



Trinidad & Tobago Inter-island Transportation Co. Ltd.



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MEDIA RELEASE

Completion of Out of Water Drydocking Works Inter- Island Ferries - April 2024

The Management of the Trinidad and Tobago Inter-island Transportation Company Limited (TTIT) wishes to advise the travelling public that the drydocking works to the APT James and the Buccoo Reef have been completed. The T&T Spirit has completed its major out of water works and will continue its remaining repairs while the vessel is in the water, alongside the GSS Jetty. The T&T Spirit is, at present, atop the Heavy Lift Vessel – M.V. White Marlin at anchorage at CARIDOC awaiting to be un-berthed.

To un-berth the T&T Spirit, the HLV White Marlin had to be removed to anchorage where it will be submerged to about 16m to float off the T&T Spirit. This procedure which commenced at 1300hrs today (Thursday 4th April) will take about 16hrs to complete. In the circumstances all technical operations (tugs, pilots, etc.) will commence during daylight- at 6.00am on Friday 05 April, 2024, following which the T&T Spirit will be towed back to the GSS Jetty, in Port of Spain.

The Travelling Public is reminded that the use of a Heavy Lift Vessel was secured to be used as a floating dock for works on the A.P.T. James, the Buccoo Reef and the T&T Spirit. Altogether the repair works were scheduled to be completed within 53 days.

In response to information circulating in the media, the crew on the T&T Spirit “has not been abandoned at sea with no means of relief.” In fact, the Crew on the vessel is aware of the operations involving the un-berthing of the vessel and have been provided with all necessary supplies for the care and well-being of our personnel on board. All payments for the operations on the M.V. White Marlin have been made to the Ship’s agent.

The Management thanks you for your understanding in this matter.



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