## NEW VESSELS PROJECT UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2024



# **CONSTRUCTION WELL UNDERWAY**



Following our last newsletter in August, we wanted to provide you with an update on our new vessels project.

Scillonian IV and the new freight vessel are being built alongside each other in Vietnam and remain on track for delivery in 2026.

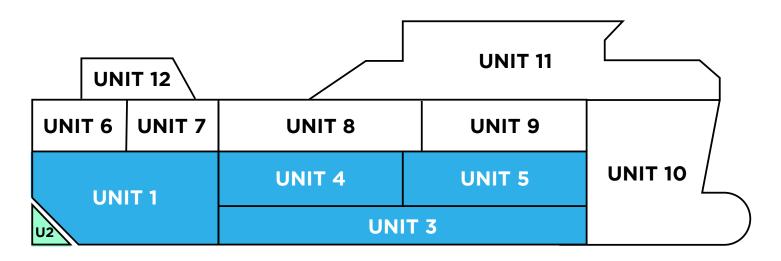
The ships are being constructed to ISSG's detailed specifications, by Piriou's expert teams of engineers and fabricators. The build is being overseen in Vietnam by ISSG project managers, Chris Lingham and Peter Broad, who have relocated to Vietnam for the duration of the build.



# **CONSTRUCTION PROCESS**

### **CARGO VESSEL**

Our new cargo vessel remains on schedule for delivery in early 2026. The vessel is being built through the assembly of **12 unique units** as shown in the illustration below.



Work started on unit subassemblies Unit assembly started Unit in the building dock Dock erection welding

The subassemblies are fabricated under cover in a number of Piriou's fabrication sheds and then integrated into the larger units, which are later lowered into the build dock for assembly.

The steel construction of **units three, four and five** is now complete and has been inspected and approved by Lloyd's Register surveyors and our own team on site.

Construction of **units one and two** is ongoing and steel cutting for **units eight and nine** is underway.

## **PHOTO DIARY**

Peter Broad has been keeping a photo diary of the new vessels' construction in Vietnam, the below shows part of the **cargo vessel construction** process.



# **CONSTRUCTION PROCESS**

### SCILLONIAN IV PASSENGER VESSEL

Scillonian IV remains on schedule for delivery in 2026. The hull is also being constructed in units but due to the extra complexity it will consist of **28 unique units**, as shown below.

	UNIT 29				UNIT 26	7		
		UNIT 24 UNIT 25						
_	UNIT 20 UNIT 21		UNIT 22	UNIT 23.1	U3.2 UNIT 28	UNIT 28	UNIT 27	
UNIT 12 UNIT 13		UNIT 14	UNIT 15	UNIT 16	UNIT 17	UNIT 18	UNIT 19	
UNIT 4			UNIT 2	UNIT 3	UNIT 7	UNIT 9	UNIT 10	
UNIT 5			UNIT 1		UNIT 6	UNIT 8.1	UNIT 8.2	

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Steel construction of **units one, six and seven** is underway and steel cutting is underway for **unit 16**.



PASSENGER VESSEL | UNIT 7



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Chris and Peter work closely with Piriou's management and production teams. Currently, there are 105 steel fabricators working on our vessels and many more working behind the scenes on the detailed design and system integrations.

Each vessel unit is inspected daily by our project team for construction quality and safety. The workmanship and HSE standards are consistently high. The build is also being overseen by classification society surveyors from Lloyd's Register, who ensure that the builds meet the specific class rules and statutory standards.

# **NEXT MILESTONE**

Work is on track for the next major milestone – the keel laying ceremony for both vessels – to take place in November. Traditionally, keel laying was the initial placement of the central timber making up the backbone of a ship, called the keel. Today, modern shipbuilding uses prefabricated complete hull sections and the keel laying refers to the first joining of these components (effectively the official birthday of the ship).

Representatives from the Steamship Group, Piriou, the British and French embassies and Lloyd's Register will be in attendance for the keel laying ceremony. As with steel cutting, the shipyard will hold a traditional Buddhist blessing as part of the ceremony which all shipyard personnel will be invited to attend.

In a tradition which stretches back centuries to ancient Rome, gold coins will be placed in the bottom of the keels of each of our new vessels for good luck.

We will bring you further updates, photos and podcasts which will cover the ceremony and visits to Vietnam.

# **STAYING CONNECTED**

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENT**

We are planning our next community engagement event, which will take place at On The Quay after our AGM on 9th October 2024. This is an informal drop-in event giving the community the chance to view images of the vessels being built and speak with members of our senior management team and new vessels project team. This is an open invite.

ON THE QUAY RESTAURANT, ST MARY'S | WEDNESDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2024 | 13:00 - 14:30

#### **1-2-1 SESSIONS**

We have completed a series of 1-2-1 sessions on the islands, giving islanders the opportunity to speak directly to a range of senior leaders within ISSG about a number of topics. Please get in touch with the vessel project team if you would like to arrange a 1-2-1 meeting with a member of the senior management team.

#### **ST MARY'S ISLAND HUB**

We are working on an exhibition which will be located in the Hub, showcasing various elements of this project alongside the latest information, slides and videos of the build process.

#### **NEW VESSELS WEBSITE**

Please see our website for new vessel updates, videos, podcasts, newsletters, brochures and more.

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