

PRESS RELEASE – English Translation

Fans of Gerry Anderson's cult TV Show "Thunderbirds" will appreciate that the nickname of our rescue train service is "Thunderbird Service."

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BfIAKj3G1E>

Minister Orders RDC - Train

Renewed Extension of Service from Niebüll to Westerland (Sylt)

WIMI.SH • January 28, 2021 — BUCHHOLZ ORDERS ANOTHER ADDITIONAL TRAIN TO SUPPORT MARSCHBAHN - THIS TIME FROM RDC

Further relief for Marschbahn commuters: from Monday, the service on the route from Niebüll to Westerland (Sylt) will be temporarily extended.

With the renewed extension of the service, local transport customers will have two additional trips available on weekdays: at 07:16 from Niebüll (Nordfriesland district) via Klanxbüll, Morsum and Keitum to Westerland (Sylt) and at 16:40 in the opposite direction from Westerland. The offer is initially valid for four weeks (until February 26). Since the trains use routes in which otherwise car trains drive, it concerns a temporary offer - not a measure put on on a long-term basis.

Initially, RDC will operate a locomotive-hauled passenger train with six railcars from February 1; from February 15, the train will consist of ten cars with a total capacity of up to 650 seats, plus bicycle transport. With the renewed increase, the state can significantly expand capacity on the heavily used Niebüll-Westerland route in the current pandemic situation and support the goal of the federal and state governments to reduce the number of passengers in the individual vehicles. Three additional connections with the Sylt Shuttle plus have already been available since Monday. In addition, Sylt Shuttle plus journeys will be opened up completely to local traffic, allowing around 450 additional seats per journey. All the above-mentioned additional journeys can be used free of charge with the tickets valid for the regular service.



Zug 25188				Zug 24399			
01.02.21-12.02.2021 (Mo-Fr)				01.02.21-12.02.2021 (Mo-Fr)			
Ort	Ankunft	Abfahrt	Gleis	Ort	Ankunft	Abfahrt	Gleis
Niebüll	x	07:16	1	Westerland	x	16:39	3
Klanxbüll	07:26	07:27	1	Keitum	16:43	16:44	2
Morsum	07:36	07:37	2	Morsum	16:48	16:49	1
Keitum	07:41	07:45	1	Klanxbüll	16:58	16:59	2
Westerland	07:50	x	2	Niebüll	17:13	x	1

Transport Minister Dr. Bernd Buchholz thanked RDC Germany and again appealed to employers to allow flexible start and end of working hours to relieve local transport during rush hours. "RDC's supply train supports the goal of the federal and state governments to reduce the volume of passengers in individual vehicles," Buchholz said. NAH.SH has also spoken to the Chamber of Industry and Commerce, the entrepreneurs' association and the district craftsmen's association about this. With regard to the additional service on the Marschbahn, Buchholz says: "It remains important that the Sylt commuters themselves also support our joint efforts and distribute themselves better on the platforms as well as on the trains."

"We are happy to support the state in providing people with the best possible infection-proof services in local rail transport for their commute to work. To this end, we provide suitable passenger coaches from our fleet in which windows can be opened for ventilation," says Dr. Markus Hunkel, Managing Director of RDC Deutschland GmbH.

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