

Isle of Man Monthly Harbours' Traffic Summary

April 2016

Below is a summary of the Isle of Man passenger traffic statistics for the Island's Harbours for April 2016. After the first quarter of 2016 produced an increase of 6.72%, following a strong March with the earlier Easter, April saw a substantial decrease in passengers of over 25% and vehicle numbers also reduced by a massive 41%. Scheduled passengers were over 98% of the total.

Overall passengers

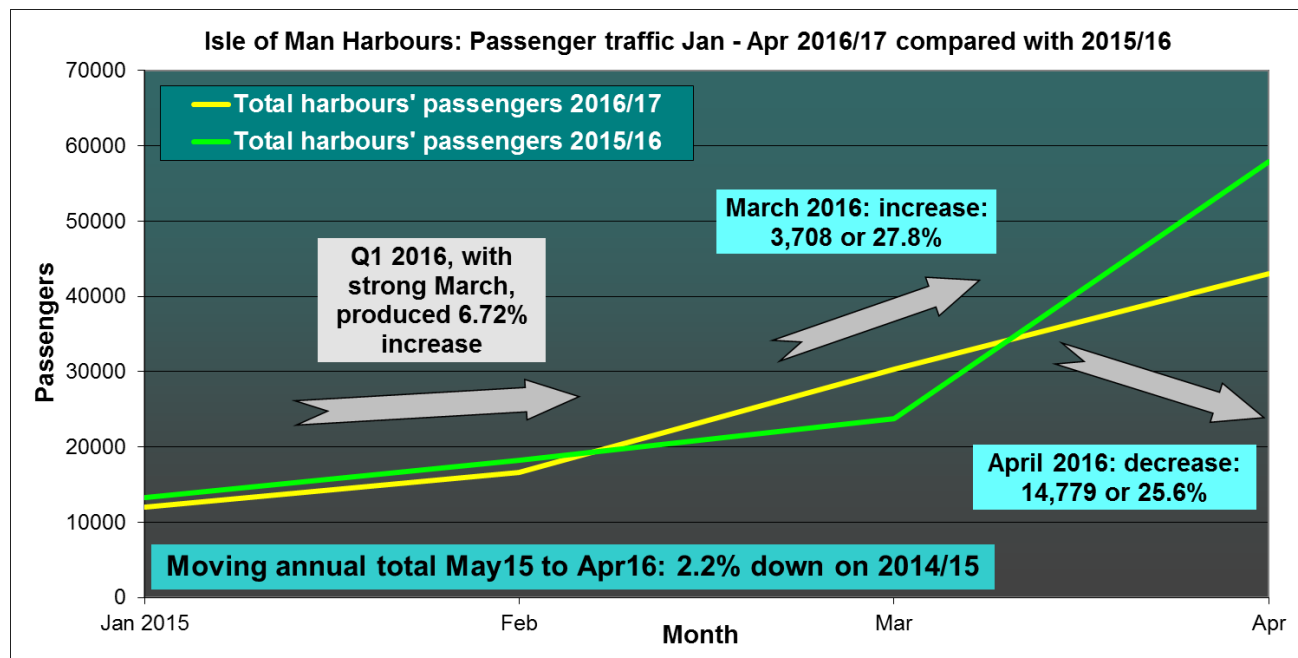
- A total of 43060 passengers used the Isle of Man Harbours in April 2016, 14779 fewer than in April 2015, a decrease of 25.6%.
- The earlier Easter holiday was a reason for the large decline with part of the Easter travel period falling in March. However, the Mannanan suffered damage at the end of March and the vessel re-entered service after repairs later than expected in April. Some Heysham sailings were also cancelled as the Ben My Chree was used to provide capacity to Liverpool. Hence the total of March and April was still 8,200 passengers, or 10%, down on 2015.
- A decrease was also experienced by non-scheduled traffic, but the numbers were small.

Scheduled passengers and vehicles

- Overall, scheduled service passengers decreased by 25% to just under 42,300.
- Both the Liverpool and Heysham services saw falls in passengers, the Heysham route experiencing the biggest reduction of almost 30%.
- The Liverpool route suffered an 18.3% decline, and Belfast carried 25% fewer passengers.
- The Dublin sailing was operated in March this year, not April, but overall the route carried only 400 passengers compared with nearly double that figure in 2015.
- Scheduled passengers' vehicles were also substantially down with just 8,900 using the services compared with over 15,000 in April 2015.

Non-Scheduled passengers

- The decrease in non-scheduled passengers during April accelerated with a 45% decline.
- Fishing activity was again down by some 57%, but support vessel crews were up from 140 to 230. The Island also had the benefit of a visit by a super-yacht carrying 8 passengers.



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Scheduled Passengers	2016	2015	change	% change
Total Passengers for the month	42273	56395	-14122	-25.0%
Cumulative for the year so far	100066	109297	-9231	-8.4%
Moving Annual total	552669	564992	-12323	-2.2%
Scheduled Passengers by Route:	2016	2015	change	% change
Liverpool	21120	25839	-4719	-18.3%
Heysham	20081	28348	-8267	-29.2%
Belfast	1072	1423	-351	-24.7%
Dublin	0	785	-785	-100.0%
Larne	0	0	0	0.0%
Total Scheduled	42273	56395	-14122	-25.0%
Non Scheduled Passengers	2016	2015	change	% change
Marina & non-Marina passengers				
Marina	68	81	-13	-16.0%
Non Marina	12	12	0	0.0%
Total Marina & Non-Marina	80	93	-13	-14.0%
Commercial Vessel passengers				
Cruise ships	0	96	-96	-100.0%
Fishing	380	890	-510	-57.3%
Karina	0	12	-12	-100.0%
Pilots	21	3	18	600.0%
Royal Navy	60	12	48	400.0%
Support	230	140	90	64.3%
Training ship	0	198	-198	-100.0%
Tall ship/Super yacht	16	0	16	100.0%
Total commercial passengers	707	1351	-644	-47.7%
Total Non-Scheduled passengers	787	1444	-657	-45.5%
TOTAL HARBOURS PASSENGERS	43060	57839	-14779	-25.6%
Scheduled Passenger Vehicles	8893	15185	-6292	-41.4%