



Ferries Between Friends

For more than 50 years Washington State Ferries (WSF) has provided international ferry service to the town of Sidney, B.C. on Vancouver Island. The tradition continued when service to Sidney, B.C. resumed on April 1.

WSF celebrated its annual return to international waters with a special event aboard the M/V Chelan and at the Sidney Terminal for the first sailing of the year to Sidney, B.C.

Ferry historian Steven J. Pickens was on board signing copies of his book "Ferries of the Puget Sound (Images of America)." Pickens was joined by the definitive ferry boat artist Alex Young. WSF recently released its annual poster, a watercolor by Young of the M/V Klahowya at the Southworth Terminal. The release of the 2007 poster completed the series, which began in 1984, depicting all 20 WSF Terminals. Young was there signing copies of the poster as a part of the celebration. WSF Licensed Deck Officer Brandon Moser was also on hand for a presentation on the history of the ferry system and its routes.

Members of the Anacortes Chamber of Commerce, Anacortes Mayor Dean Maxwell, and Town of Sidney Ambassadors were also in attendance to help kick things off. Anacortes and Sidney are "Sister Cities."

For the second year in a row Canadian Mountie Rosalind Guineau was present to welcome the first sailing of the year from Anacortes. And Sidney Town Crier Kenny Podmore was there to announce the arrival of the M/V Chelan.

Located just 17 miles from Victoria, B.C. – the provincial capitol of British Columbia – Sidney, B.C. is an ideal port for those traveling to this quaint island city.

Know the Rules Before Traveling to Canada

Traveling to Canada aboard a state ferry is easy if you come prepared. Because this route passes through international waters, passengers are subject to United States and/or Canadian Customs Service and Immigration Inspection.

Under the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) U.S. citizens traveling by air between the U.S. and Canada are required to present a valid U.S. Passport, Air NEXUS card, or U.S. Coast Guard Merchant Mariner Document. However, this rule does not apply to U.S. citizens traveling between the U.S. and Canada by land or sea. U.S. citizens traveling by land or sea between the U.S. and Canada will not be required to show a passport until Jan. 1, 2008. [↓](#)



Rosalind Guineau of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police greets the first international sailing of the year to Sidney, B.C.

Valid Proof of Citizenship

As a U.S. citizen you will need to provide **any one** of the following as proof of your citizenship:

- Passport
- Birth Record
- Certificate of Citizenship
- Certificate of Naturalization

Always carry photo identification with you, especially when traveling aboard a state ferry bound for international waters. Vehicles and baggage are also subject to inspection. San Juan Islands passengers boarding boats originating in Sidney, B.C. will also be subject to customs inspections upon arrival in Anacortes.

WSF and You: Partners in Safety and Security

The safety and security of everyone who rides aboard a state ferry has always been a top priority of Washington State Ferries (WSF). And since the events of Sept. 11, 2001, heightened security has become a way of life.



This 46" LCD monitor on board the M/V Tacoma will be used to display safety and security messages.

Thanks to a federal grant from the Department of Homeland Security, WSF is making an innovative advance in our efforts to remain one of the safest marine transportation systems in the world. WSF has teamed up with The Homeland Security Institute to develop the Ferry Passenger Partnership Program (FPPP). The FPPP is designed to educate and engage ferry passengers and public safety professionals by raising awareness of safety and security precautions and procedures.

WSF is installing six LCD monitors on the M/V Tacoma and M/V Wenatchee, two monitors in the Colman Terminal and one above the brochure rack in the Anacortes Terminal. At 46 inches each, these LCD monitors are sure to attract the attention of WSF passengers.

The Department of Homeland Security has fully funded this pilot program to increase awareness of safety and security measures enacted into law in the Maritime Transportation Security Act of 2002 (MTSA). As a result, the U.S. Coast Guard mandated new security regulations that apply to most vessels and marine facilities in the country.

To help get the message out, WSF produced six short videos which will be shown on the LCD monitors as a part of the Passenger Awareness Program. When activated, this system may also provide real-time messaging using internet-based media controllers that will play pre-recorded safety and security videos. WSF will also have the ability to present information such as current road and traffic conditions, weather forecasts, Amber Alerts, delays in departure or arrival times and ferry schedules. The monitors may also be used to display public service announcements.

The launch date of the system is set for May 25, 2007. Until then, the screens will be used in various modes as WSF tests the system. Passengers can expect to see a mix of content during this time, including periods when the screen will be blank.

The FPPP is being funded by a grant from the Department of Homeland Security with the belief that ferry passengers and security professionals who are armed with information can be an integral part of the overall maritime security effort. [↓](#)

Commitment to Fuel Conservation

As the largest ferry system in the nation – carrying more than 24 million passengers per year – Washington State Ferries (WSF) is committed to fuel conservation and protecting the environment it operates in.

In 2002 WSF took major steps to reduce vessel-engine emissions by upgrading many main propulsion engines with new electronically controlled fuel injected engines, upgraded many ship's service generator engines with cleaner burning four-cycle technology and upgraded certain fuel injectors with more emission friendly models.

In May 2004, as part of the Clean Air Nonroad Diesel Rule, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized new requirements for nonroad diesel fuel that will decrease the allowable levels of sulfur in fuel used in marine vessels by 99 percent. These fuel improvements, which begin to take effect this year, will create immediate and significant environmental and public health benefits by reducing particulate matter (PM) from new and existing engines.

PM, also known as particle pollution, is a complex mixture of extremely small particles and liquid droplets. Small PM – particles 10 micrometers in diameter or smaller – are considered a health concern by the EPA. Because these particles are small enough to pass through the nose and throat they can have serious effects on the heart and lungs.

Clean Fuel Initiative

In 2004 WSF introduced a program to further reduce air pollution from its ferry fleet. The Clean Fuel Initiative involves three components: switching to cleaner fuels, testing ultra-low-sulfur diesel fuel (ULSD), and pilot testing the use of biodiesel.

The first component in the process was to convert the entire fleet from high-sulfur diesel to low-sulfur diesel (LSD). The conversion of the fleet to LSD, which was completed in 2004, reduced PM by 75 tons annually (a 30 percent reduction) and sulfur dioxide emissions by 412 tons annually (a 90 percent reduction).

Beginning in 2004 ULSD was tested on the M/V Elwha. The project was partially funded by the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency (PSCAA), the Washington State Department of Ecology and Northwest Clean Air Agency. Testing occurred between fall 2004 and spring 2006. During the test the M/V Elwha burned 2.3 million gallons of ULSD, producing 10 percent fewer fine particles than LSD.

In order stay compliant with the Clean Air Nonroad Diesel Rule, WSF will have to convert the entire fleet to ULSD by 2012. That switch over is already underway on a number of WSF vessels in advance of the mandate.

The third prong of the Clean Fuels Initiative was pilot testing of biodiesel fuel. A blend of 20 percent biodiesel and 80 percent LSD was used on three vessels traveling on the Fauntleroy/Vashon/Southworth route. In March 2005, testing of biodiesel was suspended because the fuel was clogging the vessels' fuel filters and fuel purifiers.

WSF in cooperation with PSCAA and Washington State University is in the process of designing a second pilot test for biodiesel using lessons learned from the first pilot. WSF anticipates this project will begin later this year and run through 2008.

In addition to engine upgrades and testing of alternate fuels, WSF is conducting ongoing studies that will have a positive impact on its fuel conservation efforts. WSF

installed fuel monitoring equipment on select vessels of each class in the fleet. These monitors provide information on how the different vessels consume fuel during idling, acceleration, crossing and deceleration into the dock. This data will be used to analyze which areas of the operation are ripe for fuel saving measures.

These and other studies will result in a more efficient fleet that consumes less fuel, thus reducing the impact on the Puget Sound region.

Emissions Inventory

In 2005 WSF was contacted by the Puget Sound Maritime Air Forum to participate in developing an Emissions Inventory (EI) that would establish a baseline of emissions from maritime-related diesel equipment operating within the greater Puget Sound Region.

As one of the major stakeholders in the maritime industry in this area, WSF gladly accepted a role on the EI steering committee. WSF joined forces with private and public maritime organizations, ports, air agencies, maritime agencies, environmental agencies, public health advocacy groups and other parties with a stake in the maritime industry. The EI was conducted on a purely voluntarily basis in advance of any regulatory directive.

On April 10, 2007, the Puget Sound Maritime Air Forum will release its EI at the Port of Seattle Commission meeting.

The EI is the next step in assuring that WSF stays compliant with federal and state regulations regarding emissions and fuel conservation. The EI will provide sound information that WSF and other maritime stakeholders can base future decisions on. ↴

New Oil Spill Response Equipment at Terminals and on Vessels

Zero spills from marine sources into state waters. That was the mandate signed into State law in June of 2004. As a part of the law Gary Locke, the governor at the time, directed the Department of Ecology (Ecology) to develop rules that govern the transfer of oil on or near state waters.

Along with setting the bar for oil spills from marine sources at zero, the law set an expectation for development of comprehensive spill prevention, preparedness and response rules. In implementing this law, Ecology published new regulations that became effective in October 2006, prompting WSF and marine oil suppliers to implement new spill prevention and preparedness measures over a phased implementation timeline.

In response to the new regulations WSF developed a comprehensive action plan to control potential oil spills

during oil/fuel transfer operations. WSF believes that our safe oil transfer operating history spoke for itself, however, we took this opportunity to reevaluate all aspects of our oil/fuel transfer processes.

To contribute directly and meaningfully to Washington State's zero spills strategy, and to significantly reduce the greatest real-world risk of a spill reaching the water, WSF is working to improve scupper plugs for all vessels, enhance on-deck containment capabilities and increase absorbent materials.

To enhance our preparedness posture, new deployable oil-containment booms have been staged at each terminal where WSF conducts fueling or oil transfer operations from tanker trucks. An oil-containment boom would be deployed around the vessel in the unlikely event of a spill in order to prevent the spreading of spilled oil and to facilitate clean up.

In addition, a spill response organization has been contracted by the fuel deliverer to provide standby services during oil transfer operations to provide rapid boom deployment and meet the required one-hour response time established in the regulations.

The installation of the containment booms is a major step forward in WSF's spill preparedness by adding the ability to effectively contain an oil spill if one was to occur. The benefits of this enhanced capability extend to the greater Puget Sound since the booms are also available should an oil spill occur from another source.

As a Washington State agency and a major stakeholder in the maritime industry throughout Puget Sound, WSF takes its commitment to protecting the environment seriously. As a good steward of the environment, WSF has taken extra steps to meet or exceed environmental regulations, while being a good neighbor to other members of the maritime industry and the communities we serve.

The efforts taken by WSF will have a lasting, positive effect on this region where so many of us live and work. ↴



Department of Ecology first responders demonstrate how a boom can contain oil in the water and keep it from spreading. Photo provided by Department of Ecology Spills Program.

Spring Ferry Schedule Takes Effect

The Spring Sailing Schedule went into effect on Sunday, April 1. The Spring Schedule offers more hours of service than the winter schedule and includes the resumption of ferry service to Sidney, B.C. with one sailing a day from both Anacortes and Sidney.

Other changes in the Spring Schedule include the return of weekend inter-island service between the San Juan Islands and the restoration of eight hours of mid-day service Monday through Thursday.

A second vessel on the Port Townsend/Keystone route will be added May 13, Mother's Day, as traffic begins to increase on that route.

For the Fauntleroy/Vashon/Southworth route, service levels return to three-boat weekend service with the third boat returning to operate eight hours a day on Saturday and Sunday.

The Spring Schedule is in effect through June 23, 2007.

For a complete copy of the schedule go to www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries.

Spring 2007

Sailing Schedule

Effective April 1, 2007
through June 23, 2007



Washington State Ferries

Subject to change without notice.
Schedule No. 204 cancels No. 203

Vendor Spotlight: Olympic Cascade Service Inc.

When Olympic Cascade Service Inc. (OCSI) took over food service on Washington State Ferries' (WSF) major runs two years ago, the goal of the family owned company was to do more than provide great food and customer service.

As a business that operates on the Puget Sound, OCSI considers itself a steward of this region. Part of that stewardship is giving back to a region that has provided this company with a unique place to do business.

"We're a small family owned business," Human Resources Manager Jason Wright says. "Don't get me wrong, we're here to stay in business and make money. But we try to give back to the community as much as we can."

One of the ways that OCSI gives back to the community is through a partnership with Talking Rain bottled beverages. A portion of the proceeds from bottled water sales on routes serviced by OCSI goes to the Whale Museum in Friday Harbor on San Juan Island. The Whale Museum is an education and research center devoted to the study and conservation of whales in the Salish Sea.

"Washington State Ferries are more than transportation, it is an iconic part of what makes life in the Northwest special. Just like the state ferries, the Orca is another icon of this region. Everything that we do tries to foster that good feeling you get from living in this area," Wright said.

Talking Rain's Laughing Whale Water features a specially designed label with OCSI's mascot "Oly the Orca" adorning it. In September 2005 OCSI made its first donation, a contribution of \$2,830, to The Whale Museum. In total OCSI has donated more than \$10,000 to The Whale Museum since the program began.

OCSI's latest charitable cause is a partnership with Hoodspout Wines that bene-

fits the Orca Network. The Orca Network is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness about whales in the Pacific Northwest. A donation is made to the Orca Network by Hoodspout for each case of wine OCSI purchases.

Further enhancing OCSI's bond to the region is its commitment to working with local businesses to provide quality Northwest products to WSF riders.

"Featuring local products is a good opportunity to help grow a local business while growing our business as well," Wright said.

One of OCSI's major partners is Tully's Coffee. OCSI features Tully's Fair Trade Coffees on all of its runs. The chief concern of the Fair Trade movement has been to ensure that the vast majority of the world's coffee farmers (who own small farms) get a fair price for their harvests in order to achieve a decent living wage.

OCSI also features Alki Bakery's homemade quality products. Alki Bakery was featured in Evening Magazine's 10th Annual Best of Western Washington show and is a local favorite in West Seattle.

"The Alki family is just great to work with. They have a really quality product that is well respected and made locally," Wright said.

Another local product featured on OCSI routes is Ivar's Clam Chowder. With the original Ivar's Restaurant located just a few blocks north of Colman Dock in downtown Seattle, it makes sense that Ivar's products are a favorite of WSF passengers.

OCSI's commitment to the Northwest transcends its entire organization right down to the employees working on the boats. The company's logo features Oly the Orca hugging a ferry saying "We love our ferries." It's evident that this is more than just a company trademark.

Friendly, personable customer-service is a hallmark of OCSI's staff working on the vessels. Many of OCSI's employees have been working on the boats for a long time and have developed friendships with WSF passengers.

"When people come work for us we feel like they are part of the family because we (OCSI) are a small family business," Wright said. "We try to go out of our way to let the people on the front line know how much we appreciate them."

Those who travel on WSF routes are a community. A friendly smile and a quality snack help make traveling on a state ferry that much better. And knowing that the company providing food service on these runs is a member of the community that truly values the region is one more good reason to spend time aboard a Washington State Ferry.

Change is inevitable in life as well as in business. No matter how much things change, OCSI intends to stay focused on what really matters to it.

"When you get away from your morals and focus more on the bottom line instead of doing something good for the community, that's when you start going downhill," says Wright.

"WE ♥ OUR FERRIES"



OLYMPIC CASCADE SERVICES

OCSI offers food service on four WSF routes:

- Seattle/Bainbridge Island
- Seattle/Bremerton
- Edmonds/Kingston
- San Juan Islands

OCSI encourages feedback from its customers and would love to hear from you. Visit the company's website if you would like to give them your feedback: www.ferryfood.com. [↕](#)

Wave2Go Debut's Seattle Routes

Washington State Ferries new electronic fare collection system, Wave2Go, debuted on the Seattle/Bainbridge and Seattle/Bremerton routes at the end of March, just in time for the Seattle Mariners' season which got under way April 2 with a three-game home stand against the Oakland A's.

Whether you're coming to Seattle for an M's game, commuting to-and-from work or traveling aboard a state ferry for any reason, Wave2Go is the easiest and most convenient way to buy tickets.

Below is some information that will help you to get the most out of Wave2Go.

More Ways to Buy

Fares can be purchased at the ferry terminal tollbooth or kiosk, and online. Wave2Go internet purchase is safe. A customer's credit card number, name and address information is transmitted via a Secure Socket Layer (SSL) technology. WSF does not sell customer information or allow anyone to use the secure information for any reason.

PrintAtHome

Using our PrintAtHome feature, tickets can now be ordered over the internet and printed from any computer printer connected

to the internet. Being pre-ticketed means you don't have to wait in passenger tollbooth lines at the terminal. Your ticket is sent to your email address as an attachment. Open the attachment, print your ticket and bring it with you to be scanned at the tollbooth.

ReValue

Frequent users are encouraged to sign up for ReValue. By setting up an account online with your credit card, your Wave2Go card will automatically be replenished when you use your last ride. If it's a monthly ReValue pass it will replenish on the first day of the month.

Advanced Purchase for Single-Ride Tickets

Single-Ride tickets are available for pre-purchase up to seven days in advance with Wave2Go. So if you have already purchased tickets to the big game, simply purchase your Wave2Go card online, print it at home up to seven days in advance and you are on your way.

For more information on Wave2Go visit our website at www.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries. Or call Customer Service at 1-888-808-7977. [↕](#)

The Tugs Chug Along in Nation's Largest Race

They may not be as fast as the hydroplanes at Seafair, but the tugboats at the Seattle Maritime Festival put on an impressive display of power in their own way.

The 40 tugs expected to compete in the 2007 Seattle Maritime Festival's tugboat race make it the largest race of its kind in the country. The competition begins at 2 p.m. on May 12, with the first of three heats on the course from Pier 56 to Pier 86. Prior to the race, a parade of industry boats will be held along the waterfront starting at 12:30 p.m.

The festival, which is sponsored by the Port of Seattle, takes place May 10 - 12. Most of the events will be held at Waterfront Park and Pier 56/Bell Harbor Marina on the waterfront of downtown Seattle.

The tugboat races are only part of the fun at the Maritime Festival. The event also features a chowder cook-off that would make Ivar Haglund himself proud. World Invitational Survival Suit Races and a Quick and Dirty Boat Building Competition are also part of the festivities.

Washington State Ferries will also be there with an informational booth. Don't forget to stop by and say hello if you are at the festival. The majority of the public activities take place on Saturday, May 12 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For more information on the 2007 Seattle Maritime Festival visit the Port of Seattle website at www.portseattle.org. [↕](#)



Tugboat race at the 2006 Seattle Maritime Festival.

Velkommen til Poulsbo

“Little Norway on the Fjord.” Nestled along the shores of Liberty Bay deep in the heart of Puget Sound is a jewel of a community, founded in 1892 by Norwegian fishermen and loggers who called this area “Paul’s Place.” A community steeped in heritage, Poulsbo’s First Lutheran Church built by the early settlers still stands on the hill overlooking the bay. Come visit Poulsbo and enjoy the heritage, experience the natural wonders and partake in its world class dining and shopping. Whether it’s for the day or for awhile, Poulsbo has something for everyone’s itinerary.

Named for the two kings and queens of Norway and the early settlers, the downtown streets of Poulsbo make you feel as though you are actually in Norway.

In 1914 they almost lost the town when fire broke out and burned half of the downtown area, but the bucket brigade and the hand pumper finally prevailed. There was no need for the fire boat when it arrived from Seattle the next morning. It wasn’t until the 1950’s that Poulsbo had a fire department of its own.

As with many communities in the Puget Sound region, Poulsbo’s industry was based on logging and fishing. With the ebb and flow of those industries the town soon understood they needed revitalization and beautification programs. In 1959 the town took the initiative to enter a statewide beautification competition in preparation for Seattle’s World Fair in 1962. Poulsbo won second place at the competition and since then tourism has been an integral part of their economy. Today you will find friendly merchants throughout the shops in the community and a host of good places to eat ranging from sandwiches to gourmet. Sluy’s Bakery is world renowned for their Poulsbo Bread, and you will find an assortment of mouth watering Scandinavian pastries.

But that’s only part of the story. Just a short ferry ride from Seattle, visitors enjoy breathtaking scenery and an array of attractions at Little Norway on the Fjord. Nestled on a peninsula between the Olympic and Cascade mountain ranges, this authentic Norwegian community invites you to experience nature’s beauty in an idyllic setting. It is a place where mountains and water commingle to provide the scenic backdrop to your memorable visit while providing an abundance of outdoor activities for your pleasure.

Scandinavian hospitality, old world charm, friendly businesses and outdoor fun make Poulsbo a captivating place to plan your next trip. There’s always a reason to go Norwegian. This spring come discover what Velkommen is all about! 

Calendar of Events

April 7 ~ Rotary and Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt, Raab Park

An Easter tradition for the kids! Join the fun at Poulsbo’s Raab Park on Saturday at 9:45 a.m. for sign up and 10 a.m. for the Hunt!

April 7 ~ Sons of Norway Easter Egg Hunt, Poulsbo Waterfront Park

An Easter tradition for the kids! Join the fun at Poulsbo’s scenic Waterfront Park on Saturday at 3 p.m. For more information call (360) 779-5209.

April 14 – October 13 ~ Poulsbo Farmer’s Market, Corner of Iverson St. & 7th Ave.

Opens Saturday, April 14 and continues every Saturday morning through October 13, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information call (360) 779-6720.

May 4 – September 28 ~ Port Gamble Sunset Cinema on the Lawn

Friday nights at dusk on the back of the Puget Hotel Stables (Port Gamble Maintenance Building). The movie is free, so dress warm and bring your own blanket and/or chair. Concessions are available at the General Store and heaters will be provided on chilly evenings. For more information please e-mail or call us at portgamble@orminc.com; (360) 297-8074.

May 18 – 20 ~ Viking Fest

Annual Event celebrating Poulsbo’s Norwegian Heritage! A variety of Food, Entertainment, & Booths will be available each day. The exciting rides of the Carnival start Friday. See Viking Village which shows the way of life for the Vikings in 1500 A.D. The Viking Fest Parade will follow on Saturday with Fearless Viking Warriors! Beware!! Saturday, don’t miss the Scandinavian luncheon served at the Sons of Norway Hall, starting at 11 a.m. For more information call (360) 779-Fest, www.vikingfest.org.

May 19 ~ 24th Annual Viking Fest Road Run, North Kitsap Parks & Recreation

Starting Time: 9 a.m., Running Race: 5 Miles, 1 Mile, Kids Dashes! A Fun Time for All! For more information call (360) 779-9898 or (360) 779-4848.

May 25 – 28 Memorial Day Weekend, Friday through Monday ~ Viking Cup Soccer Tournament

The Regional Soccer Tournament with 22 fields, 250 teams and more than 3,600 players competing for The Viking Cup! For more information contact North Kitsap Soccer Club at (360) 779-4459.

May 26 and 27 ~ Poulsbo Lions Club Antiques Show & Sale

Poulsbo Armory, 19133 Jensen Way NE, Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sunday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Admission: \$3 per person, Net proceeds supports community projects. For more information call B.J. at (360) 779-6018.

June 1 – 3 ~ Medieval Faire, Port Gamble

10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Admission is by donation. Enjoy armored combat, swashbucklers, gypsy belly dancing, Celtic dancing, wandering minstrels, live period theater and story telling. There will be children’s games, medieval musical performances. Bring the kids to don a sword and pretend to be a knight. Enjoy feasting of all sorts. Additional entertainment on site and garb rental (first come/first serve) for all ages. For more information go to www.medievalfaire.org.

June 7 – 9 ~ Trawlerfest, Historic Downtown Poulsbo

A unique rendezvous for people who cruise and live aboard power boats. Come see this special way of life for the Pacific Northwest and be a part of this unique gathering of boats! Please log onto www.trawlerfest.com or call PassageMaker Magazine’s office at 1-888-487-2953.

June 8 – 10 ~ Port Gamble Country Carnival

We are having a large carnival, live music and two days of FIREWORKS on the water. Friday night we will launch a 16’ shell from the barge. Each day the fireworks will start at 8 p.m. with day time effects and go into the night for a grand finale at 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday we will also have a classic car show with a “Bike and Rod Canal Run” on Saturday. We expect to have more than 100 classic cars each day for the event.

June 23 ~ St. Hans (Midsummer Fest), Waterfront Park Poulsbo

6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Join in a Scandinavian tradition of celebrating the Summer Solstice. Folk dance exhibitions, kindergarten through high school. Games for children, Burlap Sack races, Tug of War, Egg Carry, Balance Beam, Hot Dogs and Fish Toss. 8 p.m. Viking Parade, Lighting the Bon Fire and Midsummer proclamation by Sons of Norway Vikings. This is a community event, so invite your friends, relatives, and neighbors and come on down.



Statue of King Olaf Tryggvason of Norway at the Liberty Bay Waterfront in Poulsbo, Washington.

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WSF Through the Years



The ferry Issaquah was built in 1914 by Anderson Steamboat Company. The Issaquah operated on Lake Washington on the Leschi/Mercer Island/Newport route. Carrying 40 cars and 600 passengers, the Issaquah was one of the first ferries designed and constructed to carry passengers and vehicles in the Pacific Northwest. This version of the Issaquah never served as a part of WSF’s fleet of vessels.



The modern day M/V Issaquah is in a class all its own. It was the first vessel launched of the Issaquah 130 Class. Other vessels in this class include: M/V Cathlamet, M/V Chelan, M/V Kitsap and M/V Kittitas. Constructed in 1979 and re-built in 1989, the M/V Issaquah is 328 feet in length and carries up to 1,200 passengers, 124 vehicles and a maximum of 26 commercial vehicles.



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