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Dear Chatham and Pitt Islands Community and Stakeholders,

New Chatham and Pitt Islands Shipping Service – October Update #3 from 44 South Shipping

McCallum Bros Limited (**MBL**) and Nova Marine Carriers SA, through their joint venture 44 South Shipping Limited Partnership, are pleased to provide this October 2026 community update on construction of the new replacement vessel and the commencement of the *William Fraser* shipping service.

Thank you to the Chatham and Pitt Islands community for your continued engagement and support.

Update in Summary:

Area	Current Status
New replacement vessel	Steel cutting commenced on 15 September 2026, starting physical construction. The vessel's delivery schedule remains on track in accordance with the Shipbuilding Contract.
Class approval of initial drawings	The vessel's classification society has approved the initial construction drawings.
***William Fraser* service**	Two September livestock voyages completed, carrying a total of 597 cattle from Waitangi to Napier.
***William Fraser* additional 2026 sailings**	Indicative November and December 2026 sailing dates are set out below. Please submit livestock and general freight booking requests through the digital booking system as early as possible.

New Replacement Vessel:

The Steel Cutting ceremony took place at the shipyard in China on 15 September 2026, marking the commencement of physical construction of the replacement vessel. This is an important milestone as the project moves from detailed design into construction. Photos from the ceremony are shown below at Annexure A.

Approved construction drawings have now been issued by the vessels Classification Society "RINA", which allows for the fabrication of the vessel hull to commence at the shipyard. The new vessel remains on schedule for delivery in accordance with the Shipbuilding Contract and we will continue to keep the community informed as construction progresses. The next key construction milestone is the Keel Laying, which is due to take place at the end of December 2026.

William Fraser – September Shipping Services:

Following her conversion for livestock carriage, last month MBL's vessel *William Fraser* completed her first two voyages between Waitangi and Napier. She carried general cargo, machinery, frozen cargo, and a total of 597 cattle.

The voyages were a valuable opportunity to test the new livestock ramp and pens designed and installed on board by the MBL team, and the results were very pleasing. Loading at Waitangi took around three hours for close to 300 cattle on each voyage. Unloading to stock trucks in Napier took between two to three hours.

At sea, the cattle travelled well in the pens. There was good airflow and no ammonia was detected. The dairy matting gave the cattle firm footing, even in the rougher weather on the second voyage.

The crew hosed down the pens every morning and evening to keep the matting clean, reducing effluent build-up and stopping the animals from sliding. Feed and water were available at all times from dedicated troughs in each pen.

These voyages have given MBL and our crew valuable practical experience for future *William Fraser* sailings, and useful learnings for the detailed design and operation of the new replacement vessel. Ahead of the upcoming indicative *William Fraser* sailings, we have identified several improvements, focusing on the ramp and loading arrangements, onboard feed and water systems, and more efficient loading and unloading planning. The learnings have also helped refine our operating procedures and animal welfare standards.

William Fraser: Indicative November and December 2026 Sailing Schedule:

Since her last Chatham Islands voyage, the *William Fraser* has been carrying out project work between Tarakohe, Golden Bay and CentrePort, Wellington (photos at Annexure C). Once this project is complete, she will tie up in Picton for two weeks of maintenance, then sail directly from Picton to Waitangi.

The next *William Fraser* sailing to the Chatham Islands is planned for mid-November 2026:

Voyage WFV0005PW – (Picton to Waitangi / Pitt Island to Napier)

- Freight cut-off, Picton: Sunday 15 November 2026
- Depart Picton: Monday 16 November 2026
- Arrive Waitangi and/or Pitt Island: Wednesday 18 November 2026
- Depart Waitangi or Pitt Island: Thursday 19 November 2026
- Arrive Napier: Saturday 21 November 2026

Picton freight now accepted: this sailing gives the community a one-off opportunity to ship general cargo direct from Picton to the Chatham Islands noting that the Picton loading ramp is available for wheeled/oversized cargo. Bookings are open now through the digital booking system (see below).

The *William Fraser* will then make further trips between Napier and the Chatham Islands up until Christmas prior to returning to Auckland. Several of these voyages will also call at Pitt Island to help farmers move cattle to Napier. The number of trips before Christmas are expressly subject to demand for freight and livestock transport.

The detailed sailing schedule for the rest of the year is annexed at Annexure D.

All dates are indicative and subject to weather, port conditions, operational requirements and confirmed bookings. Timing, the Fuel Adjustment Factor, the order of Waitangi and Pitt Island calls and loading arrangements will be confirmed before each voyage.

Digital Booking System and Demand Planning:

Please submit all livestock and general freight booking requests through our digital booking system as early as possible.

Freight can be booked online at https://shipstock.app/request-booking. If you would like to move livestock, you will need an account with us, and we can set you up with the account and log in access to book in on preferred sailing via https://shipstock.app. For details on the Picton service and rates, or for any other enquiries, please contact bookings@mccallumbros.co.nz.

Early bookings help us confirm demand, allocate space and plan loading, livestock pen arrangements and onward transport. Please keep your booking details up to date and advise the team promptly of any changes.

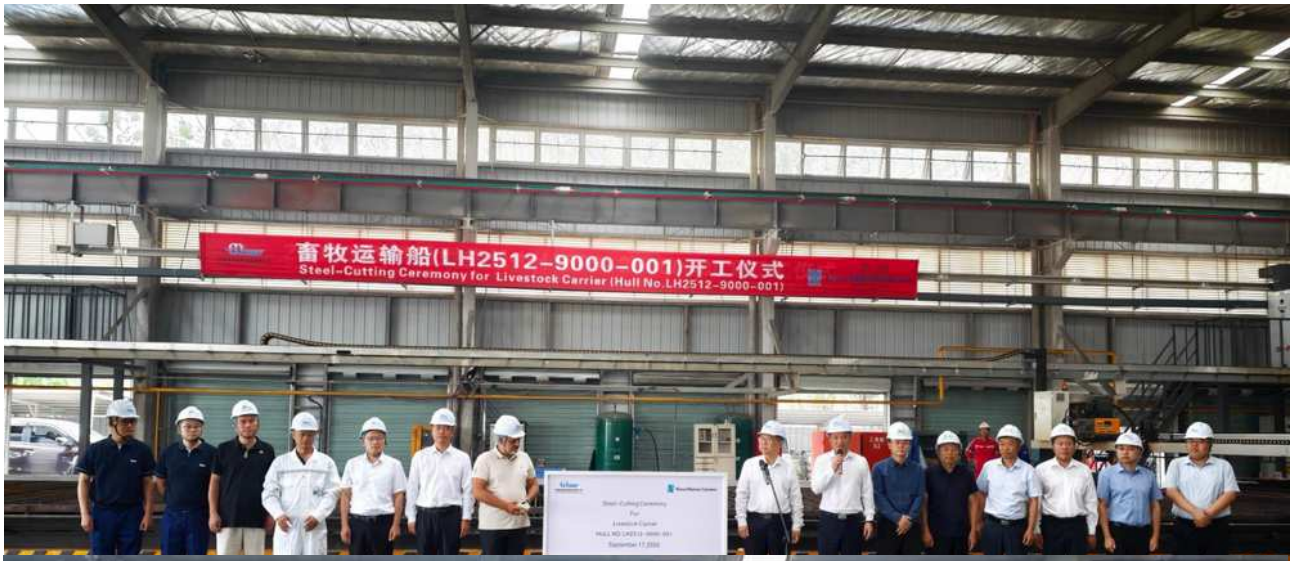
We thank our customers, Waitangi port and shore-based teams, livestock agents, transport operators and MCERT who have all assisted in the commencement of the *William Fraser* shipping service.

We welcome your feedback as we continue to improve our shipping service.

Kind regards,

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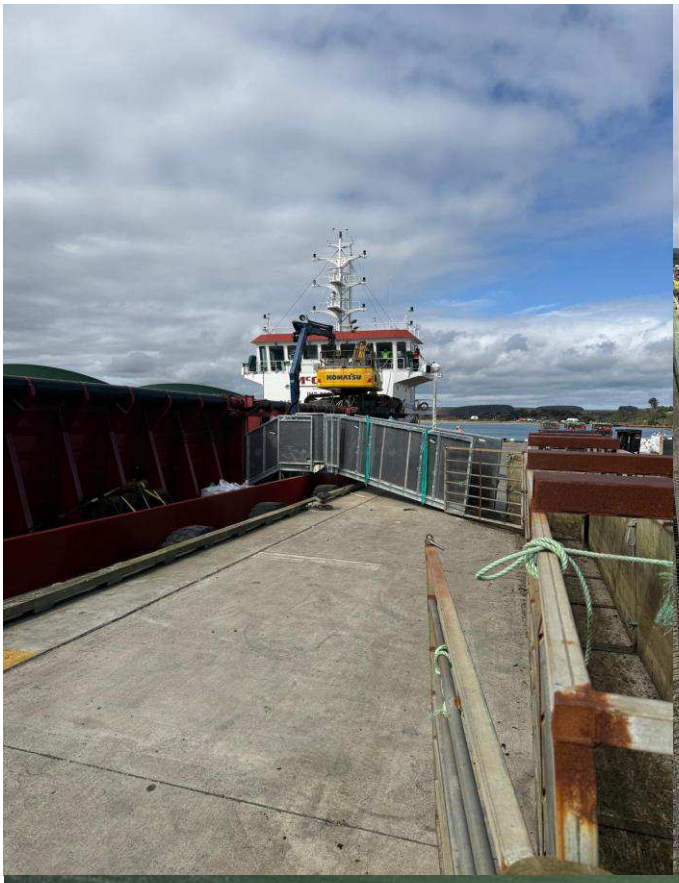
ANNEXURE A: Steel Cutting Ceremony – New Vessel (China)

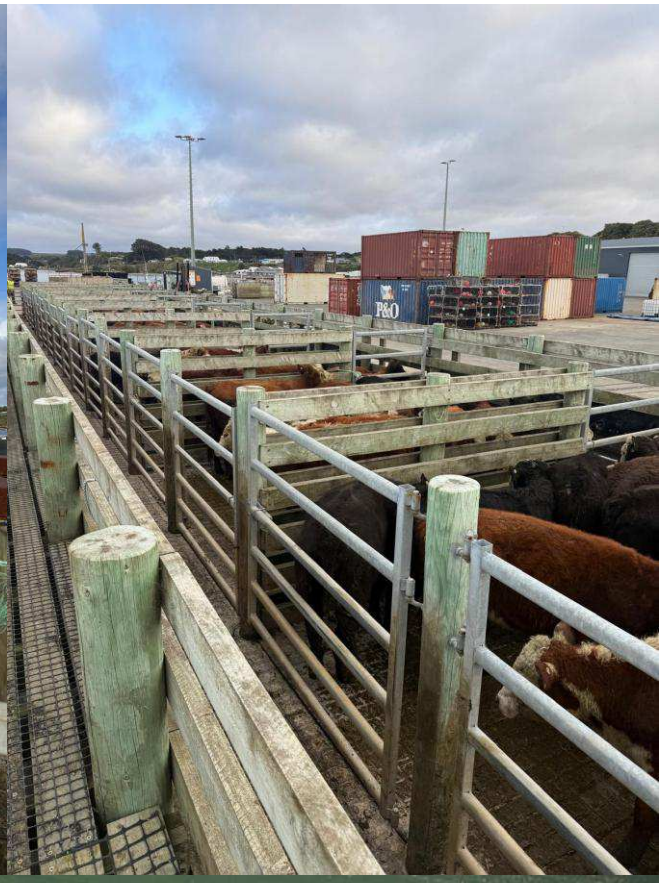




ANNEXURE B: *William Fraser* at Waitangi and Napier





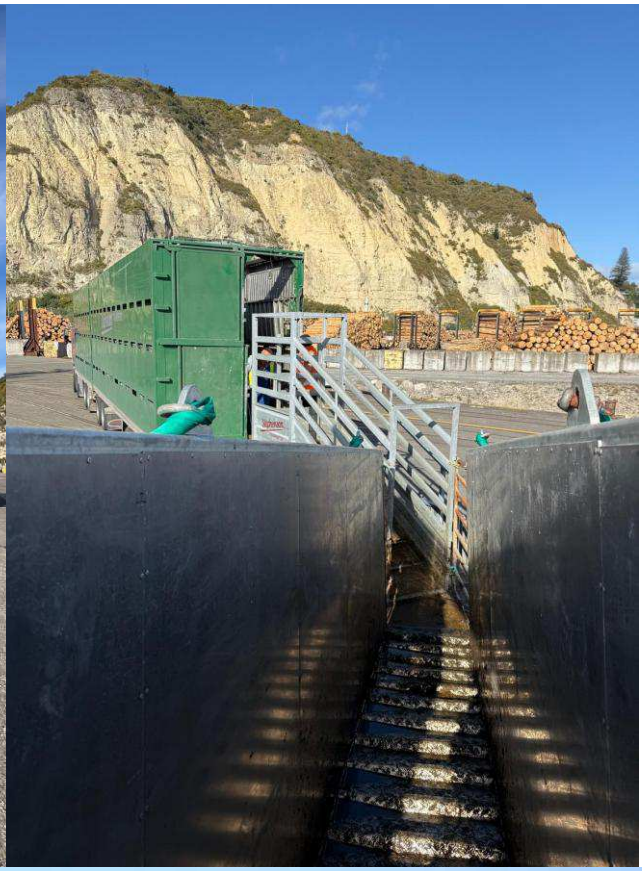


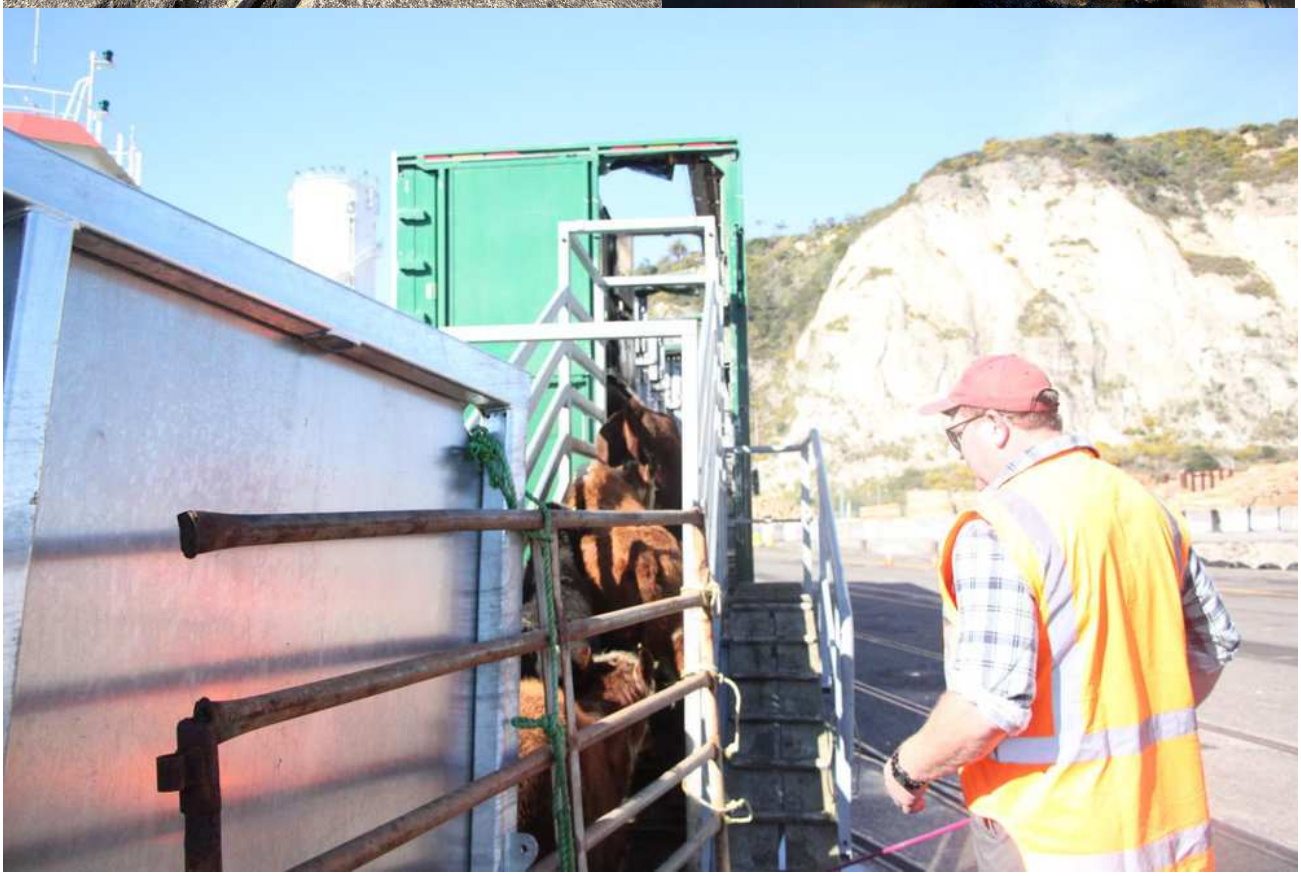


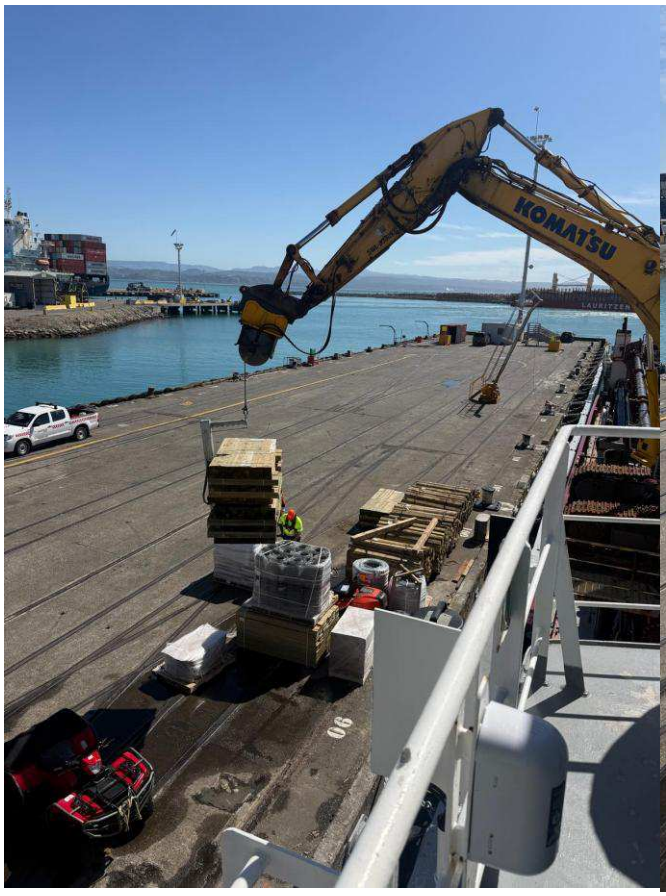


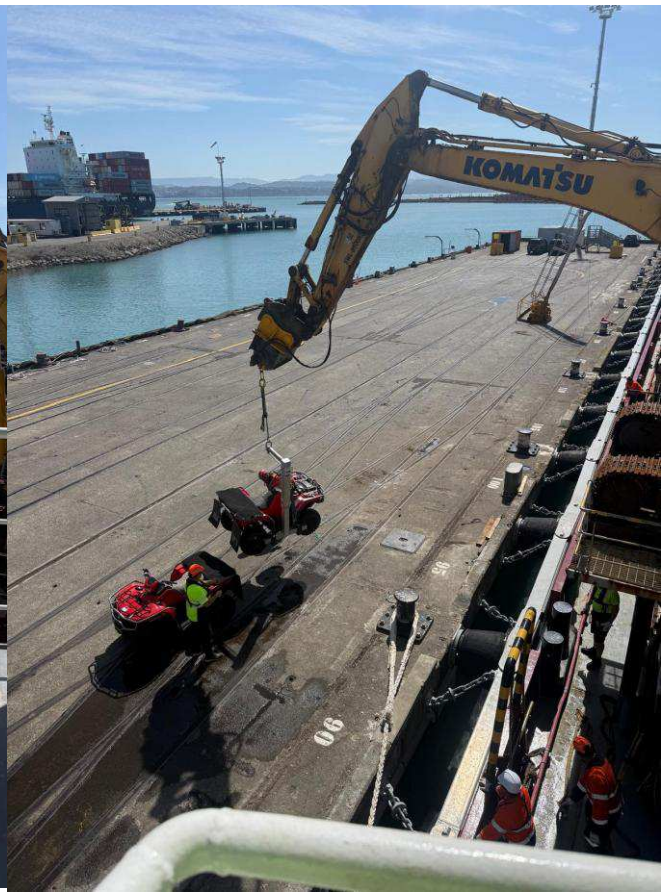



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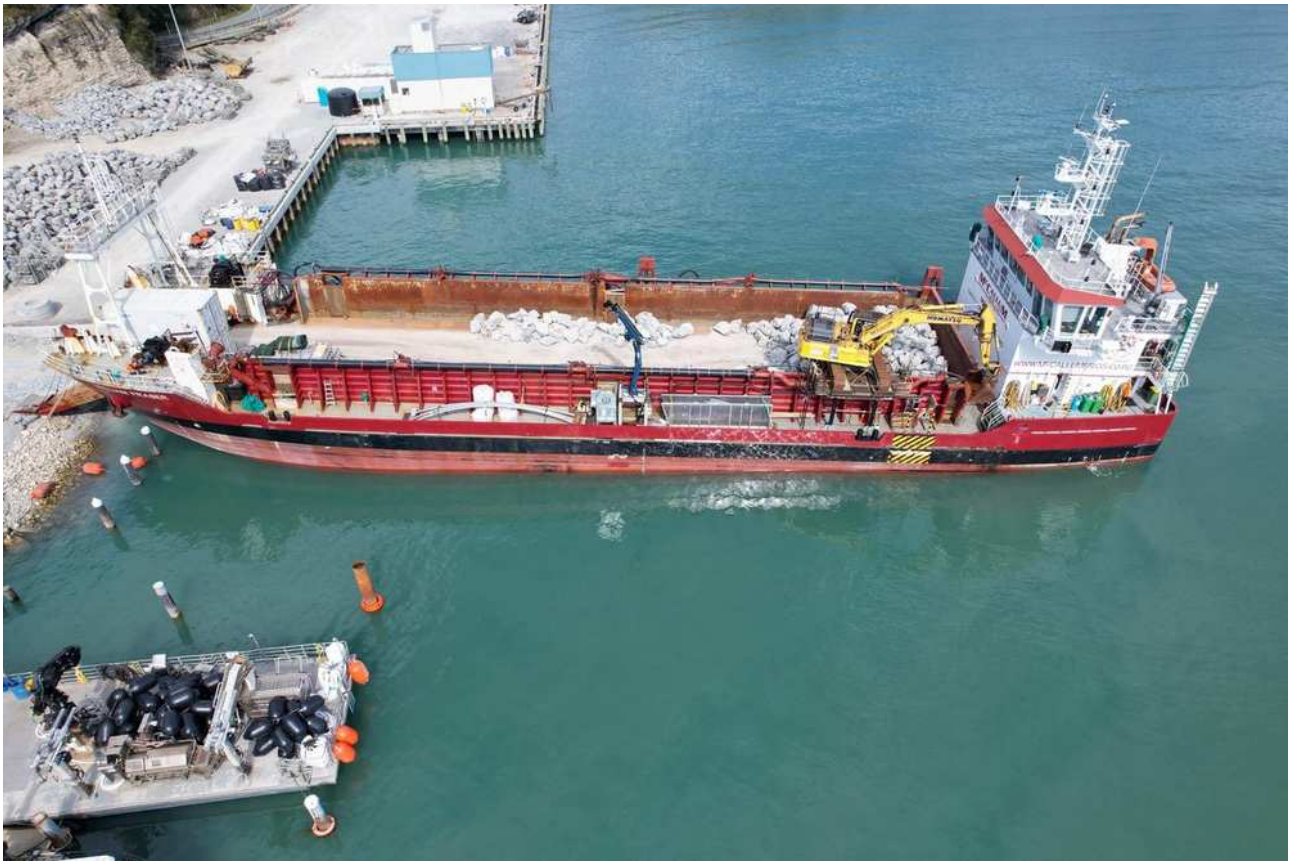

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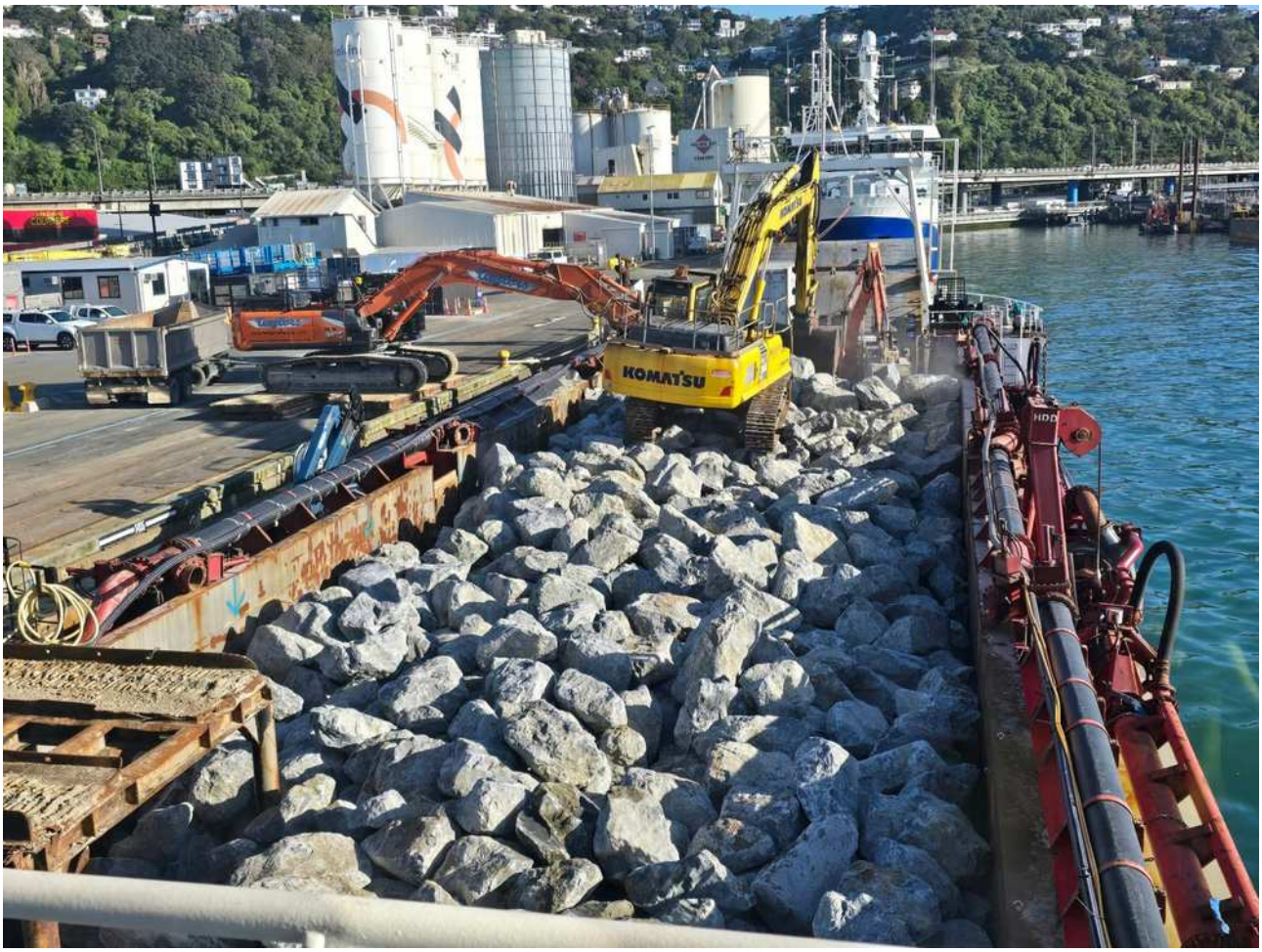

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ANNEXURE C: *William Fraser* at Tarakohe/CentrePort





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SAILING SCHEDULE

9 upcoming sailings
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UPCOMING SAILINGS

SAILING REF	VESSEL	ROUTE	DEPARTS (ETD)	ARRIVES (ETA)	FREIGHT BOOKING CUTOFF	STATUS
WFV0005PW	William Fraser	Picton → Chatham Islands (Waitangi, then Pitt Island) Then Pitt Island Fri 20 Nov	Mon 16 Nov 2026	Thu 19 Nov 2026	Sun 15 Nov 2026	Scheduled
WFV0006PN	William Fraser	Pitt Island → Napier	Sun 22 Nov 2026	Tue 24 Nov 2026	Sat 21 Nov 2026	Scheduled
WFV0007NC	William Fraser	Napier → Pitt Island / Waitangi	Thu 26 Nov 2026	Sun 29 Nov 2026	Wed 25 Nov 2026	Scheduled
WFV0008CN	William Fraser	Pitt Island / Waitangi → Napier	Mon 30 Nov 2026	Thu 03 Dec 2026	Sun 29 Nov 2026	Scheduled
WFV0009NC	William Fraser	Napier → Pitt Island / Waitangi	Fri 04 Dec 2026	Mon 07 Dec 2026	Thu 03 Dec 2026	Scheduled
WFV0010CN	William Fraser	Pitt Island / Waitangi → Napier	Wed 09 Dec 2026	Fri 11 Dec 2026	Tue 08 Dec 2026	Scheduled
WFV0011NC	William Fraser	Napier → Pitt Island / Waitangi	Sun 13 Dec 2026	Tue 15 Dec 2026	Sat 12 Dec 2026	Scheduled
WFV0012CN	William Fraser	Pitt Island / Waitangi → Napier	Thu 17 Dec 2026	Sun 20 Dec 2026	Wed 16 Dec 2026	Scheduled
WFV0013NA	William Fraser	Napier → Auckland	Mon 21 Dec 2026	Thu 24 Dec 2026	—	Repositioning

Indicative schedule only. All sailing dates are subject to change due to weather and operational requirements. Freight booking cut-off is the day before sailing. Pitt Island and Waitangi calls will be confirmed in line with weather windows and stock numbers.