

With the 40th birthday of the 240 ton MV Carrigaloe vessel just a few short months away, Cork-based Cross River Ferries has given the car ferry a well-earned refit, with hoses from Pirtek Cork at the heart of the overhaul.

Vital Service

Built in Newport in Wales in 1970, the 45 metre long Class 5 open car ferry - together with sister ship the Glenbrook - provides Cork with a vital cross harbour ferry service.

40th Birthday

These two vessels make the cross river journey up to 180 times per day, clocking up 5500 hours every year. With almost 40 years uninterrupted service under its belt, the MV Carrigaloe was brought into Cork's drydock recently to be fitted with a pair of new 223 kW Volvo Penta marine diesel engines; a job that would also involve the replacement of all the vessel's hydraulic, diesel and water hoses and which was charged to Pirtek Cork sales director and resident marine engineer Greg Cummins and MSST Tony Sheehy.

Only port of call

Liam Cotter, marine superintendent for Cross River Ferries and sister company Marine Transport, has been a Pirtek customer for some 11 years and was happy to entrust this important refit work to the team at Pirtek Cork. "Pirtek Cork provide us with a superb 24 hour a day, seven days a week service backed with excellent product quality," Liam concludes. "Whether it's a hose problem on one of our own vessels or a ship from another shipping company, if it's in Cork, Pirtek Cork is our only port of call."



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