

New Dornier to Enter Service



Aurigny has taken delivery of its second New Generation Dornier 228 aircraft, marking an important investment in its Alderney, Southampton and Dinard services.

The aircraft is due to operate its maiden commercial flight later this week. It arrives with the registration, G-ETAC, in homage to Les Etacs rocks in Alderney, an iconic islet and home to a large colony of gannets.

It joins Aurigny's other New Generation Dornier G-OAUR, which arrived in 2015. They will now provide the majority of inter-island flying, with back up from a Classic Dornier aircraft.

The arrival of G-ETAC had been delayed by the manufacturer RUAG. Due to the delay in delivery, RUAG provided Aurigny with another Classic Dornier aircraft, G-OMAF, to ensure adequate cover on the inter-island services. This loan comes to an end with the arrival of G-ETAC and G-OMAF has been returned.

Aurigny CEO Mark Darby said: "We are delighted to take delivery of G-ETAC. The aircraft is equipped with the latest New Generation systems and has comfortable seats, to provide the very best customer experience.

Alongside G-OAUR, our other New Generation aircraft, it will provide the backbone to the fleet and operate a majority of our inter-island services. This was an important investment in our Alderney operations and ensures we have a fleet that can serve us well for years to come."

The States of Alderney CEO Andrew Muter said: "I'm delighted with the news that the new Dornier will shortly be serving Alderney. The availability of reliable, modern aircraft with up to date technology is a real plus for the Island and for its visitors. I very much welcome this investment by Aurigny and look forward to flying in the new plane."