

Stena RoRo has delivered the night ferry *A Nepita* after a record-breaking conversion

In just under three months, Stena RoRo has converted the former *Stena Superfast X* day ferry into a night ferry, which under the name *A Nepita* is to operate on the Marseille – Corsica – North Africa route. She has been freshened up, repainted, given custom furnishings, many more cabins and outfitted with hybrid scrubbers. The new customer is the French shipping company Corsica Linea.

With conversion, carried out in Piraeus, Greece, the number of passenger cabins on board has increased from 45 to 176, of which 94 are newly built and 33 former crew cabins converted to passenger cabins. The ship has also been fitted with hybrid scrubbers, an exhaust gas treatment system that reduces emissions of sulfur into the air. The *A Nepita* is to operate both on the shipping company's domestic routes and between France and North Africa.



"The conversion has gone extremely fast and we're very happy with the results," says Niklas Andersson, general manager for Operations at Stena RoRo. "The Mediterranean is a familiar market for us, but in this case we have a new customer, which makes it especially nice. This type of assignment – taking a customer's wishes and realizing them with rapid execution – is what we're best at."



"The process has moved extremely fast and collaboration with affected suppliers has gone smoothly," says Stena RoRo's site manager Claes Tisell at the shipyard in Greece. "Despite major difficulties related to the prevailing Covid-19 pandemic, with shipyard workers and subcontractors, among others, forced to quarantine, we have managed to keep the timetable."

The site where the conversion took place is no traditional shipyard. The ship was “parked” at a dock with a piece of land to which subcontractors have access. All work has been coordinated by a local firm. A floating dock was used as necessary.

“This is a known and appreciated concept in the Mediterranean and not least in Pireaus, which entails extensive freedom in planning and execution,” says Claes Tisell.

The ferry, built in 2002, was formerly called the *Stena Superfast X* and has operated on, for example, the Dublin – Holyhead line under Stena Line's management.

About the *A Nepita*

Length: 203 meters

Draught: 6,60 meters

Breadth: 25.70 meters

Capacity: 1930 lane meters + 411 cars, 1200 passengers, 176 cabins

Photos:

1. *A Nepita* after conversion
2. Scrubber
3. Passenger cabin
4. Stena Superfast X
5. *A Nepita*

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About Corsica Linea

Corsica Linea is a French, mid-sized shipping company with a fleet of 7-8 ships. The company was set up in conjunction with the decommissioning of the state-owned and problem-ridden SNCM in 2016. Service is provided between Marseille, Corsica and North Africa. www.corsicalinea.com

