

SAVE A SPOT: WSF'S VEHICLE RESERVATION SYSTEM

Reservation Space Availability – San Juan Islands Routes

How much of the vessel does WSF make available for reservations?

Up to 90% of the space on vessels westbound from Anacortes and eastbound from Friday Harbor and Orcas Island are available for reservations. No reservations from Shaw and only tall vehicles departing from Lopez are allowed. There are no reservations for interisland travel.

When will reservation space be made available?

To meet the needs of all customer types (residents, tourists, and commercial vehicles) on the San Juan Islands routes, WSF releases the reservation space in multiple tiers. This provides equal access to reservation space for customers who plan far in advance and those who make travel plans closer to the sailing date.

WSF has worked with the San Juan Island Partnership to identify three releases of reservation space for the initial deployment of the vehicle reservations system on the San Juan Islands routes:

Release	When Available	% Regular Height Space Available	% Tall Height Space Available
1	1-2 months before the season begins for all sailings for that season.	30%	90%
2	2 weeks prior to sailing*	30%	-
3	2 days prior to sailing*	30%	-

*Reservation space is released at 7:00 a.m. For example, spaces on a 5:00 p.m. sailing on Wednesday are released at 7:00 a.m. on Monday.

Why is WSF only making 90% of the vessel available for reservations?

The remainder is set aside for emergency vehicles, customers with medical preference as defined in WAC 468-300-700 and standby customers.

Will WSF modify the release plan of reservation space?

WSF will monitor when reservations are being made to ensure the program is meeting customers' needs. The release of space may be modified based on actual reservation data.

What if there are no reservations available on the sailing that I want?

Reservation space is released in tiers; therefore, more space may become available for that sailing at a later date. You may also want to check '[Best Travel Times](#)' for this route.

Why is WSF making 90% of the tall height space available for reservations up front?

Commercial traffic serves as a lifeline for the San Juan Islands. Commercial customers currently reserve up to 90% of the tall space on some sailings and have requested to maintain this practice. Allowing them to make reservations as early as possible keeps business operations predictable.

Example of reservation space availability based on summer 2014 schedule:

Below are some sailings both eastbound and westbound in the San Juan Islands. Reservation spaces are based on an average 18-foot equivalent vehicle.

Anacortes

Time	Destination	Vessel	Allotment		1st Release (Schedule Avail)		2nd Release (2 Weeks)		3rd Release (2 Days)		Preferential Load (@ Terminal)	
			Regular	Tall	Regular	Tall	Regular	Tall	Regular	Tall	Regular	Tall
					30%	90%	30%	0%	30%	0%	10%	10%
12:35	L, O	Hyak	107	32	32	29	32	0	32	0	10	3
2:00	FH	Yakima	107	32	32	29	32	0	32	0	10	3
3:50	S, O	Hyak	107	32	32	29	32	0	32	0	10	3
4:45	FH	Elwha	107	32	32	29	32	0	32	0	10	3
5:10	L	Yakima	107	32	32	29	32	0	32	0	10	3
6:45	L	Hyak	107	32	32	29	32	0	32	0	10	3
7:20	S, O	Yakima	107	32	32	29	32	0	32	0	10	3
8:20	FH	Elwha	107	32	32	29	32	0	32	0	10	3

Friday Harbor

Time	Destination	Vessel	Allotment		1st Release (Schedule Avail)		2nd Release (2 Weeks)		3rd Release (2 Days)		Preferential Load (@ Terminal)	
			Regular	Tall	Regular	Tall	Regular	Tall	Regular	Tall	Regular	Tall
					30%	90%	30%	0%	30%	0%	10%	10%
1:50	F-L-A	Elwha	74	22	22	20	22	0	22	0	7	2
2:15	F-L-A	E/S	38	20	11	18	11	0	11	0	4	2
3:45	F-A	Yakima	107	32	32	29	32	0	32	0	11	3
6:30	F-A	Elwha	107	32	32	29	32	0	32	0	11	3

Orcas

Time	Destination	Vessel	Allotment		1st Release (Schedule Avail)		2nd Release (2 Weeks)		3rd Release (2 Days)		Preferential Load (@ Terminal)	
			Regular	Tall	Regular	Tall	Regular	Tall	Regular	Tall	Regular	Tall
					30%	90%	35%	0%	30%	0%	10%	10%
12:05	O-S-A	Yakima	101	29	30	26	30	0	30	0	10	3
2:20	O-A	Hyak	107	32	32	29	32	0	32	0	11	3
5:20	O-S-A	Hyak	101	29	30	26	30	0	30	0	10	3
8:45	S-O-A	Yakima	103	28	31	25	31	0	31	0	10	3

*Above are examples based on the initial reservation space release plan.