



# Washington State Ferries Weekly Update



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### This week:

- New Olympic Class ferry named *Chimacum*
- Meet baby Zoe!
- Plan ahead for Thanksgiving travel
- Environmental efforts pay off
- Service awards
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### New Olympic Class ferry named *Chimacum*

The Washington State Transportation Commission [selected \*Chimacum\*](#) as the name for the new [Olympic Class ferry](#) on Wednesday. Nearly 6,000 people from across the state shared their preferences for the next ferry name.

### Meet baby Zoe!

On October 22, one of our newest (and cutest) ferry customers arrived on the *Puyallup* with the outstanding assistance of Captain Russ Fee and his crew. On Saturday, we [facilitated a meeting](#) between the proud new parents, their daughter, and the captain and crew. As seen left to right: AB Brian Jonsson, Captain Russ Fee, Chris (dad), Christina (mom), Zoe (baby), Ava (daughter), AB George Conomos, OS Dave Houck, and OS John Steinberg.



### Plan ahead for Thanksgiving travel

A reminder to plan ahead for ferry travel next week during the Thanksgiving holiday! The longest lines are expected westbound Wednesday afternoon and evening, Nov. 26, and eastbound Friday morning, Nov. 28. Some routes will be on a holiday schedule on Thursday, Nov. 27. Please check the WSF [website](#) for details and wait times. Safe travels and may you have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday!

### Environmental efforts pay off

We recently learned that the King County Wastewater Treatment Division agreed with our request not to renew our industrial wastewater discharge permit for the Seattle terminal due to our outstanding job of keeping Puget Sound clean! WSF effluent discharges are more like household wastes than industrial discharges. We earned this classification through diligent recordkeeping, teamwork, use of environmentally friendly cleaning products, and the galley vendors not using fats, oils and greases in food preparation aboard the vessels. Let's keep up the good work – way to go!

## Service awards

We presented service awards this week to some well deserving fleet employees. Employees pictured below with South Region Port Captain Bill Michael: (top, left to right) OS Denise Kelly, 35 years; OS Max Korvell, 30 years; Chief Mate Charlie King, 30 years; (bottom, left to right) AB Ricky Jordon, 30 years; and AB Tony Davila, 35 years. A hearty congratulations!



## Meeting with FAC chairs

On Tuesday, I met the [Ferry Advisory Committee \(FAC\)](#) chairs. I enjoyed the opportunity to meet our route representatives and I look forward to working with them in my new position at WSF.

## Conversations with legislators

This week, I met with Senators Ranker and Darneille as part of my continued conversations with legislators. They shared their perspectives on the ferry system and I look forward to working with them in my new capacity at WSF.

## Customer compliments

We received compliments this week about our terrific staff on the Bainbridge/Seattle and Port Townsend/Coupeville routes.

Bainbridge/Seattle:

*I want to commend a ferry employee, [AB] Grant Warrington, for the help he provided to me on the Bainbridge Island to Seattle ferry 7:05 run this morning. He noticed my rear driver's side tire was flat and changed my flat tire for me. He was able to do this while the ferry was en route to Seattle and finished in about 20 minutes! He was very helpful and friendly. I think he should be commended.*

Port Townsend/Coupeville:

*I would like to compliment the deck crew of the Salish. I inadvertently locked my keys in my pickup truck during the 0800 departure from Port Townsend to Coupeville passage on Sunday morning, Nov. 16, 2014. The Boatswain and his crew worked diligently and professionally in getting the vehicle unlocked. It was not an easy task and they pursued it in a friendly and helpful way. I want to thank the Boats and his two other crew members for all of their help and encouragement. Keep up the good work.*

## Memorable meeting

I want to share this wonderful story from Mark and Donna (pictured below), customers of the Bremerton/Seattle run.

*My husband and I are celebrating our 29th wedding anniversary this weekend. We met 30 years ago in 1985 on the Seattle to Bremerton ferry run and married on 11/15/1986. He introduced himself to me while I was eating a hot dog just outside the galley! Attached is a picture of us riding the Bremerton to Seattle run, hot dog included, on our way home to Bellingham. Thank you Washington State Ferries!*



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Commission selects name for the next new ferry [http://wstc.wa.gov/news/2014/1119\\_FerryNamedChimacum.htm](http://wstc.wa.gov/news/2014/1119_FerryNamedChimacum.htm)

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