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## Delivery of 'BREIZH NEVEZ I' new ship to service Breton Groix island



PIRIOU has just delivered the new ro-ro passenger ship dedicated to provide link between main land and Groix island in South Brittany. The ship was inaugurated in Groix harbour before becoming operational for her first round trip on April 10<sup>th</sup>.

As the result of a call of tender engaged in September 2013, this order was notified to the French PIRIOU group on January 26<sup>th</sup> 2016 by the department of Morbihan. Following two years' work and the transfer of the building contract from the department to the regional council of Brittany now in charge of the transportation authority since the territorial reform, 'BREIZH NEVEZ I' adds to the regional fleet of the vessels ensuring territorial continuity in Brittany. She will be operated by Compagnie Océane.

This is the third passenger vessel ordered to the PIRIOU group by a French territorial authority after 'L'Estuaire' delivered to the department of Gironde in 2009 and 'Fromveur II' delivered to the department of Finistere in 2011. This new vessel complies with the requirements of her owner: a compact vessel able to accommodate 300 passengers and 18 light vehicles -or 7 light vehicles and 3 heavy vehicles.

Vincent FAUJOUR, PIRIOU General Manager declares: ***'We are very glad and proud we earned the trust of the department of Morbihan and of the regional council to build this new vessel providing the link between Lorient and Groix island. This contract strengthens our position in the segment of passenger ships based on complex technical platforms answering very demanding exploitation and optimum comfort for passengers'***.



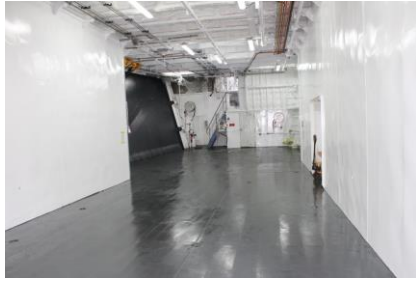
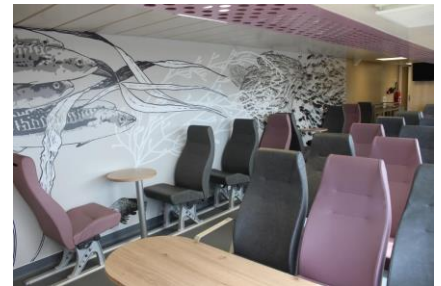
Pascal PIRIOU, President both of the PIRIOU group and of the inter branch organization of the harbour of Concarneau (IPC) adds: ***'This vessel definitely illustrates for the first time the strategy we want to build in South Brittany between Concarneau and Lorient: pool skills and equipment while taking advantage of complementary activities to develop companies and local jobs'***.



### A compact and functional ro-ro ship

Designed in partnership with Lorient-based design office SHIP STUDIO, the vessel is especially adapted to the conditions of the Lorient-Groix-Lorient line to satisfy both occasional and regular users as well as the crew members. Some of them have brought their experience during several steps of the building -including crew comfort and easy operation.

- **High manoeuvrability** thanks to two controllable pitch propellers and two high capacity transverse thrusters (bow and aft).
- **Cost effective vessel:** as most of the trip is performed at low speed in the Lorient bay before starting the Coureaux crossing at higher speed, the Groix ferry benefits from a combinatory mode allowing operating at best her medium speed engines -whatever the speed.
- **Overnight stopover in Groix achieved**, including in spring tides, thanks to a specific design complying with drastic size and weight limits without compromising ever increasing security requirements. Draught is reduced to minimum -2.5m max.- with a hull profile adapted to Port-Tudy berth bathymetry. Hull bottoms are reinforced to support occasional stranding.
- **Closed vehicle deck** as on biggest vessels offering better protection to vehicles and cargo, especially in winter: it was designed in the same way as 'Saint-Tudy' and also focuses on fluidity to embark and disembark passengers and vehicles through aft and side ramps.
- **More comfortable vessel** with user-friendly lounge at main deck accessible to reduced mobility people (RMP). Spacious and airy upper lounges facilitate luggage storage room and offer a large number of seats in indoor lounges or at aft deck, a part of which is shaded.



## Main characteristics

Length over all ..... 43.5m  
 Breadth moulded ..... 11.6m  
 Depth on main deck ..... 3.9m  
 Loaded draught ..... 2.5m  
 Speed ..... 11.5 nd  
 hull / superstructure..... steel

Propulsion: Diesel engines..... 2 x 662 kW  
 Passengers capacity (incl. 4 RMP) ..... 300  
 Vehicles capacity ..... 18 light vehicles  
 ..... or 7 light vehicles and 3 heavy-duty vehicles  
 Freight capacity ..... 15 m<sup>3</sup>  
 Crew ..... 7 + 1

## About PIRIOU

Involved in shipbuilding, repair, naval engineering and services since 1965, PIRIOU specializes in producing vessels up to 120m with high added value through a combination of high-performance engineering and a global network of industrial sites in Europe, Africa and Asia. With over 430 ships built and delivered worldwide, PIRIOU provides bespoke solutions as well as a complete range of standardized or customized vessels that satisfy the requirements of international shipowners, whether they be private or public, civilian or military.

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