

PRESS RELEASE

AUTOZUG Sylt Completes Maiden Voyage

RDC Deutschland transports its first passengers from Sylt to the mainland

Niebüll • 18 October 2016 — RDC Deutschland (RDC D) reports that this morning its new AUTOZUG Sylt car train transported passengers in their vehicles from the island of Sylt to the mainland for the first time.

Passengers on board for the maiden voyage, which departed from the DB train station in Westerland / Sylt for Niebüll at 9:40 AM as scheduled, included Henry Posner III, founder, owner and Chairman of Railroad Development Corporation (RDC).

"I'm delighted to finally be able to offer the people of Sylt, their guests, and anyone whose business takes them to the island by car, a ride on our AUTOZUG Sylt," commented Henry Posner III.

In spring 2015, RDC D became the first private rail transport company to be granted a concession for operating car trains on the Sylt route — a 10-year contract for 12 runs per day.

"Outfitting the transport wagons with emergency brake cables, loudspeakers, fire extinguishers and special foldable loading ramps was a complicated process. During trial operation, it emerged that further optimizations to the vehicles would make sense. We accomplished all of this calmly and thoroughly, even if it was a real test of patience for everyone involved," says Jens Arne Jensen, Managing Director of RDC Deutschland.



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As announced by DB Netz for November and December, AUTOZUG Sylt service will be subject to some restrictions in the first few weeks (see below). Following the end of construction and the switch to the Federal Network Timetable 2017 (valid from 11 December 2016), AUTOZUG Sylt will take up its regular operation.

"For the first 3 weeks, we are offering one-way trips at a special introductory rate of €25 to encourage Sylt-goers to try out our service for themselves," says Karsten Nagel, Managing Director RDC Deutschland.

About AUTOZUG Sylt: RDC Deutschland GmbH is the first private rail traffic company to transport passengers in their cars from the German mainland to the island of Sylt and back via the Hindenburgdamm under the **AUTOZUG Sylt** brand. RDC Deutschland GmbH is a subsidiary of the Railroad Development Corporation (RDC), a medium-sized globally active railway investment and management company based in Pittsburgh/USA. The services are delivered in cooperation with Nord-Ostsee-Bahn GmbH.

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Limited Starting Timetable *(due to track construction)*

Weekdays Monday-Friday:

- **From Sylt:** **9:25 AM** and **1:25 PM** from Westerland (check-in deadline; departure 15 min later)
- **To Sylt:** **10:30 AM** and **3:30 PM** from Niebüll (check-in deadline; departure 16 min later)
- **Oct 18 – Nov 4:** **special introductory rate** 25 EUR one-way ticket, Monday-Friday
 - AUTOZUG Sylt will initially operate as a half-length train. It can accommodate about 25 vehicles and will only transport passenger cars and small vans up to 2.10 m (6.9 ft) high. The minimum floor height of the vehicles is 10 cm (4 in).
 - For the time being, tickets for the AUTOZUG Sylt must be purchased in person directly from the service staff at the AUTOZUG Sylt waiting lanes (Niebüll: Lanes 9 and 10 • Westerland: Lane 1). Payment can conveniently be made in cash or by EC / credit card without leaving the vehicle.
 - **AUTOZUG Sylt services will be suspended November 4-11, 2016, due to track construction work!**

Regular Timetable *(Effective December 11, 2016)*

FROM WESTERLAND Monday - Sunday <i>(check-in deadline / departure 15 min later)</i>	FROM NIEBÜLL Monday – Sunday <i>(check-in deadline / departure 16 min later)</i>
4:55 AM	6:00 AM
7:25 AM	8:30 AM
9:55 AM	11:00 AM
12:25 PM	1:30 PM
2:55 PM	4:30 PM
5:55 PM	7:00 PM
8:25 PM	9:30 PM

Regular Rates *(Effective November 14, 2016)*

CARS AND SMALL VANS UP TO 2.10 M (6.9 FT) HIGH

One-way ticket Monday and Friday	45 EUR
One-way ticket Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	40 EUR
Return ticket Monday and Friday	80 EUR
Return ticket Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	70 EUR

FREQUENT RIDERS

Set of 10 tickets	350 EUR
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ISLANDER RATE (with proof)

Set of 10 tickets	190 EUR
One-way ticket	25 EUR

- Information on purchasing/providing proof for set of 10/Islander rate is available at www.autozug-sylt.de from Nov 7, 2016.
- Larger vehicles such as trucks or trailers, as well as motorcycles, please use the “DB Sylt Shuttle” or the “Syltfähre” (between List/Sylt and Rømø/Denmark).
- Visit: www.autozug-sylt.de • <http://autozug-sylt.de/faq-haeufige-fragen/> • <http://www.rdc-deutschland.de>