



### Current sailing schedules to continue after June 20

Earlier this year, we adjusted our schedules in response to a drastic, system-wide drop in demand due to the COVID-19 pandemic. At the time, we decided to keep these service changes in place through June 20. Now that we're in June, I want you to know that our plan is to stay the course, but with an option now for phased service changes. Any changes to our current [COVID Response Service Plan](#) on any route will be based on our four pillars of service – ridership, crew availability, vessel availability and funding.



*More than 150 of our terminal or vessel employees are unavailable due to the pandemic. Recent system-wide ridership is down 60% compared to this time last year.*

Vehicle reservations for June 21 through September 26 on the Anacortes/San Juan Islands and Port Townsend/Coupeville routes will be [available online](#) in the next week. Customers can sign up for [email alerts](#), check WSF's

### June 4, 2020

#### 69 years of safe and efficient service

This week in 1951, we began operations through some of the most majestic scenery in the world after taking control from the Puget Sound Navigation Company. We've been proud to serve as an extension of our state highway system for the past 69 years!



Seattle-Post Intelligencer article on June 1, 1951, the

[COVID-19 travel updates](#) and follow WSF on social media for notification on the exact date and time reservations will be released, along with any future changes in service.

## Orca Month

June is [Orca Month](#) in Washington and we are proud of our continued partnership with the [Orca Network](#) to help protect and spread awareness of these magnificent mammals. Some of our efforts at WSF include quieting our vessels with our [slow down program](#), having volunteer naturalists aboard our sailings and our participation in the governor's [Southern Resident Orca Task Force](#). You can help as well, by reporting whale sightings to our partners at Orca Network.



*Vessel noise reduction is a key criteria for any new ferry construction. We recently completed an underwater noise study.*

### Amy Scarton

Assistant Secretary, WSDOT/Ferries Division

*day we began operations on Puget Sound. Source: [HistoryLink.org](#)*

### Vehicle restrictions on Mukilteo/Clinton route due to extreme tides

Many of you have heard about the occasional [tidal cancellations on our Port Townsend/Coupeville route](#) or are familiar with the monthly [vehicle restrictions on our Vashon Island routes](#). But did you know that on rare occasions, extreme low tides cause us to have steep vehicle loading ramps on our Mukilteo/Clinton route as well? Be sure to check [this webpage](#) for dates and times when longer vehicles, those with low ground clearance or long rear overhangs may be restricted.



*Drivers of some vehicles should avoid our Mukilteo and Clinton terminals during periods of extreme low tides this weekend.*



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