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NEW BOAT FOR JERSEY RUN.

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"S.S. Caesarea", first of the British Railways one-class-only ships, was preparing to make her inaugural voyage from Weymouth. She's scheduled to go into service next month between Weymouth and the Channel Islands, but first port of call this trip was Southampton. "Caesarea", 4,000 tons, is the biggest ship ever built for the Channel Islands service. One of her special features is the stabilisers which can be put into operation in four minutes to take the rock 'n' roll of rough seas.

Sir Philip Warter, chairman British Railways, Southern Region heard all about the ship from her captain as they steamed past the Needles. "Caesarea" will carry 1,400 passengers in comfort with under cover seating for all, plus a restaurant, cafeteria and bar to cope with their requirements. Next spring she will be joined by her sister ship, "Sarnia", and the refitted "St. Patrick", which will also operate from Weymouth. Sir Tom Yates, General Secretary, Seaman's Union was aboard the ship, which will make the Channel trip a pleasure for thousands of holidaymakers.