

The Next Generation Spirits of Tasmania



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Hon Will Hodgman MP
Premier of Tasmania

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Hon Rene Hidding MP
Minister for Infrastructure

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The Hodgman Liberal Government will deliver two new, purpose built Spirit of Tasmania vessels in 2021, two years ahead of schedule.

The new vessels will be 30 per cent larger than the current Spirits, with an even larger increase in passenger and freight capacity – up 43 per cent and 39 per cent respectively.

This will take Tasmania to the next level, unlocking even more potential in our booming visitor economy and broader economy.

This game-changer is a result of the unqualified success of the Hodgman Liberal Government’s policy for the operation of the Spirit of Tasmania vessels.

When we came to Government we took immediate action to invest in the Spirits and increase day sailings.

As a result, our \$31 million investment has transformed the ships, day sailings have more than doubled and the average fare price has dropped by 15 per cent in real terms.

Now, the vessels are near capacity for both passengers and freight, and projections by industry experts show this trend is set to continue.

To capitalise on this growth and unlock even more of our state’s potential we are investing in two new Spirit of Tasmania vessels, for the next generation of Tasmanians.

We are able to do this, two years ahead of schedule, because of the hard work of this Government, together with the TT-Line.

The new vessels will be in operation on Bass Strait in 2021.



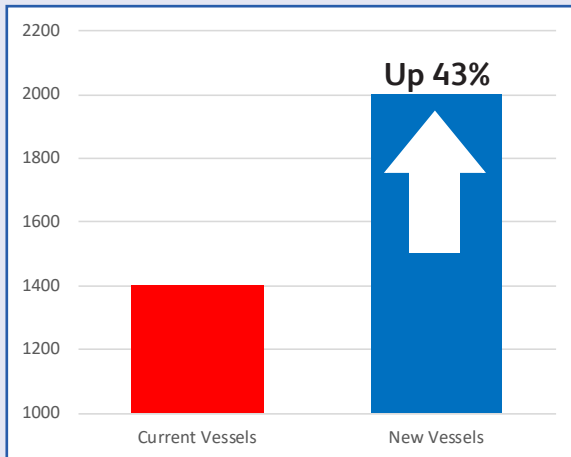
TT-Line has shortlisted a number of international shipyards as candidates, and is expected to sign contracts with the successful shipyard in the first half of 2018.

Importantly, the ships will feature the best of Tasmanian products in the fit-out.

The new Spirit of Tasmania vessels represents the single biggest tourism and infrastructure development in Tasmania’s history.

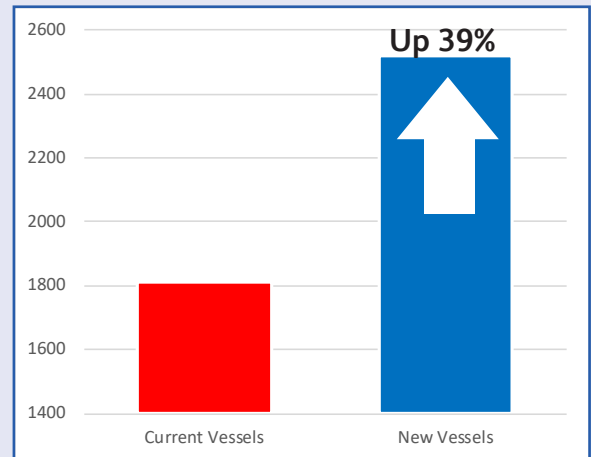
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Passenger Capacity

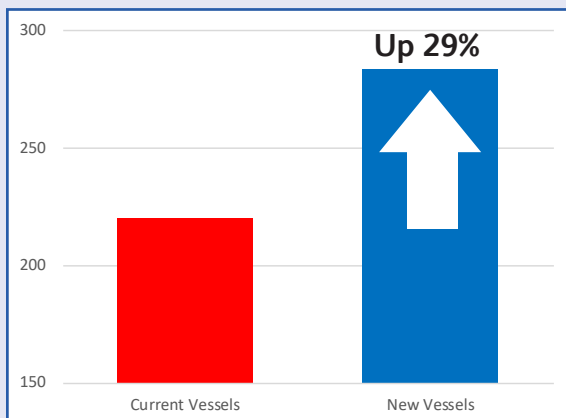


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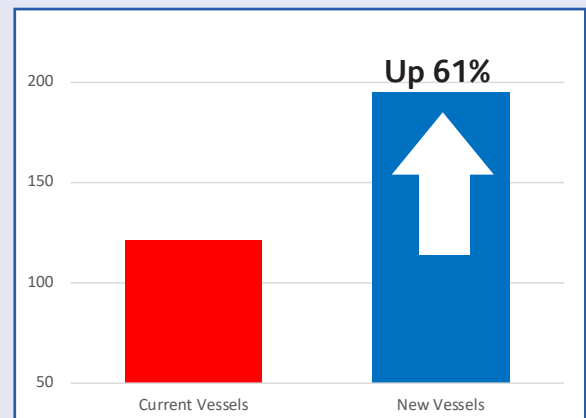
(Lane Metres)



Passenger Cabins

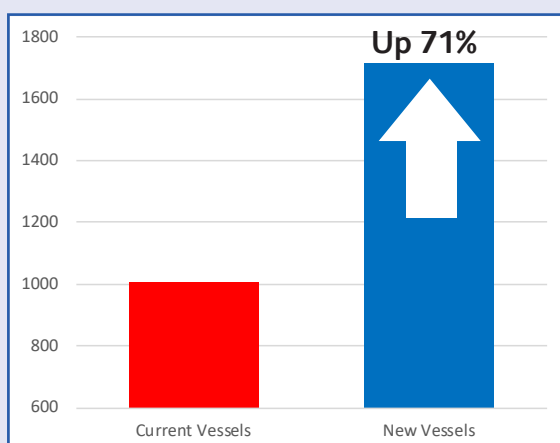


Passenger Recliners



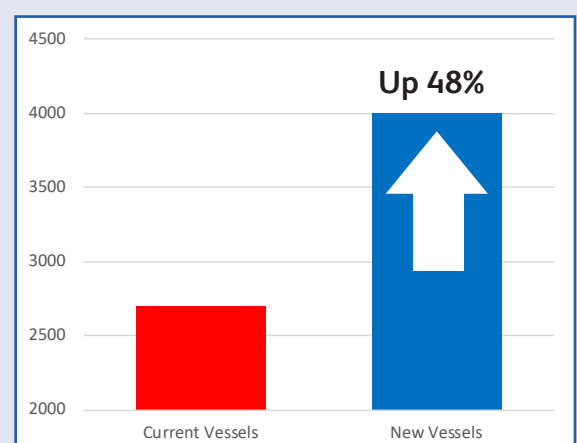
Passenger Vehicles

(Lane Metres)



Day Lounge Areas

(Square Metres)



Specifications

Over the past 18-months, TT-Line has been carefully analysing vessel types and fleet configurations.

It assessed vessels against criteria including capacity, customer expectations, speed, seakeeping properties for Bass Strait, capital and operating costs and operational efficiency.

The clearly preferred option that meets all requirements is two new Roll-On Roll-Off monohull fast passenger vessels.

The next generation Spirits will be designed to run on dual fuel, including liquefied natural gas, in line with all international regulations.

While there are no Australian shipyards with the capacity to build the new Spirits, the vessels will feature Tasmanian products in the fit out.

Details	Current	New
Length	194m	212m
Beam	25m	31.5m
Passengers/Crew	1400	2000
Freight (Lane Metres)	1813	2519
Passenger Vehicles (Lane Metres)	1005	1714
Cabins	220	284
Recliners	121	195



Home Port

TT-Line has confirmed that Devonport will remain the home of the Spirits.

Demand Forecasts

Passenger and freight growth are predicted to continue on their extraordinary trajectory.

The TT-Line commissioned expert industry modelling for demand for travel, which found that passenger numbers are expected to increase from 434,000 in 2016-17 to 558,000 in 2026-27.

By 2035, passenger numbers are forecast to grow to 626,000 a year.

Freight is expected to increase from 103,000 freight trailers (20 foot equivalent units) to 147,000 freight trailers over the same period.