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BANTRY BAY TERMINAL

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Captain E. Marcus,
Marine Department,
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Dear Ed,

BANTRY BAY VISITORS

For your information, at the request of the Irish Government Department of Foreign Affairs, we were hosts today at the Terminal here for a visit by a group of seven Belgian Government representatives and outside engineering consultants. The Government members included the Inspector General of the Sea Coast, a section of the Ministry of Public Works. Their interest in Bantry is a result of current responsibility for overseeing a major multi-phase port expansion project at Zeebrugge which is now under way. The engineering consultants are associated with Heacon N. V., also involved in the project.

Because the "Donemark" was unavailable for passenger service, due to weekly service requirements that take place on Wednesdays, the "Bay Skimmer" was used for transport. As a result, more time than normal was available to present the vessel's features and advantages, which were regarded as most impressive by our visitors.

On this particular occasion, seas in the Bay were 8 - 10 ft. in height, and represented the most adverse weather conditions since the craft arrived. We wish to pass along the fact that we ourselves were again impressed with the "Bay Skimmer's" sea-keeping qualities and general steadiness in such unfavourable weather.

Captain E. Marcus

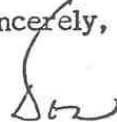
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In keeping with our desire to keep you posted on any and all activities related to the "Bay Skimmer", I thought you would find the foregoing of interest.

Best personal regards,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "DPA", written over the word "Sincerely,".

D. P. Ash

DPA/srd

c. c. Capt. H. A. Downing