The Isle of Innisfree. Picture: Irish Ferries, supplied by Port of Dover

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In the News

Hot on the heels of our previous Newsletter where we brought you news of a ferry incident in the Irish sea recently, another fire broke out on a ferry on the 3rd March, this one on a vessel in the Channel with 183 people on board. No casualties were reported but it's another engine room incident worth investigating.

A statement from Irish Ferries…

…confirmed that the crew on board its ship The Isle of Innisfree were alerted to a small fire in the ship's engine room while the ship was sailing from Dover to Calais.

It started in the engine room at 5.30pm and an alert was put out just before 7pm and by 8.30pm the RNLI had despatched three lifeboats from Dover, Ramsgate and Calais, which were also joined by a French salvage tug.

HM Coastguard said: "The vessel has confirmed that the fire had been extinguished but the vessel had experienced technical issues."

" A ferry caught fire in the Channel tonight. "

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The ferry was towed to Calais and an investigation has been launched into the cause of the fire.

We'll let you know when we hear more…