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### SEALINK'S WINTER TIMETABLE

Ferry company SeaLink will have four of its five vessels out of the water for maintenance and safety surveys over the coming winter months.

“We pride ourselves on our safety and reliability and to achieve this we invest in a preventative maintenance programme to minimise unexpected breakdowns. However we are required to remove our vessels from the water every two years for a comprehensive survey as required by Maritime New Zealand” said general manager Donna Gauci.

The Island Navigator will be the first vessel to be out of the water and she will be out of service between Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April and Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. She is scheduled for a complete engine replacement and a repaint as well as her annual 2-yearly survey.

SeaLink plans to run its regular winter timetable through this period using alternative vessels. “Operating in this manner enables us to minimise customer inconvenience and we have scheduled the Island Navigator’s slipping first so that we can be ready for the winter” said Mrs Gauci.

Once the Island Navigator is back in service, SeaLink will operate their regular winter schedule with fortnightly Sunday sailings, except during school holidays when Sunday services operate every week. Details of the timetable through this period are now available on the company website.

For further information see Waiheke Timetable pages at [www.sealink.co.nz](http://www.sealink.co.nz) or call 0800 SEALINK (0800 732 546).



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