

## Monday, 4 May 2026

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LOCAL TIME	PROGRAMME (latest version available in our app) Conference theme: "Optimising operations, enhancing experiences"
11:00	Check-in opens in the GNV terminal, check in to cabins upon embarkation. For those of you that have booked the night before. Check-in closes at 20.00. Late check-in due to late arrival flights or other reasons, is possible upon prior notification.

## Tuesday, 5 May 2026

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Departure Genoa 5 May 19.00 - Arrival Olbia 6 May 07.15 - Departure Olbia 6 May 18.00 - Arrival Genoa 7 May 07.00

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07:00-09:00	Breakfast in the restaurants Le Surf & Le Montparnasse, Deck 9. For those of you that have booked the night before	
07:00	Check-In opens in the GNV terminal, for newly arrived delegates who did not check in on 4 May. Check-in to cabins upon embarkation.	
09:00	Welcome coffee in the exhibition area, La Piazza, Deck 10 sponsored by Stena RoRo. Networking & visit exhibitors	
10:00	Conference begins in the Auditorium Galaxie, Deck 10	Frederik Erdmann, Shippax
	Opening	Matteo Catani, GNV
	Presentations by main sponsors	
	Meeting the new expectations at sea – and what it takes to meet them	Roger Vimme & Marte Radmann & Jon Anders S. Øgaard, Telenor Maritime
	From complexity to confidence: an integrated approach for ferry operations	Giosuè Vezzuto, RINA
10:50	Keynote speech	
	The new global playing field - what can we expect?	Tobias Billström, Former Swedish minister for foreign affairs, migration, deputy speaker of parliament, entrepreneur and advisor
	Q&A	
	AI-automated MOB detection for a safer ferry future	John Ritchie Cumming, Zelim
12:00	Rules & regulations	
		Johan Roos, Interferry
		Tiina Tuurnala, Finnish Shipowners Association
		Roger James, Unifire
		Pino Spadafora, RINA
	Interferry update	Mike Corrigan, Interferry
	Quvia for ferries: Lower cost, higher control, consistent user experience	Alex Rubio, Quvia
	Mercy Ships in partnership with the shipping Industry - lifechanging impact!	Stefan Sonesson & Arjen van der Wolf, Mercy Ships Götz Becker, FRS & Per Westling, Stena RoRo
13:25	Lunch in Le Surf & Le Sillage D'Argent, Deck 9 sponsored by Quvia. Networking & visit exhibitors	
15:00	Setting the scene: 2026 RoPax & RoRo industry performance and trends	Alan Lam, Shippax
	Ferry operators panel debate	
		Matteo Catani, GNV
		Marcus Risberg, Viking Line
		Christophe Mathieu, Brittany Ferries
		Pierre Mattei, Corsica Ferries
		Kasper Moos, P&O Ferries
		Etienne Melliani, La Méditerranée
	Q&A	
16:25	Coffee in the exhibition area, La Piazza, Deck 10 sponsored by Stena RoRo. Networking & visit exhibitors	
17:00	Check-in closes in the GNV terminal	
17:00	RoRo panel debate	
		Dan Mikkola, Godby Shipping
		Euan Lonmon, Grendi
		Elvir Dzanic, Wallenius SOL
		Mohamed Badawy, UME Shipping
	Q&A	
	Reducing water and energy demand in RoRo and RoPax fire protection	Tony Jinvesse, VID Firekill
	Passenger experiences in ferry travel from 1956 to 2026	Bruce Peter, Glasgow School of Art
	Enabling a quiet revolution	Marcus Höglblom, ABB Marine & Ports
18:20	Shippax Awards 2026	
19:00	Departure Genoa	
19:15	Happy hour in the exhibition area, La Piazza, Deck 10 sponsored by ABB Marine & Ports	
20:15	Welcome drink in La Vigie Piano Bar, Deck 12 sponsored by Brax Shipping	
21:00	Dinner in Le Surf & Le Sillage D'Argent, Deck 9 sponsored by R&M. Fixed table seating.	
	Night cap, sponsored by Carus	
	Speakers gift, sponsored by DAMEN	
	Refreshments sponsored by UME Shipping	
	Free wifi sponsored by Speedcast	

**Wednesday, 6 May 2026** NB: All times are local time

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07:00-09:00	Breakfast in the restaurants Le Surf & Le Montparnasse, Deck 9 sponsored by MTN	
07:15	Arriving to Olbia	
08:00	Bus tour to San Pantaleo	
11:30	Back from the tour	
	Coffee in the exhibition area, La Piazza, Deck 10 sponsored by Stena RoRo	
12:00	Smarter RoRo Operations: From Cargo Planning to Connected Fleet	Markus Tompuri, NAPA
	Setting the scene - Short-range operations	Frederik Erdmann, Shippax
	Ferry operators panel debate	Götz Becker, FRS Brian Thomson, Isle of Man Steam Packet Company Carlos Santos, Porto Santo Line Neil Chapman, Red Funnel
	Q&A	
13:10	Lunch in Le Surf & Le Sillage D'Argent, Deck 9 sponsored by Lloyd's Register. Networking & visit exhibitors	
14:40	Modern & Minimalistic - or just too austere? Does the RoPax passenger experience need a revival?	Thomas P. Illes, thilles consulting
	Designers talking table	Thomas P. Illes, thilles consulting Emilie Posniak Hansen, OSK Design Bruce Peter, Glasgow School of Art Andy Yuill, SMC Design
	Q&A	
	How might we innovate together for a better future?	Magne Ekerum, Seat Innovation
	Beyond compliance: Optimizing ballast water systems through piping design	Giorgio Caviglia, G+F Georg Fischer
15:55	Setting the Scene: the RoPax newbuilding market at a glance	Alan Lam, Shippax
16:10	New ships & projects, part I	
	First 100% green corridor between Spain and Morocco Challenges in the creation of a new, flexible RoRo design	Juan Pablo Molina, Baleària Roberto Prever, NAOS Ship & Boat Design & Per Westling, Stena RoRo
	Designing GNV RoPax newbuildings for efficiency, passenger experience and operational readiness: The GNV-RINA perspective.	Ivana Melillo, GNV & Andreas Ullrich, RINA
	SDARI's innovative RoPax design - from China to the world	Zhou Zhiyong, SDARI
17:05	Coffee in the exhibition area, La Piazza, Deck 10 sponsored by Stena RoRo. Networking & visit exhibitors	
17:40	New ships & projects, part II	
	Innovating towards decarbonisation	Johan Hansten, Wärtsilä
	Electrification scaled for large battery systems	Diego Caride & Oier Urrutia, Ingeteam
	One customer, multiple revenue streams	Manos Giakoumelis & Konstantina Katachana, Lixness
	Weight is the mother of all savings	Kristian Carøe Lind, OSK Design
	Wind propulsion for ferries: Where do we stand?	Frederik Gerhardt, RISE
	From Tasmania to the world: The electric ferry revolution	Robert Clifford, Incat
	Operational and economical benefits of large double-ended ferries on longer international ferry routes	Nikias Ioannidis & Victor Laravoire, LMG Marin
19:00	Conclusions and words of farewell, Next year's conference	Frederik Erdmann, Shippax & TBN
19:20	Happy hour in the exhibition area, La Piazza, Deck 10 sponsored by BLRT	
20:15	Dinner drink in La Vigie Piano Bar, Deck 12 sponsored by Viking Line	
21:00	Farewell / Gala Dinner in Le Surf & Le Sillage D'Argent, Deck 9 sponsored by GNV	
	Night cap sponsored by Quvia	
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07:00-11:00	Breakfast in the restaurants Le Surf & Le Montparnasse, Deck 9 Free wifi sponsored by Speedcast
	The conference ends
	Buses to the airport

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