

PORT OF TYNE TO FEATURE IN NEW SERIES OF SEA CITIES

BBC2's new documentary programme Sea Cities due to be broadcast nationally in February see's the Port of Tyne featured in the second episode.

The programme aims to reflect everyday events as they happen at the port and surrounding area. To reflect the kind of people who do jobs related to the sea and river, their passion for the work they do and their professionalism.

Sea Cities Tyneside follows the Port of Tyne's engineering team as they maintain plant and equipment, service a 70m high container gantry crane and prepare to open the Swing Bridge in Newcastle. Also included in the episode is the Port's Pilot Boat crew, a team competing in the Great North Run, and the arrival of the World's largest car carrier Höegh Target.

The programme features offshore fabrication company OGN, South Tyneside Marine School, the Old Low Light heritage centre and the Shields Ferry.

The Tyneside episode sees a half hour taster programme air on BBC1 North East and Cumbria at 4pm Sunday 24 January - with the regional special featuring Ringtons, just one of the Port's tea manufacturing customers.

The hour long national programme will be broadcast prime time on BBC2 at 7pm Friday 5 February.

Adam Keelan, Series Producer Sea Cities, said: "Sea Cities takes viewers on a journey into the beating heart of sea and riverside communities.

"The Tyneside episode is rooted in the people of the North East and communities connected to the Tyne - representing passions and an enthusiasm for their professions."

Notes to Editors:

- The Port of Tyne is one of the UK's major deep-sea ports - a vital trading gateway to world-wide markets
- Investment of over £120m in the past 10 years has created the infrastructure to deliver continued growth of the Port's diverse businesses
- In 2014 the Port of Tyne adds £560m to the economy of the North East supporting 11.2k jobs

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