

Ferry restrictions in the Baltic Sea.

A number of shipping lines from across the Baltic region has put in place restrictions, first and foremost regarding passenger traffic, however, some services have been suspended altogether to limit the spread of the virus.

Stena Line's three services - Frederikshavn-Gothenburg, Grenaa-Halmstad, and Gdynia-Karlskrona - are now open to freight traffic only, whereas Frederikshavn-Oslo has been closed for the time being.

Tallink has shut down its Stockholm-Mariehamn-Tallinn cruise traffic. On 14 March, *Baltic Queen* left the Swedish seaport with Tallinn-staying passengers on-board, where the cruise ferry will be docked, while *Victoria I* sailed in the opposite direction and will return to the Estonian capital with travellers with single or return tickets; hereafter the ship will remain in Tallinn. Next, the company brought to a halt its Stockholm-Riga service; the ferries *Romantika* and *Isabelle* will be moored in the Latvian seaport. At the same time Tallink's ro-pax *Regal Star* will continue transporting goods between Kapellskär and Paldiski.

Viking Line has done the same with its cruise ferry *Viking Cinderella*; the vessel is out of traffic between Stockholm and Mariehamn till 16 April.

The Strömstad-Sandefjord route has been also brought to a standstill, both by Color Line and Fjord Line; the former's *Color Hybrid* and *Color Viking*, and the latter's *Oslofjord* are anchored in the Norwegian port.

Color Line has also closed passenger traffic between Kiel and Oslo, but the ro-ro vessel *Color Carrier* continues to ply between the two.

The company's Hirtshals-Kristiansand service has been suspended; cargo is carried on-board the ferry *SuperSpeed 2* across the Hirtshals-Larvik stretch, including passengers who are coming back to their homelands.

Fjord Line continues to transport freight between Hirtshals and two ports in Norway - Kristiansand and Stavanger; passengers are allowed as well, but only under certain restrictions.

DFDS has closed its Copenhagen-Oslo ferry service at least until 1 April.

Eckerö Line's service Eckerö-Grisslehamn is closed till 15 April.

Scandlines continues to operate across its Puttgarden-Rødby and Gedser-Rostock routes, carrying both freight and passengers (the Danish ban on entry into the country doesn't cover its citizens, commuters with employment in Denmark, and people "with strongly justified purpose").