Labor day weekend travel and service updates

Labor Day weekend is one of our busiest travel weekends, with an estimated 400,000 people traveling over the next five days. Please plan ahead and make sure you have plenty of time to reach your sailing.

We have a few service updates over the holiday weekend:

- Fauntleroy/Vashon/Southworth route is on a two-boat schedule
- Port Townsend/Coupeville route has returned to a two-boat schedule

Additionally, to accommodate for the busy Monday holiday, many ferry routes are sailing on a weekend or holiday schedule, so be sure to double check your sailing schedule and check our ferry alerts and Twitter for the most up to date sailing information. I hope you have a safe and fun holiday weekend!

Mukilteo Terminal project construction kick off

Construction of the new Mukilteo ferry terminal is set to begin Sept. 11. On Wednesday, I joined tribal leaders and elected officials to celebrate this exciting milestone at a construction kickoff event. Thank you to all of our partners, tribes, and project staff who are working together to deliver a new facility that respects tribal lands and artifacts and improves safety at our busiest car ferry terminal. The new terminal is expected to open in late 2019.

Modified *Kaleetan* schedule

The *Kaleetan* is sailing on a modified schedule due to a maintenance issue with one of the boat’s propulsion generators.

The modified schedule takes into account the extra sailing time and reflects when the *Kaleetan* will actually depart, giving customers more clarity and predictability. The modified schedule cancels the following departures: 12:20 p.m. from Bremerton and 1:30 p.m. from Seattle.

Customer kudos

“I was catching the ferry back from the fair on San Juan at 10:00 p.m. and our boat was over an hour late arriving to Anacortes. We stopped at all 3 of the other islands, Shaw, Lopez and Orcas before heading to Anacortes... I am writing to compliment the [Elwha] crew for managing weight distribution on that boat ride and getting everyone safely home. You could see how tired the crew was but they..."
Tulalip Tribes Quilceda Elementary School Singers perform a tribal drum song

From left to right: State Senator Marko Liias, Senator Murray’s State Director Shawn Bills, Mukilteo Mayor Jennifer Gregerson, US Representative Rick Larsen, FTA Regional Administrator Linda Gherke, Tulalip Chairwoman Marie Zackuse, WSF Terminal Engineering Director Nicole McIntosh, Island County Commissioner Helen Price Johnson, and WSF Assistant Secretary Amy Scarton

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maintained a professional and positive overtone. When we arrived in Anacortes the person speaking over the loud speaker woke all the passengers (most of us fell asleep) with a musical and happy rise and shine tone, letting us passengers know we were in Anacortes safe and sound. My children were complaining... I discussed with them how it would be a difficult task to keep the weight of the cars balanced while going to so many different islands and let them know we would be safe rather than sorry and our ferries in Washington are some of the safest boats in the world...”

- Anacortes/San Juan Islands customer
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