



PORT OF KIEL

SK NEWS

for customers and partners
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Dear friends of the port of Kiel,



We expect this year's cruise season to start in May at the latest and are well prepared. Proven hygiene concepts, which have already been in use since the summer of 2020, tests of passengers and crew, reduced ship occupancy rates and the implementation of cruising in a so-called bubble enable safe travel at sea.

Also in our company, we strictly observe the hygiene rules, offer self-testing to our employees and have made the passenger level of the Schwedenkai available to the City of Kiel for use as a vaccination centre. We have utilised the time to perfect hygiene concepts and to digitalise processes. Mobile work, virtual meetings or even contactless truck check-in are practised reality.

The PORT OF KIEL is navigating safely through the Corona crisis, for which our thanks go to all customers for their mutual efforts!

I hope you enjoy reading our SK news!

Dr Dirk Claus
Managing Director

25 YEARS PORT OF KIEL

The SEEHAFEN KIEL GmbH & Co. KG resp. the PORT OF KIEL is looking back on 25 years of existence this year. Formed at the beginning of 1996 from the former Port and Transport Authority (HVB) of the Schleswig-Holstein State Capital City of Kiel, the company has since ensured the reliable, safe and economic operation of Kiel's commercial port. Today,



7 million tonnes of goods are handled in the port every year; in addition, well over 2 million sea travellers board or leave the ships via the various terminal facilities. Kiel is the market leader in ferry traffic to Norway, western Sweden and the Baltic States and is one of the most popular ports of departure and destination for cruises throughout Europe. Since its foundation, more than 300 million euros have been invested in the port by the PORT OF KIEL. Today, the Ostseekai, Norwegenkai and Schwedenkai have the most modern terminal facilities, which also play a pioneering role in terms of environmental protection and all have on-shore power connections. The Ostuferhafen, the port's cargo and logistics centre, has also developed strongly and, contributing more than half of the total transshipment volume, it will be further expanded.

FERRY LINES GAIN GROUND

In the cargo sector, the port of Kiel was able to close the past year - despite Corona - with an almost balanced handling result (-1.3 %). The ferry lines to Gothenburg and Klaipeda made a significant contribution to this, which will now continue to grow in the first quarter of 2021. For example, Stena Line was able to increase its transport performance in tonnes by eight percent in the first months of the year and the shipping company DFDS also reported positive figures on the route from Kiel to Lithuania. The lines ensure smooth freight traffic on important European transport corridors.



The same applies to the ro-ro freighters of SCA Logistics, which connect Kiel with the Swedish east coast, and to Color Line, which commutes between Kiel and Oslo with the "Color Carrier". The ferry terminals at the Schwedenkai and Norwegenkai as well as in the Ostuferhafen are thereby connected to the national network in intermodal cargo traffic and support the possibility of unaccompanied and environmentally friendly onward transport to the destinations. There are also direct connections from the Schwedenkai to Italy and Luxembourg.

NORDHAFEN SHEET PILE

In the Nordhafen, the quay wall in front of HaGe's granaries will be completely renewed this year. This contract, which was awarded at the beginning of the year, has a total volume of a solid 4.5 million euros. The work will really pick up speed in the second quarter, so that bulk carriers will probably be able to berth at the renovated quay by the end of the year. In the run-up to the sheet pile renewal,



extensive soundings for possible explosive ordnance have already been carried out. For this purpose, the bottom of the Kiel Canal at the Nordhafen was thoroughly examined and submerged by a specialist company.

WOOD IMPORT SEASON

In spring, the demand for hard and durable sawn timber - such as Siberian larch - increases, and not only in Germany. It is popular for building garden sheds and fences or patio flooring. To meet the demand for this sought-after natural raw material, entire shiploads are brought west by sea from St. Petersburg. In Kiel's Ostuferhafen, the goods are expertly unloaded and stored by the employees of the SEEHAFEN KIEL Stevedoring GmbH, who also work in the forest product centre of the companies SCA and Iggesund.

For dried goods, the sheds 6 and 12 as well as



the flat stores of the former Getreide AG are exclusively available in Kiel for storage under roof.

SEA LI-ION ELECTRIFIES

With the EU-funded Sea Li-ion project - in which the PORT OF KIEL is also involved - Stena Line is taking a further step towards electrification in shipping. The aim is to operate a large fossil-free RoPax ferry between Gothenburg and Frederikshavn with the "Stena Elektra" by 2030 at the latest.

For this purpose, the Sea Li-ion project is investigating the role that battery storage can play, which can then be used as a power bank, for example. In order to be able to charge energy storage systems quickly and climate-



neutrally with green electricity, suitable infrastructures must be ready for operation in the ports. In Kiel, the foundations have been laid with the new on-shore power plant to prepare for the charging of energy storage systems in addition to the environmentally friendly on-shore power supply. After the Color Line ferries have already been receiving on-shore power at the Norwegenkai since 2019, the Stena Line ferries have also been connected to Kiel's power grid since the beginning of 2021. The PORT OF KIEL thus already covers more than 40 % of the energy requirements of all ships calling at the port with on-shore power.

CRUISE RE-START

Almost all over the world, holidaymakers are waiting for the resumption of cruises. This is perhaps how one can summarise the assessment of tourism experts who recently met virtually at the ITB in Berlin. While this winter only cruises were offered by a few providers on the Canary Islands, not least the providers on the German market are striving for a re-start

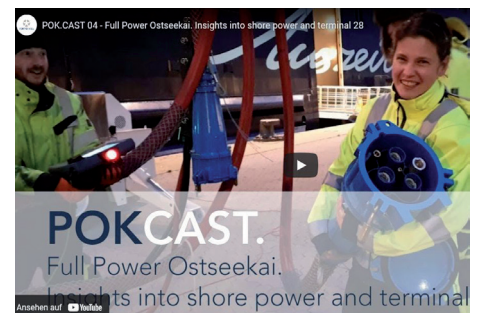


of sea travel in Northern Europe as well in the near future. All the more so as the vaccination campaigns in Germany - as well as in the countries of the Baltic Sea region - are progressing. The PORT OF KIEL is well prepared for this and expects the first ships in May. Not only are the terminal facilities and technical equipment ready for the start. The focus of the seasonal preparations this year was on the further development, further improvement and updating of the handling and hygiene concepts already proven last summer and autumn.

Kiel has the great advantage of having a second, brand new and state-of-the-art terminal building, Ostseekai 28, which offers plenty of space and digital infrastructure to ensure a low-contact, secure check-in process.

PORT OF KIEL PODCAST

Since the beginning of the year, the PORT OF KIEL has been represented on the Internet with an entertaining video podcast series that looks at the various facets of the port in short films and introduces the staff.



All previous contributions can be found on the PORT OF KIEL YouTube channel (please subscribe), on the port's Facebook and Instagram pages as well as on LinkedIn and on the homepage at: <https://www.portofkiel.com/filmgalerie.html>

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