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**FIRST NEW SUPER C-CLASS VESSEL LAUNCHED IN GERMANY TODAY**  
**All three new Super C-class vessels on schedule and on budget**

VICTORIA – The first of BC Ferries’ three new Super C-class vessels, Coastal Renaissance, was officially launched at a special ceremony in Germany today. Representatives from BC Ferries and the shipyard were on hand to witness this major event as the ship was launched into the water for the first time.

“This day marks a very significant milestone for BC Ferries as we introduce a new class of state-of-the-art vessels to our fleet. Today’s launch takes us a giant step closer to introducing the Super C-class ferries to our customers,” said David L. Hahn, BC Ferries’ President and CEO.

“We’re completely revitalizing our fleet and over the next decade and a half we will replace 26 of our 36 vessels. A total of seven new ships will be introduced within the next two years alone,” Hahn stated. “The Super Cs are the centrepiece of this revitalization initiative; they’ll usher in a whole new era in ferry travel on the west coast.”

The Coastal Renaissance is scheduled to leave Germany for Canada in late October and is expected to be in service in early 2008. The second and third vessels will be arriving in B.C. in early and mid 2008. All vessels will be in service by mid summer of 2008.

The new Super C-class vessels will be the largest double-ended ferries in the world. They will carry 1650 passengers and 370 vehicles and will provide both British Columbians and tourists alike with a whole new west coast travel experience. The new vessels will have a service speed of 21 knots and they will be amongst the fastest and most fuel efficient vessels in the BC Ferries’ fleet.

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