Man dies after falling overboard Stena Line ferry as Belfast sailings cancelled

A 60-year-old man has died after reportedly falling overboard from a Stena Line ferry in Scotland. Stena Line has since cancelled a number of sailings to and from Belfast.

Ferry traffic at Stena Line Cairnryan Terminal (File photo)

23 July 2024 A man has died after he reportedly falling overboard from a Stena Line ferry. The 60-year-old entered the water at Loch Ryan Port, Cairnryan in south-west Scotland at around 7.15am this morning.

Emergency services attended the scene and the man was recovered from the water. A spokesperson for Police Scotland said: "Around 7.30am on Tuesday, 23 July, 2024, we were called to a report of a man in the water at Belfast Way, Cairnryan.

"Emergency services attended and a 60-year-old man was recovered from the water. He died a short time later. Enquiries are ongoing but there are not believed to be any suspicious circumstances. Health and Safety Executive will be notified in due course."

A Scottish Ambulance Service spokesperson said: "We received a call at 07:24 to attend an incident in Cairnryan, Stranraer. Two ambulances and an air ambulance with trauma team were dispatched to the scene and one patient was transported to hospital."

Following the incident, Stena Line has cancelled a number of sailings to and from Belfast, while later sailings are currently listed as "in doubt" on its website.

A spokesperson said: "Stena Line can confirm that an incident occurred this morning (23 July) at approx. 07:15 hrs when a person entered the water at Loch Ryan Port. The man was recovered from the water and emergency services are attending the scene."

Passengers who were due to be travelling on a Stena Line boat with Hannon Coach received a message saying: "The ferry operator Stena Line, has informed us that due to a major medical incident that they have cancelled all services today. Consequently, we are unable to operate any service today."