



Response to coronavirus

We know this is a concerning time and we thank our customers and employees for their cooperation as we continue our efforts to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. A big shout out to our employees for ensuring the safety of all on the water, at our terminals and offices every day. Most importantly, we extend our thoughts and sympathies to those directly impacted by this virus.

As the third largest transit provider in the State of Washington and with safety as our number one priority, we are taking steps to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus (coronavirus) and keep our facilities as safe as possible for our customers and employees. The [CDC](#) urges people to practice good personal hygiene, especially washing your hands often and covering coughs and sneezes. We are working very closely with state and local agencies to make sure that we have the latest information and expert guidance on how to minimize coronavirus exposure. Consider signing up for our [travel alerts](#) to get the latest information for your route and checking our [website](#) and social media channels for real time updates.

Women's History Month

In honor of Women's History Month we are featuring women who are important to the inner workings of our agency throughout the month of March on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Workforce development is one of our top priorities and this is a great way to share the stories of our incredible employees that work on the water and on shore. We hope they inspire young mariners out there to set sail for a career with us!

March 5, 2020

Awards for years of service

Congratulations to all of our employees who recently marked significant milestones in their years of service at WSF. This week, I'm featuring some of those who received service awards of ten through 15 years over the past month:



15 years: (left to right) Sheet Metal Lead Brian Ford, Pipefitter Brendan Quantrille, Pipefitter Foreperson Jason Mattos, Pipefitter Dung Van Nguyen and Eagle Harbor Planner Catherine Anderson





Earlier this week, we featured Puyallup's engine room oiler Olivia Walker. She assists in maintaining the ship's machinery below deck. Read more of her story and others by finding us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

Haiku contest submission period next week

Get ready to tweet your haiku to us next week for our third annual haiku contest! We're looking for a traditional haiku about the Washington State Ferries experience to be on the cover of our Summer 2020 Sailing Schedule.



All you have to do is follow [@wsferries](#), then post your poem on Twitter between noon Monday, March 9, and noon Friday, March 13. Be sure to include the hashtag [#WSFHaiku](#). Read our [blog](#) for more information on rules and requirements.

15 years: Vessel Project Engineer Dan Gleaves (right)



15 years: Transportation Engineer Ronda Hiller (left)



15 years: Marine Mechanical Engineer Willem Van Doorn (right)



10 years: Chief Naval Architect Cotty Fay (left)



10 years: Vessel Project Engineer Roger Kissinger (right)



Both our 2018 and 2019 contest winners have ties to Friday Harbor High School: Lisa Salisbury (left) is a librarian there, Siri Lindstrum (right) was Lisa's student.

Daylight saving time and our sailing schedules

Mark your calendar! Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. Sunday, March 8. Here at WSF, the full sailing day of Saturday, March 7, starts and ends on Pacific Standard Time. Routes with trips at or after 2 a.m. will complete their normal Saturday sailing schedule before changing to daylight saving time.

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