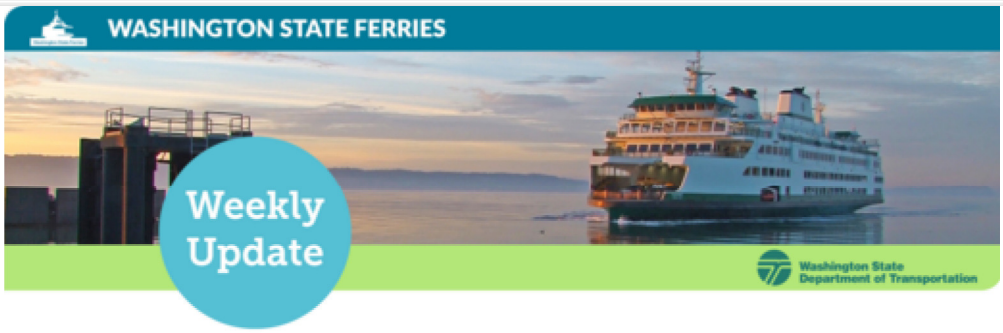

Fairs, festivals, and ferries this weekend

This will be a busy weekend for several of our ferry-served communities. There are lots of opportunities to combine a ferry ride with a local fair or festival. Please plan ahead for heavy ferry traffic and check out our blog for more information on this weekend's events. Enjoy!

Life ring awards

I would like to congratulate First Mate Joel Michelson, Ordinary Seaman Brad Sloman, and Able-bodied Seman Ron Pence on their life saving achievements. Last week Port Captain Bill Michael presented life ring awards to Joel and Brad for their success in reviving an unresponsive passenger at the Kingston dock in March. This is Joel's fifth life ring award.

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Extra sailings for Mariners game

Tonight, Friday, July 15, we'll run an extra sailing to accommodate passengers after the 7:10 p.m. Mariners game versus the Astros. The added round trip sailing will leave Bremerton at 10:15 p.m. and Seattle at 11:30 p.m. Go M's!

Cellists serenade passengers

On Sunday, July 10, members of Seattle's Philharmonic Orchestra Cello Choir played for passengers on the 12:20 pm Seattle to Bainbridge sailing and on the 1:10 p.m. return sailing to Seattle. I'm glad it was a beautiful day for the cellists to share their melodies with a group of lucky riders!

On Wednesday of this week, Port Captain Bill Michael had the honor of presenting Ron with a life ring award as well. Ron took action over the Fourth of July weekend and rescued two men from a capsized canoe. Ron's story was also covered by KOMO News this week.

So far this year, our highly-trained crews have assisted in 16 life saving events. Thank you for your service, Joel, Brad, and Ron!

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