
PRESS RELEASE

Iona leaves Papenburg on Wednesday

Conveyance of 50th MEYER WERFT cruise ship

Papenburg, March 17 2020 - The new cruise ship for British P&O Cruises, Iona, will probably leave Papenburg on **Wednesday, March 18 2020** to be conveyed on the river Ems to Eemshaven (NL). The ship is planned to arrive in Eemshaven on Thursday evening. Later on the ship will go through several days of technical and nautical sea trials on the North Sea.

The Ems barrier will be helping Iona to pass through the river Ems, a procedure which will be kept as short as possible. The following schedule has been drawn up for the conveyance of the new cruise ship, with changes possible at short notice due to the weather and tidal conditions:

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Approx. 06.00 pm: ship in waiting position (Papenburg)

Approx. 07.30 pm: ship passes sea lock (Papenburg)

Thursday, March 19, 2020

Approx. 02.00 am: ship passes Friesenbrücke (Weener)

Approx. 06.30 am: ship passes the Jann Berghaus bridge (Leer)

Approx. 10.45 am: arrival at the river Ems barrier (Gandersum)

Approx. 08.15 pm: ship passes the Ems barrier

!! All details are subject to the wind, weather and water levels and are therefore without guarantee. Timings can be changed at short notice!!

Once again, a team of river pilots from Emden will be responsible for manoeuvring the ship to Emden. The pilots on the river Ems also looked after the MEYER WERFT ships during their passage to the North Sea in previous years. The whole team trained the conveyance at the computerised simulator in Wageningen (Netherlands) to be better prepared for the task.

Iona will proceed in reverse up the river Ems to the North Sea. This approach has proven successful in the past as it makes it easier to manoeuvre the ship. Two tugs will be providing assistance in the process.

For more information and photos, please go to www.meyerwerft.de; www.facebook.com/meyerwerft and www.youtube.com/meyerwerft

All times are subject to the weather.