



Memorial Day weekend travel

We typically welcome about half a million riders over the long Memorial Day weekend, but nothing's typical right now. As we are still under the governor's "[Stay Home, Stay Healthy](#)" emergency order, I continue to encourage everyone to ride our ferries for essential purposes only. We want to leave enough room on our vessels for frontline workers to safely remain at least 6 feet apart. To maintain these physical-distancing standards, if necessary, we will enforce reduced occupancy on sailings for walk-on passengers. We have already reduced the occupancy for our terminal buildings.



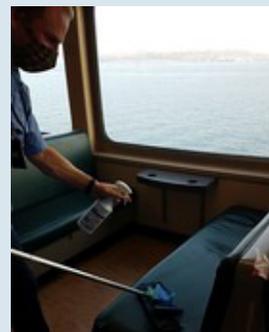
If you must travel on our ferries now, all riders are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings for the health and safety of themselves and our employees.

As a reminder, we will remain on our [winter schedules](#) through June 20 with [reduced service](#) on several central

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National Maritime Day

Tomorrow is [National Maritime Day](#) and the event carries extra significance for me this year as many of our WSF mariners are also frontline workers. I thank all of our WSF mariners for their dedication to safely moving people across the Salish Sea every day. Not only will you find them out on the water, but also among our land-based teams, such as our Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility and in our administrative offices.



Our vessel crews consist of skilled mariners who are trained in many aspects of maritime safety, including first aid and firefighting.

Puget Sound routes. We don't yet know what our summer schedules will look like, but we're currently working on it with our labor partners, and service levels will be dependent on crew availability, vessel availability, ridership and budget.



We highly recommend that riders coming aboard in a vehicle remain in the vehicle to leave space in the passenger cabin for walk-on riders to safely physically distance.

Customers can sign up for [email rider alerts](#), check [WSF COVID-19 travel updates](#) and follow WSF on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for notification of resumption of regular service and other rider information.

Service award presentation with COVID-19 precautions

We presented a rare 45-year service award earlier this month when our Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility reopened. Wearing masks, Vessel Engineering and Maintenance Director Matt Von Ruden and Eagle Harbor management honored Rick Orr of the facility's shore gang shop with a certificate and a ship's wheel to mark this amazing milestone. Congratulations and thank you, Rick, for your service and dedication over the years!

I'm very proud to be a part of a team that keeps the region's maritime tradition alive and strong!

Second holding lane to open on SR 104 in Edmonds

The Edmonds terminal overflow holding lane on State Route 104 prior to the toll booths will open tomorrow, May 22, as a permanent second lane for ferry traffic. WSDOT maintenance crews reconfigured the area between Pine and Dayton streets recently to help reduce congestion and backups leading to the terminal. A traffic island will be added to separate the holding lanes and the general purpose lane in the coming months.



The old overflow holding lane (right) on SR 104 near our Edmonds terminal will now be a second permanent holding lane.

Glass panels at new Mukilteo terminal feature tribal motifs

Colorful elevator shaft windows went up this week at our [new Mukilteo terminal](#). The tribal art will welcome all who arrive by water. The special glass panels were designed by



From left, Shore Gang Foreman Joe Wettleson, Rick Orr, Matt Von Ruden, Eagle Harbor General Manager RJ Kelly and Vessel Project Engineer Tim Clancy.

Amy Scarton

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Tulalip Tribes master carver
James Madison.



These elevator shaft windows are one of several tribal cultural pieces that will decorate the new Mukilteo terminal.



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