



Washington State Ferries



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Twitter photo contest starts Monday

With the busy summer season in full swing, we're holding a ferries photo contest on Twitter. Simply follow [@wsferries](https://twitter.com/wsferries) and tweet us your best photographs with the hashtag #WSFcontest from Aug. 10 through Aug. 17. The top five entries will win a behind-the-scenes tour of one of our incredible vessels. Winning photos will be judged by [Jeanette Mills, Director of Visual Services](#) for the University of Washington School of Art, Art History and Design. I can't wait to see your best shots. Get full contest details and rules on the [WSDOT blog](#) and look for the winning photos in upcoming weeks.

Goodbye tank farm pier, hello new Mukilteo terminal

Construction work on the [Mukilteo Multimodal Project](#) started this week with the removal of the dilapidated Mukilteo tank farm pier. The demolition work makes way for a new ferry terminal to replace the existing 60-year-old Mukilteo terminal. The pier removal will get rid of 7,000 tons of creosote-treated timber piles, four percent of the remaining creosote in Puget Sound. This is a huge milestone for the project. The new facility will bring critical improvements to the Mukilteo/Clinton ferry route, our busiest for vehicle traffic, carrying over two million vehicles and nearly four million riders annually. In the photo below: Crews pull the first pile in the demolition of the Mukilteo tank farm pier on Aug. 6.



Meeting with Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility employees

Today I met with tradespeople at our Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility and toured the yard with Harry Thompson of the Puget Sound Metal Trades Council. I am constantly amazed at the skill and dedication of our employees and enjoyed meeting with the people who keep our vessels in tip top shape.

Vashon terminal construction off to a good start

It's been one week since we started seismic upgrade construction on the [Vashon terminal](#). Our contractor has finished re-striping nearby streets to change the way cars access the dock, and our terminal staff have been helping educate customers about new queuing, pick-up and drop-off procedures. So far, the work is going well. During construction, 103rd Avenue SW will remain a one-way street between SW 112th Street and the terminal entrance. The right lane will be used to stage Southworth vehicles. The left lane will remain open to through traffic. Medical priority

and ADA customers who need to be dropped off or picked up closer to the ferry may do so by checking in with the flagger at the intersection of 103rd Avenue SW and the terminal entrance. Vanpools also may bypass ferry lines by taking 103rd Avenue SW and checking in with the flagger.

Happy birthday to the U.S. Coast Guard!

On Tuesday, the U.S. Coast Guard celebrated its [225th birthday](#). The Coast Guard is our daily partner, providing oversight and support for vessel maintenance and certification, and security and licensing for our professional crews. Join us in celebrating Coast Guard service in Puget Sound and thanking all who serve.

In the photos below: Last week, I had the opportunity to join Rear Admiral Richard Gromlich (right) and Sector Commander Joe Raymond, Coast Guard Sector Puget Sound, aboard the Coast Guard Cutter *Midgett* at a celebration for Seattle Fleet Week. The second photo, courtesy of Washington State Ferries' Captain Jamie Pelland, shows the *Midgett* in the Seafair Parade of Ships last week.



Employee commitment to community service

Many of our employees work nights, weekends and holidays to keep the ferry system moving when our customers need it. However, these non-traditional schedules don't prevent our folks from serving their communities through volunteerism and other activities. Ticket Seller Paula Abel embodies this spirit of service. Paula has worked many weekends during her 24 years at ferries. Over that time she has been involved with the local food bank collecting food for those less fortunate as well as organizing fundraisers to help local veterans in need. When Paula landed a shift with Sundays off this summer, she dedicated some of this precious time to getting involved with the Special Olympics in Kitsap County. Kudos to Paula and everyone at WSF who goes above and beyond to help in our communities!

Please note: The next Weekly Update will be on Aug. 21. Enjoy the last few weeks of summer!

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Jeanette Mills, Director of Visual Services: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/jeanettemills>

WSDOT blog: <http://bit.ly/1P124QH>

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

Vashon terminal: <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/sr160/vashontrestle/>

USCG 225th birthday: <http://coastguard.dodlive.mil/2015/08/service-to-nation-225-years-strong/>

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