

SEACAT UPDATE

An incident with the Seacat's ramp on Friday 1st April caused the ramp to drop into the sea prior to berthing at Kennedy Point.

No one was injured and no vehicles were damaged.

As a result SeaLink were unable to offload passengers and vehicles from their 2pm sailing.

At 5pm, approximately two hours after the scheduled arrival time, SeaLink was able to disembark the passengers from the side of the vessel onto Kennedy Point wharf.

Customers with vehicles were offered the option of island transfers to their destination and SeaLink contacted them once their vehicles were offloaded at approximately 6pm.

A large crane which was carried to Waiheke Island by SeaLink earlier in the day for a building site job was used to lift the ramp and allow the vessel to berth.

A number of customers chose to remain on the vessel until their vehicles could be safely offloaded. The remainder of SeaLink's services on Friday were operated by Seamaster and Seaway and some minor delays occurred.

The damage to the ramp was extensive and Seacat was out of service until Tuesday 05 April.

SeaLink would like to apologise to all those customers affected by this incident and thank them very much for their support and understanding.

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