



New mates complete Whales in our Waters course

With [workforce development](#) one of our top priorities, I'd like to start this week by showcasing the great work of our training and development department. The team is currently leading this year's new mates through courses and exercises to prepare them to be licensed deck officers on our vessels.



This year's new mates use state-of-the-art radar training equipment at our Seattle office headquarters.

For the second year now as part of this training, we require each mate to complete the [Whales in our Waters](#) online course. In addition to their own talent development, this course is one of the many examples of our efforts to protect orcas by complying with the recently passed [Senate Bill 5577](#), and the governor's [Executive Order 18-02](#).

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Two sailings canceled on Mukilteo/Clinton route this evening, Feb. 6

Heads up if you're planning a trip on our Mukilteo/Clinton route this evening! The 8 p.m. Clinton departure and 8:35 p.m. sailing out of Mukilteo will be canceled for in-water maintenance work at our Mukilteo terminal that must occur around the 8:09 p.m. low tide.



During the canceled sailings, crews will inspect some of the in-water terminal components at Mukilteo.

Weekday street closure near Seattle terminal

If you've got weekday plans to drive onto a ferry at our Seattle terminal, heads up! South Jackson Street between Alaskan Way



This year's new mates posing with their certificates for the Whales in our Waters course, which was developed by BC Ferries, Vancouver Fraser Port Authority and Ocean Wise.

Declare your love aboard a ferry on Valentine's Day

Want to renew your vows or get married on our ferry this Valentine's Day? This opportunity is open to all interested couples who can join us on the 4:45 p.m. Bainbridge to Seattle sailing on Friday, Feb. 14. An officiant will be on board to guide the couples through their vows as the ferry sails into Elliott Bay. If you and that special someone would like to participate, find us on [Facebook](#) and send us a direct message or email us at wsfcomms@wsdot.wa.gov. If you're considering having your [special occasion](#) aboard our ferries in the future, view our policies on our website.



South and 1st Avenue South will be closed from 7 a.m. through 3 p.m. Monday through Friday. This [closure](#) began on Feb. 3 and will continue for about two weeks.



The weekday closure of South Jackson Street is for private utility work related to the construction of a building.

New light fixtures at pickup and drop-off area near Clinton terminal

After receiving feedback from our Clinton terminal neighbors, we recently installed luminaire shields on the lights at our [new pickup and drop-off area](#). We replaced the fixtures to reduce the amount of light shining into the properties on the hill above Ferry Dock Road.

With breathtaking views and possible sightings of wildlife our ferries provide a unique and romantic setting for that special moment.

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The new luminaire shields at our pickup and drop-off area near our Clinton terminal reduces light pollution nearby residents.



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