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Fall schedule begins Sunday, Sept. 21

The fall sailing schedule begins Sunday, Sept. 21. This means seasonal schedule adjustments and fewer sailings on some routes. Highlights of the [2014 fall sailing schedule](#) include:

- Anacortes/San Juan Islands: Four vessels in service, similar to spring, with an additional 11:40 a.m. stop in Shaw.
- Anacortes/Sidney, British Columbia: One daily round-trip sailing via Friday Harbor, down from two.
- Fauntleroy/Vashon Island/Southworth: Fewer sailings on weekends and minor sailing time adjustments.
- Mukilteo/Clinton: Fewer late-night and early-morning sailings Thursday through Sunday.
- Port Townsend/Coupeville: Two-boat service continues until Monday, Oct. 13; one-boat service resumes Tuesday, Oct. 14.

Kitsap and *Yakima* expected to return to service next week

Commercial shipyards and Eagle Harbor staff completed work this week on both the *Yakima* and the *Kitsap*. Work included refurbishing the 50-year-old drive motor on the *Yakima*, repainting the *Kitsap* and renovating the *Kitsap*'s galley. We look forward to both vessels returning to service next week. After sea trials, the *Yakima* will go into service in the San Juan Islands. The *Kitsap* will replace the *Sealth* on the Seattle/Bremerton route.

Vehicle Reservations System San Juan Islands partnership meeting

On Thursday, I traveled to Friday Harbor for the twelfth Vehicle Reservations System partnership meeting. The group discussed the success of our summer outreach in the San Juan Islands. We spent 33 days this summer educating local and tourist customers about the upcoming [vehicle reservations system](#) that starts Jan. 5, 2015 and we are planning additional outreach this fall to ensure the hospitality industry is fully informed. I really appreciate the partnership's continued commitment to helping us develop a vehicle reservations program that will work for the San Juan Islands community, our customers and WSF.

Plan ahead for Oyster Run motorcycle rally in Anacortes

Customers can expect large volumes of motorcycles and vehicle delays on northern ferry routes Sunday, Sept. 28, due to the [33rd Annual Oyster Run motorcycle rally in Anacortes](#). Please anticipate increased traffic, especially on the Mukilteo-Clinton route, and plan accordingly.

Tokitae crew assists young passenger

I would like to thank *Tokitae* Captain Curt Larson, Chief Mate Chandler Thomas and crew for assisting emergency responders when an infant stopped breathing aboard the ferry. Crew members responded immediately to notify emergency personnel who quickly arrived to deliver medical aid to this young passenger. I commend the entire crew for their fast response.

Customer compliments

I just wanted to let you know that I have used the Washington State Ferry System for the last 10 years and I find the staff (both toll booth staff and ferry workers) to be the friendliest and most helpful workers in the ferry system. It is a pleasure to ride that ferry and all the staff on those runs should be congratulated for their great customer service. Thank you.

Please accept my highest commendations to your Southworth Dock Crew and Capt. Randy [Eckler] of the MV Issaquah...I received an email from Nicole Martinez [Southworth traffic attendant], who I see and visit with every day while commuting to Seattle, with a photo attached showing billows of smoke coming from the...neighborhood to the south of the ferry dock....Nicole's attentiveness and concern set in motion a chain of events that helped our neighborhood communicate effectively and efficiently in the beginning stages of a very trying day... Capt. Randy had advised her he smelled smoke, and out of an abundance of caution, one of the ticket booth employees quickly jumped in her car and ran up for a quick check of our neighborhood to make sure things were OK....On behalf of the Southworth Community surrounding the Ferry Dock, I wish to say thank you so much to the dock and crew angels not only doing a stellar job moving us to and fro, but also keeping watch over their neighbors. They are a blessing we are so grateful.

Thank you for your support

It has been my pleasure serving the employees and customers of Washington State Ferries over the last few months as Interim Assistant Secretary. I have enjoyed sharing these weekly updates and receiving thoughtful feedback from many of you. We have faced many challenges together and I am proud of the great work I see happening every day at WSF. I welcome Assistant Secretary Lynne Griffith and look forward to working with her in my continuing role as Deputy Chief of Operations and Construction.

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Hyperlinks within the email:

Fall sailing schedule: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/pdf/2014Fall.pdf>

Vehicle reservations system: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/Ferries/TakeaFerry/>

Oyster Run Motorcycle Rally: <http://www.oysterrun.org/>

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