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Åland Maritime Day 2019

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Buoyant **Carus** adds new client in **Iceland**

Carus assists seamless transfer of vital systems to Iceland's new ferry operator

Carus has enjoyed working closely with the outgoing operator (**Eimskip**) since the **Carus reservation system** replaced a home-grown system 8 years ago and, while we are of course sad to have to end that relationship, we are excited about working with the municipality of **Vestmannaeyjar** and helping them to establish themselves on this high frequency route serving Iceland's Westman Islands from Landeyjahöfn Harbor and Thorlakshöfn Harbor on the Icelandic mainland. The route will shortly also receive the newly built 'Herjolfur II' which will replace the 1992 built 'Herjolfur'.

The proven combination of digital and home printed tickets coupled with the Carus mobile Wi-Fi boarding tools will be transferred to the new operator and will continue to ensure that passengers have the most efficient and enjoyable boarding experience while allowing the carrier to streamline procedures and optimize staffing levels at the port.

As Carus Sales Director **John Bertell** explains: *"we operate a policy of maintaining a single version of our software product with two major releases to all our clients every year which means that Vestmannaeyjar will be receiving all the latest features for the elements of the Carus ecosystem that will be deployed, including a new version of the e-commerce booking module".*

"Setting up a ferry operation from scratch and managing the planning of a new vessel is a challenging task, but the support from the experienced Carus team has helped us a lot in making sure that we have the right IT tools available for reservations and ticketing, just in

time for our take-over of the operations", says **Guðbjartur Ellert Jonsson**, MD of the new ferry operation.

Vestmannaeyjar municipality commenced operating the service on 30th March 2019 and offer seven daily return trips on the Herjolfur II which makes the crossing in approximately 35 minutes and carries up to 550 passengers and 75 vehicles.

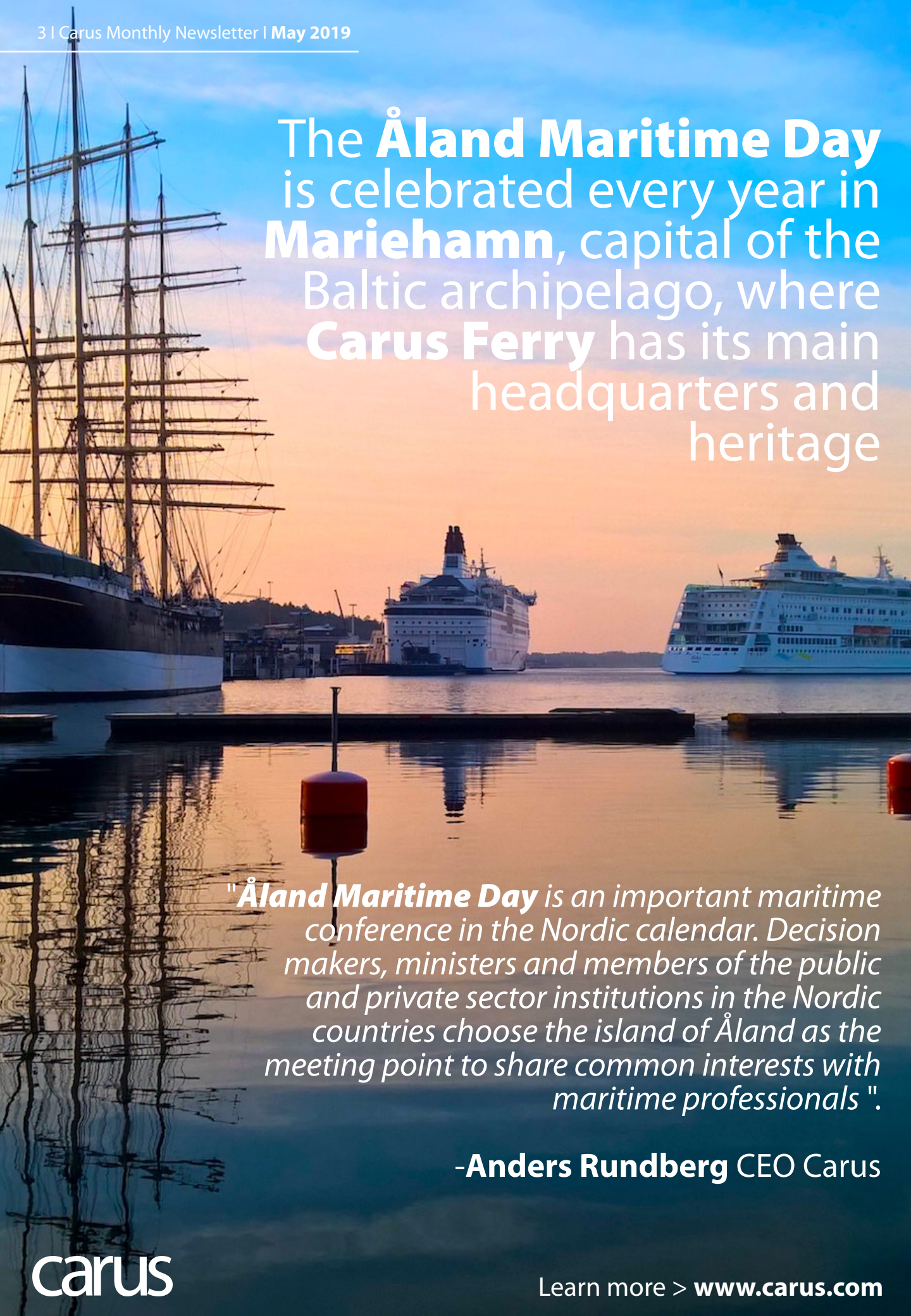
About **Vestmannaeyjar** municipality

The Westman Islands, Vestmannaeyjar in Icelandic, on the southwest coast of Iceland has a population of 4,135, most of whom live in the archipelago's main town, Vestmannaeyjabær. The islands are named after Gaelic slaves, called "Vestmenn" in Old Norse, who were brought to Iceland by Norsemen and then fled and were re-captured on this island; this is speculated to have occurred in AD 875.

In 2019 the ferry operation between the island and the Icelandic mainland is taken over by the municipality of Vestmannaeyjar and a new vessel will be delivered from a Polish shipyard. The new ferry will have capacity to take 550 passengers and 75 cars. The 70-meter long vessel will be powered by a 3,000kWh battery pack with a diesel generator that will serve only to supply backup power. The new ferry is able to re-charge in just about 30 minutes with the direct DC connection.

The **PK-259.1** is a tailor made design for the Vestmannaeyjar connection between Heimaey and Landeyjahöfn in Iceland by **PolarKonsult**





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"Åland Maritime Day is an important maritime conference in the Nordic calendar. Decision makers, ministers and members of the public and private sector institutions in the Nordic countries choose the island of Åland as the meeting point to share common interests with maritime professionals".

-Anders Rundberg CEO Carus



Åland Maritime Day has been organized since 2001, and includes an important exhibition for shipowners, maritime providers, nautical schools and other organizations related to the maritime industry, as well as seminars on topics of interest and current affairs. Åland Maritime Day is one of the most important events for the maritime sector in the Baltic.

Åland Maritime Day 2019 took place on 9th May at the Alandica Kultur & Kongress - Mariehamn, and has convened a large number of maritime companies and institutions, and more than 200 delegates.

Shipping companies and operators attending: Bore, ESL Shipping, Finnish Shipowners' Association, Finnlines, Godby Shipping, Langh Ship/Langh Tech, OSM Finland, Prima Shipping, Rederi Eckerö, Tallink Silja, Viking Line, VG-Shipping

Maritime organizations attending: ABS, Central Baltic Programme, Finlands Maskinbefälsförbund, Finnish Seamen's Mission, Finnish Seamen's Service, Finnish Ship's Officers', Lloyd's Register,

Mathantverkarna, Mercy Ships, NaviGate Expo 2020, RINA, Shippax, Sjöfartstidningen, Stockholms Repairyard, Traficom, Turku Business Region, YoungShip Helsinki, Åbo Underrättelser, Åland Convention Bureau, Ålands Sjöfart, Ålands Skeppsbefälhavare.

Seminars, confirmed speakers:

Emanuele Grimaldi, Managing Director Grimaldi Group, President & CEO Finnlines

Peder Gellert, Executive Vice President Shipping Division, DFDS

Ettore Morace, Managing Director, Malta Brokers

Karolina Kjellberg, VP Oceania Trade Team, Wallenius Wilhelmsen Ocean

Arne Juell-Skielse, Head of Shipping Finance Sweden, Large Corporates & Financial Institutions, SEB

Thomas Falck, Structured Asset Lending, Shipping Finance Nordic, DVB

Upcoming Events



Carus Excellence Award 2019

The **Spanish Shipowners' Association** will hold its annual General Assembly on **18th June 2019**, with a cocktail event and a gala lunch at the **Hotel Wellington, Madrid**. The event is co-sponsored by **Carus**, an ANAVE associate member, and will be attended by the Spanish shipowners as well as maritime and port authorities. There will also be a representation of European maritime delegates, and the Spanish Ministry for Transport will close the assembly.

The **Carus Excellence Award 2019** will be presented, and this year's recipient, nominated unanimously by the board of Carus Spain, is **Mike Corrigan, CEO of INTERFERRY**.

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