New Fauntleroy/Vashon/Southworth schedule starts Sunday

Starting this Sunday, March 31, there will be a new schedule on our “Triangle” route for the first time in 15 years. After an extensive two-year public process, we developed the new sailing schedule to accommodate a third 124-car Issaquah Class vessel that will now be regularly assigned to the route.

To prepare customers for the change, our staff talked to thousands of people this week at the Fauntleroy terminal and on ferries traveling between our Fauntleroy, Vashon and Southworth terminals during peak commute times. Please have patience, especially for the first few weeks, while everyone, customers and our staff, get used to the new sailing times and procedures.

March 28, 2019

Spring sailing schedule begins Sunday

Don’t forget to pick up a copy of our green Spring 2019 Sailing Schedule! The schedule starts Sunday, March 31, and runs through June 22.

The cover features a photo of Chelan taken by #FerryFotoContest finalist Michael Conte.

Here’s what’s new in spring:

Anacortes/San Juan Islands: Changes to a daily
Our staff talked to thousands of customers at Fauntleroy terminal and on “Triangle” route vessels this week in preparation for the schedule change on Sunday, March 31.

What was that ferry doing there?

If you travelled on the West Seattle Bridge last week, it was hard not to notice one of our ferries in an unexpected location: Port of Seattle’s Terminal 5, just north of the bridge. Passenger ferry Puyallup was docked there for steel and electrical work being done by Foss Maritime Pacific Northwest shipyard, which is part of a group leasing the space from the Port. The lease allows Foss to bid on this type of ferry work since there’s no room at their facility for a vessel the size of Puyallup. This is exciting because it gives us more options for maintenance and repair of the fleet!

schedule with added service, similar to fall.

Anacortes/Sidney, B.C.: Service resumes with one daily round trip via Friday Harbor.

Fauntleroy/Vashon/ Southworth: New sailing schedule (see left).


The start of the new sailing season also means new galley hours for some of our routes. To check each route’s galley hours, visit their respective terminal pages.

WSDOT Environmental Director’s Award

Director of the WSDOT Environmental Services Office Megan White presented the WSDOT Environmental Director’s Award to Capt. Noah Landau and Hyak Chief Engineer Dave Knutsen. Congratulations to our vessel masters and chief engineers for their “extraordinary efforts to reduce fuel use and noise” in support of the governor’s executive orders to increase state efficiency and environmental performance, along with orca protection.
Puyallup docked at Port of Seattle's Terminal 5 in West Seattle for maintenance work being done by Foss, as seen from Harbor Island.

Congratulations to our #WSFHaiku contest winner!

The cover of our Summer 2019 Sailing Schedule will feature a haiku written by Siri Lindstrum. Out of nearly 200 entries in our #WSFHaiku Twitter contest, Siri’s poem received the most “likes” of the three finalists on our @wsferries page. Here’s the winning entry:

Warm pink rays of light
Reflects on shimmering sea
We watch the sun rise

Siri is a student at Friday Harbor High School, where last year’s winner Lisa Salisbury is a librarian. Lisa says she and the school’s English teachers promoted the haiku contest and used it as an educational opportunity. She added that Siri loves poetry and created a poetry website for a school project in January.

Thank you to everyone who submitted a haiku, as well as everyone who connected with us on Twitter for this contest. We also need to give a shout out to Washington State Poet Laureate Claudia Castro Luna for selecting our finalists. And of course, congratulations Siri!

Amy Scarton
Assistant Secretary, WSDOT/Ferries Division

Operations Director Greg Faust, Vessel Engineering Director Matt von Ruden and Environmental Program Manager Kevin Bartoy with award winners and WSDOT Director of Environmental Services Megan White.

Weekday Hood Canal Bridge closures continue through April 5

Another reminder for our customers who cross the SR 104 Hood Canal Bridge: An in-depth inspection of the bridge will require multiple drawspan openings that will close the bridge to vehicular traffic between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday through April 5.

There will be weekday drawspan openings of the Hood Canal Bridge through April 5.

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