

ASTORIA PASSENGER LINER CALLS AT DUNKIRK

On Sunday 29 May the passenger liner Astoria, arriving from Tilbury, called at the Port of Dunkirk, where 380 passengers disembarked and 420 new passengers came on board.

Built in 1948 by the Götaverken shipyard in Sweden, the **Astoria** was refurbished several times to increase its structures and capacity, in 1952, 1955 and 1956.

After repairs it resumed service, and has had many changes of name and company. It became the Astoria in 2016 and now sails for Rivages Du Monde (RDM), which offers 15 outstanding sea cruises.

The award of the City's medal took place during a ceremony held on board the liner, attended by Deputy Mayor Jean-Yves Frémont, representing the City of Dunkirk.

About Dunkerque-Port:

The ninth port of the Channel and North Sea Range and the third-ranking port of France, Dunkirk has built a strong reputation in many sectors: the busiest passenger port in Europe (Calais-Dunkirk axis); the largest port complex in France (traffic of more than 90 MT through Calais-Dunkirk); France's largest energy hub; the largest LNG terminal; the leading port for containerised fruit and vegetable imports; the leading French port for ore and coal imports; France's largest rail port; the largest waterway port in the region; and France's third-ranking port for grain traffic. Dunkerque-Port is also a sustainable port. It is the trading port of the new Hauts de France Region, the country's largest agricultural region, the leading rail industry region, and the leading car industry region. Traffic in 2015 was 46.6 MT.



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