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**BUSINESS AS USUAL FOR SEALINK**

With the recent detainment of Waiheke Shipping's vessels by Maritime New Zealand, SeaLink has responded by reassuring the public travelling to (and from) Waiheke Island that it is 'business as usual' for SeaLink.

"SeaLink offers a reliable, comprehensive timetable with up to 14 sailings a day and we have the capacity to carry people and freight affected by the termination of Waiheke Shipping's services" says general manager Donna Gauci.

In response to the issues raised by the detainment, Ms Gauci commented: "SeaLink takes vessel maintenance very seriously. Passenger and crew safety is our utmost concern. It is company policy that we strictly adhere to all compliance requirements laid out by Maritime New Zealand, the Safe Ship Management programme and OSH. We commit millions of dollars each year to a comprehensive preventative maintenance programme so that when our vessels are monitored for compliance we meet all requirements" she said.

SeaLink offers a range of fares and comprehensive information can be found on the company's website at [www.sealink.co.nz](http://www.sealink.co.nz) .

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