Happy Birthday Washington State Ferries!
WSF celebrated its 65th birthday on Wednesday, June 1! In 1951, the state purchased the system from the Black Ball Line and began operating ferry service on Puget Sound. Back then, WSF was operated by the Toll Bridge Authority under the Director of Highways. Happy birthday to us! Learn more about our history on [HistoryLink.org](http://HistoryLink.org).

Fauntleroy/Vashon/Southworth route update
We expect continued delays on the Fauntleroy/Vashon/Southworth route through the end of June, due to ongoing construction at Vashon and changes to

June 3, 2016
Memorial Day weekend roundup
I hope you all had a safe and fun-filled holiday weekend! The ferry system was certainly busy with holiday travelers. Over the weekend (Thursday through Tuesday) we carried 448,000 customers, 3 percent more than last year. Our busiest route, Seattle/Bainbridge, carried over 115,000 people. More than 18,000 vehicles traveled with a reservation to the San Juan Islands, Sidney, BC, and Port Townsend/Coupeville.

Crew kudos
This email highlights
the ticketing and vehicle processing procedures at the Fauntleroy terminal. We are continuing to evaluate and adjust operations to make things work as smoothly as possible. I appreciate all the patience and flexibility our customers have shown through these changes. Please pay extra attention to directions from terminal attendants when traveling through Fauntleroy and Vashon as we all get used to these new procedures.

Lynne Griffith
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how our crew members are the eyes and ears of Puget Sound and are often called upon to help out in an emergency.

On May 7, 2016 ..., my San Juan 28 sailboat began to take on water and I was forced to transmit a mayday.

The happy ending is me and my crew mate were successfully rescued due in large part to the actions of [Captain Paul Bellesen and the rest of Port Townsend "B" watch]. He...diverted from the Eastbound route out of Port Townsend to give Vessel Assist a better idea of where we were at.

I owe a debt of gratitude to this Operator and would like to thank him.

- Captain of the S/V Cairdeas

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