

TRIP OUT

May 2026

[Waverley Excursions](#) Timetables for the South coast sailings (from 3 to 22 September) and Thames (until 11 October) were published in April. A fuel surcharge of up to £4 has been added to adult fares because of a big increase in fuel costs. The WAVERLEY carried out trials from Greenock on 2 May then sailed to Glasgow ready to begin her season on 8 May.

NORTH EAST and YORKSHIRE

[Nexus](#) The ferry resumed on 27 April after being closed for three months.

[P & S Richardson, Bridlington](#) The YORKSHIRE BELLE's season began on 2 May.

EAST ANGLIA

[Waveney River Tours, Oulton Broad](#) The ENCHANTRESS is being advertised for sale for £34 000 after being laid up for around 15 years.

THAMES

[Thames River Boats](#) The CONNAUGHT began running from Westminster to Chiswick, Kew, Richmond and Hampton Court on 1 May after alterations to comply with new regulations.

[Bryan Ferry the ferry](#) A new ferry has started above Temple Lock at Hurley, upstream from Marlow, replacing a broken footbridge. The electric boat BRYAN FERRY runs on Wednesdays and weekends.

SOUTH COAST

[Hythe and Southampton Ferry Company](#) announced on 9 April that the company would go into liquidation after failing to find a viable way to resume the service which had been suspended since August 2024. The HYTHE SCENE has been advertised for sale.

[Solent Cruises](#) Since 4 May, the Portsmouth Harbour cruises are no longer included in admission to the [Historic Dockyard](#). Solent Cruises now sells an annual pass for the harbour cruises for £60.

[Isle of Wight Council](#) The floating bridge is suspended for a refit from 5 to 19 May while a "Jenny" boat provides a passenger service.

[The Solent Steam Packet, Southampton](#) The SHIELDHALL was in Falmouth for dry docking from 13 to 25 April.

[Quay2Quay, Yarmouth](#) The KRAKEN was advertised to do a cruise to the Needles on 3 May.

[Coastline Heritage Cruises, Weymouth](#) The boats are now advertised to start running on 1 June.

CHANNEL ISLANDS

[DFDS](#) The STENA VINGA was at Falmouth for refit from 16 to 23 April. The CÔTE D'ALBÂTRE covered the Portsmouth-Jersey service from 15 to 20 April and on 23/24 April. The TARIFA JET returned to service on 1 May after repairs at Portland. DFDS is to buy the STENA VINGA, currently on charter, and she will be registered in the UK and renamed to continue serving Jersey.

WEST OF ENGLAND

[Western Lady Ferry Service](#) Day trips from Torquay and Brixham to Dartmouth began on 8 April.

[Dartmouth-Kingswear Floating Bridge Co](#) The ferry and the Dart Marina have been taken over by [Premier Marinas](#) who already owned Noss on Dart Marina, the site of the former Philips' shipyard on the other side of the river.

[Fal River](#) plan monthly high-tide trips from Falmouth to Truro, with the first on 16 May.

[Isles of Scilly Steamship Co](#) There was a fault in the SCILLONIAN III's starboard engine on 9 April and she completed her trip on one engine. Sailings on 10 and 11 April were cancelled for repairs.

BRISTOL CHANNEL

[Lundy Company](#) The OLDENBURG's first Bideford to Ilfracombe coastal trip this season is on 22 May.

[Kennet & Avon Canal Trust](#) has taken over the 12-passenger electric boat SIR JOHN KNILL which has been running between Bath and Bathampton since 2017. Trips start on 23 May and will usually be on Thursdays and alternate weekends.

WEST WALES

[SeaMôr, New Quay](#) The CERISMAR TWO was replaced last July by the 55-passenger catamaran KITTIWAKE which was the SERENITY III at Seahouses until 2019, then KINTRA in Northern Ireland.

MIDLAND WATERWAYS

[Sherborne Wharf, Birmingham](#), was put into liquidation in April after a rent demand of £134 000 from the Canal & River Trust. The passenger boats are to be sold.

NORTH WEST

[Welsh Canal Holiday Craft, Llangollen](#) The owners would like to pass the business on and the price is £695 000, including boats, horses, shop and tearoom.

[Mersey Ferries](#) The ROYAL DAFFODIL started trials on the river on 16 April.

[National Trust \(Enterprises\), Coniston](#) The GONDOLA began her season on 18 April.

IRISH SEA

[Isle of Man Steam Packet Co](#) The BEN-MY-CHREE will continue running between Fishguard and Rosslare on charter to Stena Line until 11 May.

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