
| Eday dep | | | | 0945 | | | | | | 0945 | | | 0945 | | | 1005 | | | 1005 | | S |
| Westray arr | | | | | 0845 | | | 0845 | | | 0845 | | | 0845 | | | 0825 | | | 0845 | A |
| Westray dep | | | | | 0900 | | | 0900 | | | 0900 | | | 0900 | | | 0840 | | | 0900 | Y |
| Kirkwall arr | | | | 1100 | 1025 | 1040 | 1040 | 1025 | 1100 | 1100 | 1025 | 1040 | 1100 | 1025 | 1040 | 1120 | 1005 | 1040 | 1120 | 1025 | |
| Kirkwall dep | | | | | | | | 1330 | | 1115♦ | 1035♦ | 1055♦ | | 1300 | | | 1040 | | | | |
| Eday arr | | | | | | | | | | | | 1210 | | | | | | | | | |
| Eday dep | | | | | | | | | | | | 1220♦ | | | | | | | | | |
| Sanday arr | | | | | | | | | | | | 1240 | | | | | | | | | |
| Sanday dep | | | | | | | | | | | | 1250♦ | | | | | | | | | |
| Stromsay arr | | | | | | | | | | 1250 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Stromsay dep | | | | | | | | | | 1300♦ | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Westray arr | | | | | | | | 1455 | | | 1200 | | | 1425 | | | | | | | |
| Westray dep | | | | | | | | 1505 | | | 1210♦ | | | 1435 | | | | | | | |
| P.Westray arr | | | | | | | | 1545 | | | | | | | | | 1235 | | | | |
| P.Westray dep | | | | | | | | 1600 | | | | | | | | | 1300 | | | | |
| Kirkwall arr | | | | | | | | | | 1440 | 1335 | 1415 | | 1605 | | | 1450 | | | | |
| Kirkwall dep | 1600 | 1700 | 1620 | 1500 | 1620 | 1520 | 1600 | | 1520 | 1500 | 1620 | 1520 | 1600 | 1620♦ | 1520 | 1600 | 1620 | 1640 | 1520 | 1620 | |
| Eday arr | | | | 1615 | | | | | | 1615 | | | 1715 | | | 1715 | | | | | |
| Eday dep | | | | 1630 | | | | | | 1630 | | | 1730 | | | 1730 | | | | | |
| Stromsay arr | 1735 | | | 1705 | | | 1740 | | | 1705 | | | 1805 | | | 1805 | | | 1700 | | |
| Stromsay dep | 1745 | | | 1715 | | | 1755 | | | 1715 | | | 1815 | | | 1815 | | | 1710 | | |
| Sanday arr | | | 1745 | | | 1645 | | | 1645 | | | 1645 | | | 1645 | | | 1805 | 1745 | | |
| Sanday dep | | | 1755 | | | 1655 | | | 1655 | | | 1655 | | | 1655 | | | 1815 | 1755 | | |
| Eday arr | | | 1815 | | | | | | 1715 | | | | | | | | | | 1815 | | |
| Eday dep | | | 1825 | | | | | | 1730 | | | | | | | | | | 1825 | | |
| Westray arr | | 1825 | | | 1745 | | | 1745 | | | 1745 | | | 1745 | | | 1745 | | | 1745 | |
| Westray dep | | 1835 | | | 1755 | | | 1755 | | | 1755 | | | 1755♦ | | | 1755 | | | 1755 | |
| Kirkwall arr | 1925 | 2000 | 1940 | 1855 | 1920 | 1820 | 1930 | 1920 | 1845 | 1855 | 1920 | 1820 | 2000 | 1920 | 1820 | 1955 | 1920 | 1940 | 1940 | 1920 | |

Vehicle bookings must be made at least one hour before departure from Kirkwall either online, or by phone during office opening hours. **Sailings marked ♦ will only operate until 30th October 2025.**

A weekly service will be carried out to **North Ronaldsay**, weather permitting. As departure times vary from week to week, see reverse for proposed sailings.

A scheduled feeder service for passengers/light cargo will operate between **Pierowall (Westray) & Papa Westray** to connect with the above sailings. A private minibus service is available on request between Rapness and Pierowall.

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 vessels, company premises and website.
3. **No Show Charges** - Cancellations must be made at least **1 hour 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. Telephone: 01856 872044, email: info@orkneyferries.co.uk

**Westray - Papa Westray Passenger Service
Winter Timetable effective from 29 September 2025 to 2 May 2026**

| | | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
|--------------|-----|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Pierowall | dep | 0730 B | 0740 | 0740 | 0740 | 0720 | 0740 A | |
| Papa Westray | arr | 0755 | 0805 | 0805 | 0805 | 0745 | 0805 | |
| Papa Westray | dep | 0800 B | 0810 | 0810 | 0810 | 0750 | 0810 A | |
| Pierowall | arr | 0825 | 0835 | 0835 | 0835 | 0815 | 0835 | |
| Pierowall | dep | 0830* | 0915 A | 0915 | 0915 A | 0855 A | 0915 A | |
| Papa Westray | arr | 0855* | 0940 | 0940 | 0940 | 0920 | 0940 | |
| Papa Westray | dep | 0900* | 0945 A | 0945 | 0945 A | 0925 A | 0945 A | |
| Pierowall | arr | 0925* | 1010 | 1010 | 1010 | 0950 | 1010 | |
| Pierowall | dep | 0930 A | | | | | | |
| Papa Westray | arr | 0955 | | | | | | |
| Papa Westray | dep | 1000 A | | | | | | |
| Pierowall | arr | 1025 | | | | | | |
| Pierowall | dep | | | 1230 | | 1510* | | 1315 |
| Papa Westray | arr | | | 1255 | | 1535* | | 1340 |
| Papa Westray | dep | | | 1300 | | 1540* | | 1530 |
| Pierowall | arr | | | 1325 | | 1605* | | 1555 |
| Pierowall | dep | 1600 | 1600 | 1600 | 1600 | 1610 A | 1625 A | 1700 A |
| Papa Westray | arr | 1625 | 1625 | 1625 | 1625 | 1635 | 1650 | 1725 |
| Papa Westray | dep | 1630 | 1630 | 1630 | 1630 | 1640 A | 1655 A | 1730 A |
| Pierowall | arr | 1655 | 1655 | 1655 | 1655 | 1705 | 1720 | 1755 |
| Pierowall | dep | 1815 A | | 1815 A | 1815 A | 1815 A | 1815 A | 1855 A |
| Papa Westray | arr | 1840 | | 1840 | 1840 | 1840 | 1840 | 1920 |
| Papa Westray | dep | 1845 A | | 1845 A | 1845 A | 1845 A | 1845 A | 1925 A |
| Pierowall | arr | 1910 | | 1910 | 1910 | 1910 | 1910 | 1950 |

* Sailings will operate during school term only.

- A** On request - must be booked at least 1 hour before departure from Pierowall either online or during office opening hours. In the event of an urgent booking being required after this time please contact 07841 452426.
- B** On request - must be booked by 1400 on Saturday either online or by calling our Kirkwall Office on 01856 872044. In the event of an urgent booking being required after this time, please contact 07841 452426.

Notes

All of these sailings with the exception of those marked * are request sailings 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. Passengers must be available for boarding **10 minutes** before departure times.
2. **No Show Charges** - Cancellations must be made **at least 1 hour 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.

To run Monday 6th January to Friday 7th March 2025

| Route | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
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AM

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|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Depart Kirkwall | 06:15 | 06:15 | 06:15 |
| Arrive Eday | 07:30 | | 07:30 |
| Depart Eday | 07:35 | | 07:35 |
| Arrive Stronsay | 08:10 | - | 08:10 |
| Depart Stronsay | 08:15 | - | 08:15 |
| Arrive Sanday | 08:40 | 07:40 | 08:40 |
| Depart Sanday | 08:45 | 07:45 | 08:45 |
| Arrive Eday | 09:00 | 08:00 | 09:00 |
| Depart Eday | 09:05 | 08:05 | 09:05 |
| Arrive Kirkwall | 10:20 | 09:20 | 10:20 |

PM

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|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Depart Kirkwall | 13:30 | 13:30 | 13:30 |
| Arrive Stronsay | 15:10 | - | 15:10 |
| Depart Stronsay | 15:15 | - | 15:15 |
| Arrive Sanday | 15:40 | 14:55 | 15:40 |
| Depart Sanday | 15:45 | 15:00 | 15:45 |
| Arrive Eday | 16:00 | 15:15 | 16:00 |
| Depart Eday | 16:05 | 15:20 | 16:05 |
| Arrive Kirkwall | 17:25 | 16:35 | 17:25 |

Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday

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| 06:15 | 06:15 | | 08:00 |
| | 07:30 | | |
| | 07:35 | | |
| - | 08:10 | | 09:40 |
| - | 08:15 | | 09:45 |
| 07:40 | 08:40 | | 10:10 |
| 07:45 | 08:45 | | 10:15 |
| 08:00 | 09:00 | | 10:30 |
| 08:05 | 09:05 | | 10:35 |
| 09:20 | 10:20 | | 11:55 |

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| 13:30 | 13:30 | 15:30 |
| - | 15:10 | 17:10 |
| - | 15:15 | 17:15 |
| 14:55 | 15:40 | 17:40 |
| 15:00 | 15:45 | 17:45 |
| 15:15 | 16:00 | 18:00 |
| 15:20 | 16:05 | 18:05 |
| 16:35 | 17:25 | 19:25 |