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Long-term Geest Line ship marks 100th journey



Klipper Stream left Portsmouth yesterday (11 August)

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A ship that has carried 2.6 billion bananas from the Caribbean to the UK yesterday (11 August) set sail on its 100th voyage from the Albert Johnson Quay in Portsmouth.

Geest Line's MV Klipper Stream hosted a celebratory lunch on board to mark the occasion, attended by members of the crew, Geest Line and shipping company MMD. Geest Line managing director Peter Dixon presented ship's master Gerard Flippo with a plaque to mark the occasion, and thanked the crew and captain for their service.

This 100th journey will see Klipper Stream carry new luxury cars, dry cargo, sugar and other British products to the Caribbean, before returning to the UK on 6 September laden with tropical produce.

Having covered around 1.2 million miles during her 100 voyages, the ship usually travels from Europe to the Caribbean, and has just finished a mango season in Puerto Rico.

Klipper Stream takes eight days to cross the Atlantic and 28 days for a round

trip Portsmouth to Portsmouth. Along with three sister vessels (Benguela, Agulhas and Timor Stream), the fleet maintains a weekly presence for Geest Line within the Caribbean, arriving into Portsmouth on a Sunday and sailing on a Tuesday.