

ACL launches America-Baltic ro-ro service

TRANSATLANTIC specialist Atlantic Container Line is to start a weekly ro-ro service between North America, Russia and Finland, *writes Janet Porter.*

The **Grimaldi** subsidiary will deploy ACL's transatlantic vessels and ice-class Baltic vessels belonging to sister company Finnlines.

ACL's ships will arrive in Antwerp on Thursdays, then connect with Finnlines vessels sailing to Helsinki, Kotka and St Petersburg. Cargo will move under a single ACL through bill of lading to those ports.

"Our customers have been asking us for a better Baltic Sea connection for quite some time," said ACL chief executive Andrew Abbott.

"This new service gives ACL another niche where we can do something better than anybody else."

ACL operates the world's largest multipurpose ro-ro ships. It is close to finalising a newbuilding order for new generation tonnage to replace fleet built in the mid-1980s. ■

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