



Washington State Ferries Memorial Information

Washington State Ferries (WSF) books nearly 200 memorials a year. The following is a list of our policies for having a Memorial Event on a ferry. While we would love to accommodate all requests, please understand WFS is a transportation agency and our policies allows for minimal disruptions to our regular service:

1. A Memorial Event must be scheduled a minimum of 5 business days before the event is to happen. It is recommended when having an event during the summer months, you give as much notice as possible when calling to schedule, and you have a couple of dates in mind, in case your first date is not available. **Please phone 206-264-3556 to schedule.**
2. WFS require a biodegradable container (often termed a “journey urn”) to be used for the release of your loved one. The whole urn will be released into the water.
3. Memorials are allowed only on the following routes:

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| ~ Seattle/Bremerton | ~ Seattle/Bainbridge |
| ~ Edmonds/Kingston | ~ Mukilteo/Clinton |
| ~ Anacortes/Friday Harbor | ~ Port Townsend/Coupeville – Summer only |

No other route is allowed for these events.

4. WFS allows for the event to happen on limited sailings.
 - o On weekdays, the event needs to happen between the hours of 10 am and 1 pm. During the summer months, Fridays will be the exception to this rule: Memorials will only occur during the hours of 10 to 12.
 - o On weekends, the event needs to happen from the first sailing through 10 am.
5. WFS will not schedule memorials around specific holidays or holiday weekends or certain days when our boats tend to be busier. List of Holidays and dates we do not allow for memorials to happen on:

~ New Year’s Eve and day	~ July 4 th
~ Easter Sunday	~ Labor Day Weekend
~ Mother’s Day	~ Thanksgiving weekend (Wed before to Tues after)
~ Memorial Day Weekend	~ Christmas Eve and Day
6. The vessel will slow to allow the release of a biodegradable urn and for a floral tribute to be strewn onto the water. At the Master’s discretion, the horn may be sounded.
7. WFS will schedule no more than one memorial per day on any given route.



8. WSF requires memorial activities take no longer than five minutes to minimize disruptions to regular service.
9. A scheduled memorial may not occur if a Captain determines it is not safe or there are unforeseen operational issues. In the event of substantial service delays, a memorial may be moved to another vessel operating on the same route