

# Overview of Condor Ferries support for ‘Battle of the Flowers’ funfair in light of the Clipper Incident.

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## Overview

The Battle of Flowers funfair takes place in Jersey from 1 – 17 August. Eleven funfair rides were due to be transported to Jersey on Commodore Clipper, in advance of the funfair start date.

The rides are a tricky cargo at the best of times and even with a full fleet, very careful planning is needed to ensure that transporting them does not disrupt the normal supply chain. Yet, despite the reduced capacity, we were able to transport the overwhelming majority of rides, supporting this important event in Island life.

## Rescheduling the shipments

Following the incident on 14<sup>th</sup> July, an alternative shipping schedule was devised with a view of shipping all funfair rides as early as possible. Our team also liaised with CIL to ascertain whether they could assist with any of the deliveries.

With food and priority items being shipped on the day presented, meterage was at a premium; however the freight team committed that any surplus capacity would be allocated to shipping the rides.

Working closely with the Battle of Flowers funfair organisers, as of 28<sup>th</sup> July, a clear delivery schedule of the rides was set out, which ensured the majority would be in place on the Island in advance of the event start date.

## The revised schedule

Larger rides with longer set-up times had been prioritised and, two of the largest rides had already been shipped (Rocker and Dodgems). The fair organisers reconfigured their planned combination of rides, and decided not to include two of the rides which had originally been planned (Superbob and Sky Swing). The remaining seven rides were shipped as below:

29 July	43meters	Bomber
30 July	32meters	Waltzer, Megaswing
31 July	28meters	Ghost Train, Splash Mountain
1 August	36meters	Orbiter, Amusements

## Shipment via other freight lines

In addition to the shipments of funfair attractions which we made via our own fleet, we worked with Channel Island Lines to arrange the shipment of 20m x 8 containers with seating, barriers and other equipment. These arrived in Jersey on 7<sup>th</sup> August.

Condor Ferries paid for shipment of these containers and, in addition, has provided free transport from Jersey port to the location that the seats will be erected.

## Keeping Islanders informed

On 30<sup>th</sup> July, photos of the funfair build were received showing the progress of its set-up. These were used on social media to reassure Islanders that, despite the challenges, the funfair would be going ahead.



6<sup>th</sup> August (mid-event):



### A successful outcome

The Battle of Flowers funfair opened as planned on 1<sup>st</sup> August, with the full reconfiguration of rides in place.

The event organisers worked with Condor Ferries throughout this difficult and busy period, and showed great understanding and support in the rearranging of the rides shipments.

Jackie Donald, the Events Director for Battle of Flowers commented in a Jersey Evening Post article, stated: *“Condor have been excellent and very helpful. We understand that they have to give priority for fresh food. Islands would not be very happy to have funfair rides and no food.”*

Post Battle of Flowers, some of the funfair rides will be transported to other sites in Jersey for the Gorey Fetê (21 August) and Jersey Live (30-31 August).