Update on new “Triangle” route schedule

It’s been a big week and a half for our Fauntleroy, Vashon and Southworth customers and employees! Implementing a new schedule on the complex “Triangle” route is no small task. But we’ve seen a lot of positive progress so far. I’d like to thank our terminal and vessel crews for all your hard work preparing and training for this significant operational change.

At our Fauntleroy terminal this afternoon with Terminal Supervisor Jennie Rickey, and Terminal Attendants Eugene Parmer, Jean Hegge and Suzanne Steyh.

Even with a larger Olympic-class ferry (144 vehicles) temporarily on the route in place of a third Issaquah-class vessel (124 vehicles), we’ve been filling the boats leaving Fauntleroy in the afternoon, which was one of the key goals of this schedule change. The larger Chimacum is scheduled to remain on the route for another two weeks.

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New Mukilteo terminal now visible on waterfront

The new Mukilteo Multimodal Ferry Terminal building is starting to take shape! The first walls of the structure are up, marking a major milestone in our efforts to replace our 62-year-old seismically vulnerable existing terminal. Construction activity will be ramping up in the weeks ahead as trucks haul in material for the future holding lanes. In order to minimize congestion, the trucks will access the site using a special route set up just for them and are not allowed in the area during the afternoon and evening commute. When they are on site, flaggers will direct traffic, and truck movement will be coordinated so it does not interfere with ferry loading and unloading. The new terminal is scheduled to open in fall 2020.
One of the key goals of the new schedule was to fill the vessels departing Fauntleroy in the afternoon and evening with more vehicles.

I ask for your patience with us as we monitor the ins and outs of this new schedule and work to optimize everything from new loading procedures to coordination with our transit partners, ahead of the busy summer season.

**WSF at WSDOT Worker Memorial**

WSDOT held its annual Worker Memorial in Olympia yesterday to honor workers killed or injured on the job. Many WSF employees played key roles at the event.

Marine Operations Watch Supervisor Michael Boldt, Relief Capt. Eric Hairston, On-Call Mate Vanessa Jones-Webster, Boatswain Wayne Marshall, Dispatcher Nigel Neaves and Capt. Scott Schrader represented the Ferries Division in the WSDOT Honor Guard. They were among 60 WSDOT employees (one for each worker killed on the job since 1950) that lined up in two rows to honor the family of the fallen workers as they entered.

**Upcoming meetings in ferry communities**

Just a reminder, we’re co-hosting a series of public meetings with our local Ferry Advisory Committees in many of the communities we serve. Between April 29 and May 30, our staff will be on hand at nine meetings to provide the public with the latest about the ferry system and hear your thoughts. Topics include proposed changes to fares, implementation of the 2040 Long Range Plan and local projects specific to each route. Each meeting will include a brief presentation and an opportunity to ask questions and share comments.

**City of Bainbridge Island road work**

Heads up Bainbridge customers! As soon as next week, a city of Bainbridge Island safety improvement project will affect the way you access our terminal – whether you walk or drive. Starting Monday, April 15, plan for possible lane or sidewalk closures on State Route 305/Olympic Drive Southeast between the...
Six WSF employees were among 60 WSDOT workers to form a WSDOT Honor Guard on the steps of the WSDOT building for guests to walk through into the ceremony.

During the ceremony, Chief Mate Alex Johnson and Ordinary Seaman Amy Oliver shared their experience about the dangers they face on the job and the importance of not driving distracted while loading or offloading a ferry. Thank you to all of you for representing us well!

Ordinary Seaman Amy Oliver speaks about an injury she suffered 18 months ago while working aboard a ferry as Chief Mate Alex Johnson looks on.

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