



December 11, 2009

### **This Week**

- Winter Schedule Begins Sunday, Jan. 3
- AFECT Holiday Cruise
- Final Meeting of the Edmonds/Kingston Partnership
- Legislative Tour of 64-car Chetzemoka
- Monthly Progress Meeting with Todd Pacific Shipyards
- Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility Tour
- Customer Compliment

### **Winter Schedule Begins Sunday, Jan. 3**

Winter schedule begins on Sunday, Jan. 3 and brings a number of notable service changes to the Anacortes/San Juan Islands and Seattle/Bremerton routes, as well as the seasonal closure of the international route and the seasonal reduction to a two-boat weekend schedule on the Fauntleroy/Vashon/Southworth route. Please check for changes affecting your routes at [www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/)

### **AFECT Holiday Cruise**

The Active Ferry Employees Charitable Trust (AFECT) sponsored its annual Holiday Cruise for people with disabilities. On Saturday, Dec. 5, a 14-member crew boarded the M/V Spokane along with over 35 volunteers. Together, they welcomed over 700 people with special needs for a 90-minute cruise around Elliot Bay. The passengers enjoyed lunch and refreshments donated by local merchants. I want to thank WSF employees who volunteered their time as well as the participating organizations for making this a memorable event for attendees.

### **Final Meeting of Edmonds/Kingston Partnership**

On Thursday night, I attended the final meeting of the Edmonds/Kingston Partnership to wrap up our discussion on the potential for vehicle reservations on the route as part of our work on the legislated vehicle reservations pre-design study. I have greatly appreciated their time and effort devoted to this process as they have helped shape the draft report due out Dec. 15. For more information, please visit [www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/planning/vehiclereservations.htm](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/planning/vehiclereservations.htm)

### **Legislative Tour of 64-car Chetzemoka**

On Tuesday afternoon, I viewed the progress made on construction of the Chetzemoka at Todd Pacific Shipyards with Sen. Haugen, Rep. Clibborn, Rep. Seaquist and Washington State Commissioners Moser, Distler, and Parker. It was a great opportunity to view the vessel and ask questions related to the construction. You can see photos from the tour at [www.flickr.com/photos/wsdot/sets/72157621006556309](http://www.flickr.com/photos/wsdot/sets/72157621006556309).

### **Monthly Progress Meeting with Todd Pacific Shipyards**

This week was our monthly progress meeting with Todd Pacific Shipyards to talk about construction progress on the Chetzemoka. This meeting also served as an opportunity to kick off construction of the two additional 64-car ferries. I greatly value the coordination between WSF and Todd Pacific Shipyards.

### **Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility Tour**

I am touring the Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility (EHMF) with members of the Bainbridge Island community today. We will share the progress of the preservation work currently under way and view the various shops at EHMF that maintain our fleet and terminals.

### **Customer Compliment**

I want to share a customer compliment that I received this week and my appreciation for WSF ticket seller Dorinda Martin at the Clinton Ferry Terminal and the accommodations she made for this customer.

*I am the service officer for the American Legion, VFW and Marine Corps League for Whidbey Island. One of our veterans ... was seriously injured earlier in the day and was transported from Coupeville to Everett General Hospital by ambulance on the 9 p.m. departure from Clinton to Mukilteo. Dorinda was very accommodating to me by letting me on the dock and directing me to where to park awaiting the ambulance and family members. Wonderful young ladies like Dorinda are a valuable asset to the Washington State Ferries...and our community.*

**Next Week:**

- Draft Vehicle Reservations Pre-Design Report
- FAC Executive Council Meeting

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