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New ferry Salish updates

VesselWatch

We have just added the new 64-car Salish to WSF VesselWatch at www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/vesselwatch/. You can watch the Salish as she continues with sea trials on the Port Townsend/Coupeville route.

Community celebration June 30

The new ferry will be the center of a community celebration from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, June 30, at the Port Townsend ferry terminal. WSF and the communities of Port Townsend and Whidbey Island will celebrate the restoration of two-boat service on the Port Townsend/Coupeville route. We hope to have the Salish in service by the Fourth of July weekend, but will confirm the date at the conclusion of sea trials scheduled to wrap up next week.

For more information about Washington's new ferries, visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/Ferries/64CarFerries. See photos of the Salish at www.flickr.com/photos/wsdot/sets/72157623767660087/ or read more at <http://wsdotferries.blogspot.com/2011/04/welcoming-salish.html>.

Baseball anyone?

As part of WSF's 60th anniversary, we are partnering with the Seattle Mariners on a ferry customer game night. Round up your friends and family members and join the Seattle Mariners for Washington State Ferries Night on Friday, August 26! Special discounted group seating has been reserved and is available for you to purchase online www.mariners.com/wsf.

Jefferson County Commissioners briefing

This latest round of community meetings wrapped up in Port Townsend on Monday. I briefed the Jefferson County Commissioners at their regularly scheduled meeting. I appreciate everyone who took the time to attend one of the eight community meetings held in June. If you were unable to attend a meeting or want more information about what was covered, visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/Ferries/commuterupdates/pub_meetings.htm.

Eagle Harbor maintenance facility service awards

On Wednesday, Director of Vessel Maintenance, Preservation and Engineering Paul Brodeur recognized employees at the Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility who have served the state for 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30 plus years. I appreciate the dedication of all our employees and the respectable years of service achieved by many. For photos of the ceremony visit www.flickr.com/photos/wsdot/sets/72157627031125640/

Mukilteo multimodal project tribal meeting

On Monday, I attended a meeting with representatives from the Federal Transit Administration, U.S. Air Force, and interested tribes regarding the Mukilteo Multimodal Project. The project team shared information on the status of the draft environmental impact statement and answered questions. For more information on the project, visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/ferries/mukilteoterminal/multimodal/

Plan for heavy traffic near Seattle terminal Saturday

On Saturday, June 25, the city of Seattle will block vehicle traffic southbound on Alaskan Way from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. for the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon. All vehicle traffic will offload out of the north gate which will cause schedule and offloading delays. The city recommends that drivers wishing to go southbound go eastbound on Marion Street to Sixth Avenue. To minimize inconvenience, WSF recommends walking on the ferry or taking another travel route if you must drive.

Customer compliment

I received this compliment from a customer of the Anacortes/San Juan Islands route. I want to personally thank ticket seller Colleen Ford for her outstanding customer service.

I was so impressed with the ticket seller at the Anacortes ferry. She is always cheerful but on this particular day I had left my wallet at home on the island when I went down to Seattle for outpatient surgery. I was able to navigate my way through the day, with help from the good people at Group Health. However, now to get home with no ferry ticket? Or Cash? I explained my dilemma to [Colleen Ford] and she was very helpful calling home for me so that a family member could go online and buy a ticket for me (she even talked the family member through the process). This made the process so easy, at a time when I was feeling definitely under the weather! Thank you!

See what else is new at WSF

Check out our blog at <http://wsdotferries.blogspot.com/>

Next Week:

- Salish community celebration 11 a.m.-1 p.m. June 30 at the Port Townsend ferry terminal
- Washington State Transportation Commission meeting on ferry fares June 29 in Seattle

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