

## Scandlines with record summer

*Summer is coming to an end, and so is the Scandlines' peak season. A large proportion of Northern Europeans started their holidays on board one of the Scandlines ferries. During June, July and August, Scandlines transported 2.7 million passengers and 728,000 cars between Germany and Denmark. This is more than last summer.*

In 2023, 2.6 million passengers took the Scandlines ferry to and from their holidays. In 2024, this number has increased to 2.7. The number of passenger cars has also increased - from 716,509 cars in 2023 to 727,978 in 2024.

"Already in early summer, we saw a lot of interest in booking ferry tickets for the summer holidays. This sent a clear signal that the summer would be busy. And it turned out to be true. We are pleased that we could give so many people a good start to their holidays. We have had a stable operation without any cancellations," says VP Head of Commercial Management Lars Kyrø.

The weekend of 19-21 July saw the largest number of passengers (146,209), while the weekend of 26-28 July saw the largest number of cars, 40,235.

Some of the many passengers took advantage of Scandlines' dynamic ticketing system, which means lower prices for passengers who are able to book well in advance or travel on the less busy departures. The system also helps to utilise the ferries' capacity more efficiently and to strengthen Scandlines' competitiveness.

Because competition for customers is intense, Scandlines has launched a new app that has made it easier to book tickets. The ferry operator is also installing licence plate scanners at ports to make check-in even faster.

Many followed the call to travel outside rush hours. Throughout the summer, Scandlines has been offering a departure every half hour around the clock on the crossing between Puttgarden and Rødby and every two hours and all night between Rostock and Gedser.

### **Holidaymakers are more flexible when travelling home**

While most holidaymakers prefer to start their journey in the morning or early afternoon, they are generally more flexible when travelling home and use the ferry throughout the day and night.

"Our passengers are increasingly using the ferry all day and night when returning home from holiday. We want to distribute the passengers so that no one experiences any significant waiting time and everyone has a really good experience," explains Lars Kyrø.

Scandlines has also transported a large number of buses and lorries. In July alone, 3,003 buses. Lined up one after the other, they would cover 42 kilometres. All in all, a bit of a marathon.

## The facts

How many people take the ferry on their summer holidays?

- In the summer of 2024 (June, July and August), over 2.7 million passengers travelled with Scandlines between Germany and Denmark (Puttgarden-Rødby and Rostock-Gedser)
- In July 2024 alone, the number of passengers was 1.2 million (Puttgarden-Rødby and Rostock-Gedser)

## About Scandlines

*Scandlines is a modern and innovative ferry operator with a green vision for the future. We have a proud culture based on strong German-Danish cooperation and maritime history dating back to 1872.*

*Scandlines operates two ferry routes with high capacity and frequency. Six of our ferries are hybrid ferries, and two are furthermore fitted with an innovative rotor sail – and that contributes to making our ferries greener.*

*Our core business is to provide an efficient and reliable transport service for both passengers and freight customers. The focus for all our activities – on board the ferries as well as in our BorderShops – is to give our customers a great experience.*

*With 39,000 departures on seven ferries, Scandlines in 2023 transported close to 6.4 million passengers, over 1.6 million cars and over 700,000 freight units on the routes Puttgarden-Rødby and Rostock-Gedser.*

Read more about Scandlines at [www.scandlines.com](http://www.scandlines.com).

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