PIRIOU DELIVERS NEWBUILD RO-PAX TO BRITTANY

French shipbuilder Piriou has delivered a new Ro-Ro passenger ferry for south Brittany.

Inaugurated in Groix harbour before becoming operational for her first trip between Lorient and Groix Island on April 10, the 43.5-metre by 11.6-metre steel vessel *Breiz Nevez I* can accommodate 300 passengers and 18 light vehicles (or seven light vehicles and three heavy vehicles).

Powered by two 662kW diesel engines that deliver an operating speed of 11.5 knots, *Breiz Nevez I* also has a freight capacity of 15 cubic metres.

Designed in partnership with Lorient-based Ship Studio, the vessel is adapted to the local conditions, including high manoeuvrability due to two controlable pitch propellers and two high-capacity transverse thrusters (bow and aft) and a shallow draught.

*Breiz Nevez I* will be operated by Compagnie Océane.