

Press release

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Scandlines wins Ferry Shipping Summit Award

During the Ferry Shipping Summit in Athens 07 and 08 November 2024, Scandlines received an award for the new zero direct emissions freight ferry Futura.

The Ferry Shipping Summit's mission is to support ferry companies and ports with ideas and possible solutions that promote sustainable development across strategic, operational and tactical levels.

The Futura fulfils this mission to such an extent that it won the Ferry Shipping Summit Award in the category Short-Sea Ferry of the Year 2024.

"We are very proud to receive this prestigious award. For us as a ferry operator, the Futura is a quantum leap towards our vision of emission-free operations by 2040. At the same time, Futura is another concrete example of how electric ferry operations is not limited to very short distances," says Scandlines' COO Michael Guldmann Petersen.

In just 12 minutes, the Futura can be charged with the energy necessary for a 45-minute long crossing resulting in a crossing without direct emissions.

This is not the first time Scandlines receives an award for a ferry. In 2014, the company received a Shippax Award for converting the M/V Prinsesse Benedikte from a conventional diesel ferry to a hybrid ferry. In 2017, Scandlines received another Shippax Award – this time for the newly built hybrid ferry M/V Berlin.

Two awards in one week

The Ferry Shipping Summit Award is not the only award Scandlines received last week. 05 November 2024, the ferry operator received an innovation award in Frankfurt from the German mobility industry DVWG. Scandlines received the award for the upcoming conversion of two out of four hybrid ferries operating on the Puttgarden-Rødby route to plug-in hybrid ferries. With the conversion, the two ferries will be able to recharge in just 12 minutes with at least 80 per cent of the energy needed for a 45-minute crossing.

"We are incredibly proud to lead the way for a much more sustainable ferry operations," says Michael Guldmann Petersen.

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.

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