

## Glossary

<b>Catamaran</b>	A vessel with twin hulls or planing surfaces side by side.
<b>Dues</b>	Charges imposed by a <b>harbour authority</b> in respect of ships, goods or passengers to pay for the use of the basic or essential harbour or port works.
<b>Fast craft</b>	<b>Hydrofoils, catamarans, hovercraft, and other surface effect ships.</b> On the Solent crossings these carry only foot passengers.
<b>Harbour authority</b>	A body in whom are vested powers or duties of improving, maintaining or managing a harbour.
<b>Hydrofoil</b>	A structure fixed to the underside of a boat that is designed to lift the hull of the boat clear of the water when moving at speed. The term may also be applied to such a craft itself.
<b>Linkspan</b>	A type of ramp attached to piers and jetties which provides a bridge to the ferry and is self-adjusting to the height of the tide.
<b>Mezzanine deck</b>	An intermediate deck, which may be fixed, hinged or hanging, situated between the main deck (bulkhead) and the upper deck of a Ro Ro ferry. It may be brought into use depending on the volume of traffic and the size of vehicles.
<b>Nautical mile</b>	United Kingdom = 6,080 feet or 1,853.2 metres International = 1,852 metres.
<b>Partially smooth waters</b>	Areas of water whose local geography prevents them from being subject to the unhindered effect of the weather and the sea.
<b>PCU</b>	Passenger car unit-a unit for measuring road vehicle traffic carried on ferries in terms of passenger car equivalents. Conversion factors used by ferry operators may vary. Red Funnel uses the following factors: 1 coach = 3 cars; 1 road haulage vehicle = 2.5 cars; car and caravan/trailer = 3 cars. Wightlink uses the following factors: 1 coach = 6 cars; car ferry freight = 4 cars.
<b>Pilotage</b>	The guidance of ships in or out of a harbour or wherever local knowledge is required.
<b>Pilotage charge</b>	A charge imposed by a <b>harbour authority</b> in respect of <b>pilotage</b> services provided by it.
<b>ROCEs</b>	Returns on capital employed
<b>Ro Ro</b>	Roll-on/roll-off vessel. A vehicle-carrying vessel on which the vehicles may be driven on and off under their own power. Access may be by bow, stern or side ramps or any combination of these three, depending on the design of the vessel.
<b>SES</b>	Surface effect ship-the generic term for all vessels which travel above the surface of the water.
<b>Side wall hovercraft</b>	A twin-hulled craft assisted by an air cushion similar to a hovercraft.

**Tolls**

Charges levied by a **harbour authority** related to the number of passengers carried by a vessel or the number or quantity of vehicles and the quantity of other freight carried.

**Wharfage**

A charge in respect of goods which are placed on a wharf either for loading on, or after unloading from, a ship.