



# Washington State Ferries Weekly Update



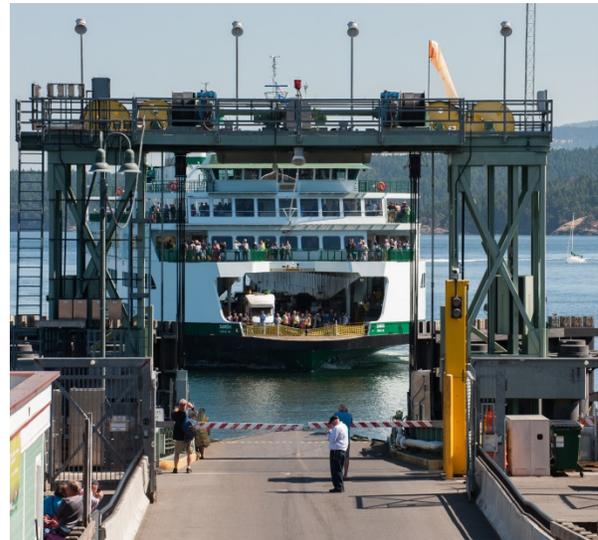
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**This week:**

- New ferry *Samish* begins service in the San Juan Islands
- Welcome to our newest group of engine room employees!
- Presentation to Mukilteo City Council
- Meeting with Kitsap County Commissioner Gelder
- Customer compliment

**New ferry *Samish* begins service in the San Juan Islands**

I had the pleasure to be aboard our newest ferry, the *Samish*, last Sunday as she made her maiden voyage on the Anacortes/San Juan Islands route. She was greeted by crowds and a fireboat escort on her first sailing into Friday Harbor. Transportation Secretary Lynn Peterson and other local dignitaries spoke at a brief welcoming ceremony. Enjoy these [additional photos on Flickr](#). *Samish* is the second of three funded [Olympic Class ferries](#). A third vessel, the *Chimacum*, is currently under construction at Vigor Industrial in Seattle.



**Welcome to our newest group of engine room employees!**

I am so pleased to welcome our latest group of oilers to WSF! These 13 employees recently completed new hire orientation and have begun working in the fleet. The photo below was taken at the Washington State Fire Training Academy during the firefighting portion of their basic safety training. Oilers work in the engine room and are responsible for lubricating engines and mechanical systems.



## Presentation to Mukilteo City Council

On Thursday, Terminal Engineering staff Nicole McIntosh and Charlie Torres provided an update on the [Mukilteo Multimodal project](#) to the Mukilteo City Council. We've reached an exciting milestone. The first phase of construction, to remove the tank farm pier, begins this summer. They shared information about what to expect during this work and provided an overview of 30 percent design plans for the new terminal building. The photo below shows a rendering of the new Mukilteo terminal. Look for community meetings this fall to review plans and learn more.



## Meeting with Kitsap County Commissioner Gelder

Last night, I enjoyed meeting with Kitsap County Commissioner Robert Gelder. It was nice to get to know him and to discuss ways that WSF can work with Kitsap County. I look forward to continued collaboration.

## Customer compliment

This is the kind of comment that warms my heart:

*... I was on the 3:00 boat from Mukilteo. I was on the lower car deck, southern side. I noticed two [f]erry workers helping an elderly man walk between the cars. The leading ferry worker was holding the man's hand in order to make sure he didn't fall or trip. The worker holding up the rear was obviously making sure he was close enough to catch the man if he fell. They got him to the chairs at the end of the boat without anything happening. I was really touched how gentle and tender these two big guys were ... I got out of my car to thank the workers and one mentioned that the guy was going to take the bus to Langlely but then would need to walk a mile and a half home. Before I could say anything, a woman in the car we were next to volunteered to take the old man home in her car. ... Those two ferry workers deserve a big thank you for being so caring and helpful. The folks who drove the [man] home do too, but there is probably no way to figure out who they are.*

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Hyperlinks within this email:

Samish maiden voyage Flickr photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/wsdot/sets/72157652328988493>

Olympic Class ferries project: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/ferries/144carferries/>

Mukilteo Multimodal Terminal Project: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/ferries/mukilteoterminal/multimodal/>

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