



Washington State Ferries Weekly Update



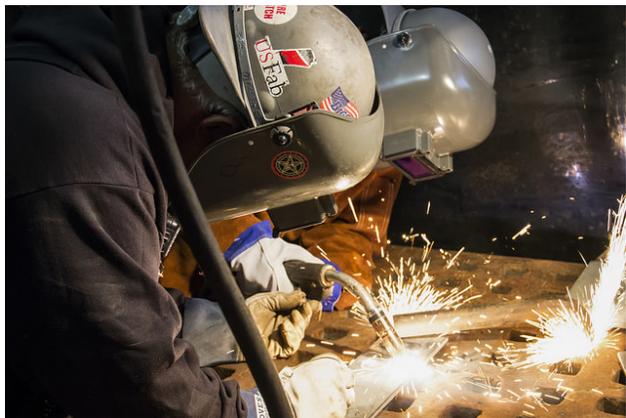
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This week:

- *Chimacum* reaches milestone
- Edmonds/Kingston route reduced capacity begins Dec. 12
- Port Townsend/Coupeville route
- Point Defiance/Tahlequah route
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Chimacum reaches milestone

On Tuesday, Mayor Patty Lent of Bremerton and I had the honor of participating in the keel laying ceremony for the [state's new ferry Chimacum](#). Below are photos of the event. On left, I am pictured with Mayor Lent and Vigor Industrial executives Frank Foti and Joe Corvelli. On right, Mayor Lent practices her welding skills (I think she's doing a good job!). See all photos from the event on [Flickr](#).



Edmonds/Kingston route reduced capacity begins Dec. 12

Customers of the Edmonds/Kingston route are advised to plan ahead for a temporary vehicle capacity reduction. The 144-vehicle *Yakima* will temporarily replace the 188-vehicle *Walla Walla* on the route Dec. 12-16. This short-term vessel assignment will reduce capacity on the Edmonds/Kingston route by 44 vehicles on half of all scheduled sailings. This vessel change is needed to maintain a full sailing schedule while the *Puyallup* is out of service for its annual mandatory U.S. Coast Guard safety inspection.

Port Townsend/Coupeville route

I'm very sorry about the suspension of service on the Port Townsend/Coupeville route yesterday while we repaired the *Salish's* steering system. I know this is on top of the weather-related cancellations experienced last night. Please note that reservation holders will not be charged a no-show fee due to the cancellations.

Point Defiance/Tahlequah route

Due the storm, the Point Defiance/Tahlequah route was out of service late last night and this morning for repairs to the shore power cord. We resumed service with the 10:55 a.m. departure from Point Defiance. We got it fixed as quickly as possible and I appreciate your patience with us.

Terminal operations tour

I toured the Kingston, Mukilteo and Clinton terminals on Wednesday. I enjoyed meeting with the terminal supervisors: Vern Rosbach and Dawn Siegrist at Kingston; Faith Jackson and Brad Collins at Mukilteo; and Bill Ewing and Irene Dodge at Clinton. The terminal supervisors and staff reviewed the operations and challenges at each location, and shared their ideas for operating efficiencies, streamlining processes and reducing paperwork. I also enjoyed time spent with Captain Torger Skolmen en route to Clinton. A big thank-you to my tour guide, Dennis Duff, president of Ferry Agents, Supervisors and Project Administrators Association and current terminal supervisor at Colman Dock, and the supervisors and staff for an invaluable education. I look forward to continued fleet and terminal visits as I make my way around the system in the next few months.

Meeting with Seattle Department of Transportation

I sat down with Scott Kubly, director of the Seattle Department of Transportation, and two of his new staff on Tuesday. It was an introductory conversation and I look forward to working with Scott and his team.

Meeting with Muckleshoot Fish Commission

We had a productive meeting with the Muckleshoot Fish Commission yesterday afternoon regarding the Colman Dock Project. I shared WSF's commitment to working with the Commission on a government-to-government level to address any impacts associated with the project.

Toys for Tots drive

I want to applaud WSF employees for their generous donations to KIRO in support of the Toys for Tots drive. The WSF team walked over the donations this morning. A few photos are below with more available on [Flickr](#).



Holiday cruise for a good cause

I look forward to participating in the annual holiday cruise for people with disabilities tomorrow. The cruise is sponsored by the Active Ferry Employees Charitable Trust (AFECT), and serves as a wonderful opportunity for employees to volunteer their time and share in the holiday spirit with members of our community. I want to thank AFECT and WSF volunteers for their time and dedication to this worthy cause. I will share photos of the event next week!

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