A salute to all our veterans

Many of our employees and customers are former military personnel, so Veterans Day has a special meaning for us here at WSF. At 11:11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 11, we will observe two minutes of silence to recognize the bravery and sacrifice of the men and women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Following the moment of silence, all operating ferries will sound their whistles in a salute to veterans.

With workforce development as one of our three goals, we work to support our employees in a variety of ways. You'll find veterans working in the fleet, at our maintenance facility and in our administrative offices. Our unique salute on Monday is a way for us to express our thanks and support for all the veterans in our workforce.

Many of our routes connect military facilities and communities throughout Puget Sound. It's a pleasure to provide safe and reliable transportation to those who have served our county - and to acknowledge our veterans on this important day.

November 7, 2019

SR 99 Tunnel tolling begins Saturday, Nov. 9

Starting Saturday, Nov. 9 tolling goes into effect for drivers who use the State Route 99 tunnel. Those signed up with a Good to Go! pass will pay the lowest toll rate ranging from $1 to $2.25, depending on time of day. Drivers navigating their way through the streets of downtown Seattle may experience heavier than normal traffic as WSDOT anticipates a decline in drivers using the tunnel. Colman Dock is just a half mile north of the tunnel's south portal, so be sure to add extra travel time to get to or from the terminal.

Reminder: No Sidney, B.C. service starting Tuesday, Nov. 12

The only two vessels in our fleet certified to sail in international waters, Elwha and Chelan, will be out of service for required maintenance starting Tuesday, Nov. 12. This has left us with no option but to suspend service to Sidney,
All operating vessels will fly the POW/MIA flag on Monday, Nov. 11, in honor of Veterans Day.

MLS Cup arrives in Seattle aboard Wenatchee

Congratulations to the Sounders for advancing to the Major League Soccer Cup final! With Seattle hosting this world-renowned event on Sunday, Nov. 10, the MLS Cup arrived in Seattle Tuesday aboard Wenatchee, and was escorted off the vessel by two of our crew members. In support of the team's big match, we'll be flying the Sounders flag on all our ferries that serve Colman Dock tomorrow, Nov. 8, through Sunday, Nov. 10. Scarves up!

The MLS Cup will go to the winner of Sunday’s championship match between the Sounders and Toronto.

British Columbia through Dec. 8. During this period, we will maintain four-boat service on our Anacortes/San Juan Islands route as our service relief vessel Sealth is brought in to serve as the #3 vessel and Samish becomes the #1 vessel to replace Chelan.

Due to the cancellation of international service, we will add the following domestic sailings:

- 9:55 a.m. Friday Harbor to Lopez Island and Anacortes
- 10:40 a.m. Lopez Island to Anacortes
- 11:55 a.m. Anacortes to Lopez Island and Friday Harbor
- 12:45 p.m. Lopez Island to Friday Harbor

We are doing maintenance work when our Sidney, B.C. ridership is at its lowest, allowing us to resume service before ridership increases approaching the holidays.

I understand that the cancellation of our Sidney, B.C. run is frustrating, but we hope that adding a Lopez Island and Friday Harbor trip will help to prevent overloads from occurring and allow for additional passengers to travel. Thank you in advance for your understanding and for your patience during this time.
Wenatchee crew members Kristi Durham and Aaron Fenwick carry the MLS Cup off the ferry and into Colman Dock in Seattle.

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