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Pacifica Coastal Ship Shows Versatility

Pacifica Shipping's new container vessel, The Spirit of Endurance, diverted from its usual east coast southbound service last week to make a special one-off call to the Port of Nelson.

Richard Allan, the national sales and marketing manager, said the ship uplifted 140 twenty-foot equivalents (TEUs) of Nelson and Marlborough export produce on Friday, moving the cargo directly to Port Chalmers in Otago by Sunday morning.

"This was a large volume of export goods needing to be trans-shipped under some urgency for overseas departure," he said.

"Our new vessel proved the most timely and efficient way to complete the shipment.

"It is a good example of coastal shipping flexibility and versatility meeting an unexpected need in the export transport sector."

Normally The Spirit of Endurance does not call at Nelson, operating directly between the east coast ports of Auckland, Lyttelton, Otago and Tauranga.

Mr Allan said the direct Nelson to Dunedin connection meant the vessel called at Lyttelton on its northbound leg instead of the usual southbound one.

"There is sufficient leeway within the weekly schedule for the ship to quickly resume its regular timetable."

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