



# Washington State Ferries Weekly Update



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## This week:

- Ferry baby featured in Evening Magazine
- Service disruptions on the Fauntleroy/Vashon/Southworth route
- WSF is hiring!
- Ferry Advisory Committee workshop
- Have a ferry happy Halloween!

### Ferry baby featured in Evening Magazine

You may remember a story I shared in October 2014, about baby Zoe who was born to Christina and Christopher Hammond aboard the *Puyallup* during an early morning sailing from Bainbridge Island to Seattle. Little Zoe celebrated her first birthday last week with ferry-shaped cookies and a big cake aboard the ferry. King 5's Evening Magazine was there to cover the special occasion. Watch the touching video [online](#).



### Service disruptions on the Fauntleroy/Vashon/Southworth route

We had to take the *Issaquah* out of service from Sunday morning through Tuesday afternoon due to an electronics problem that repeatedly tripped the safety shut-off on one of the vessel's engines. Fortunately, we had the Kwa-di Tabil Class *Salish* available to fill in. The *Salish* has ample capacity to accommodate walk-on customers without a wait, but can only hold about half of the number of vehicles as the *Issaquah*. I know this meant long waits and hours of frustration for many customers, so I appreciate your patience while we repaired the *Issaquah*.

### WSF is hiring!

We're hiring entry-level crew members to start working in the spring of 2016. Our goal is to hire up to 35 Ordinary Seamen for on-call positions around Puget Sound. These crew members are part of our system's front line. On board the ferry, the OS is responsible for the safety of passengers and the cleanliness of the boats. The OS helps tie up the vessel, assists both walk-on and drive-on customers, and is responsible for keeping passenger areas of the boat clean. In addition, every OS stands by to assist Able Seamen with fire, rescue and abandon ship emergency situations. If you want a maritime job that allows you to go work in the beautiful waters of Puget Sound, this entry-level opportunity as an OS might be for you. If you are willing to learn seamanship, there is a clear path for career growth up to captain. Check out the details of the job on [WSDOT's employment Web page](#).

### Ferry Advisory Committee workshop

On Tuesday, we held a day-long workshop with [Ferry Advisory Committee](#) members from all our communities. I appreciated the discussion about how FAC members represent their communities and fellow riders. We will continue to meet often with this group to discuss how we work together and to update our respective roles and responsibilities.

### Have a ferry happy Halloween!

Wishing everyone a safe and happy Halloween! I couldn't resist sharing this adorable picture from last year of one of our young Orcas Island customers celebrating in WSF style. If you ride the ferry in costume this Halloween weekend, please share a picture with us on Twitter @WSFerries. I'd love to see all the creative costumes out there.



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Hyperlinks within this email:

Evening Magazine story: <http://kng5.tv/1PUCO0J>

WSDOT employment job posting: <http://bit.ly/1PXdib3>

Ferry Advisory Committees: [http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/CommuterUpdates/pub\\_meetings](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/CommuterUpdates/pub_meetings)

Oct. 23 WSF Weekly: <http://1.usa.gov/1inCbyW>

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