



## Two-boat Seattle/Bainbridge service returns Aug. 30

Starting Sunday, Aug. 30, we will restore daily two-boat service on our Seattle/Bainbridge route. The run has been operating without one of its normal two vessels since March 29 due to the pandemic. Schedule changes are currently dictated by ridership, crew availability, vessel availability and funding as outlined in our [COVID Response Service Plan](#). We are now incrementally restoring service as outlined in the plan, with a focus on demand and the availability of U.S. Coast Guard licensed crew. Our Edmonds/Kingston and Mukilteo/Clinton routes returned to [two-boat weekend service](#) on Aug. 22. I want to thank everyone for their patience as we continue to navigate through rough waters during the pandemic.



*Unless in a vehicle, everyone is required to wear a face covering throughout our ferries, including outdoor decks. Masks are available for customers who need them.*

## Walk-ons now have option for contactless transactions across system

All our terminals are now equipped with new turnstiles that can scan tickets on mobile devices. That means walk-on

## August 27, 2020

### Late-night Southworth sailings canceled

Attention night owls who ride a ferry in or out of our Southworth terminal! The following sailings will be canceled tonight, Aug. 27, for maintenance work:

- 11:45 p.m. Fauntleroy to Southworth
- 12:30 a.m. Southworth to Fauntleroy
- 1 a.m. Fauntleroy to Southworth

Service will continue between Fauntleroy and Vashon as scheduled. The 1:45 a.m. Southworth to Fauntleroy sailing has not been operating since March 29 due to the pandemic.

customers across our system can now ride our ferries without any in-person transactions. To better protect our customers and employees against the spread of COVID-19, I encourage everyone to [buy tickets online](#) or at a self-serve kiosk. Both options are now allowing the purchase of youth, senior and disabled fares, all of which in the past required in-person proof of eligibility. For those driving on, each tollbooth has handheld scanners that can scan items from a distance, along with sneeze guards and credit card readers attached to selfie sticks.

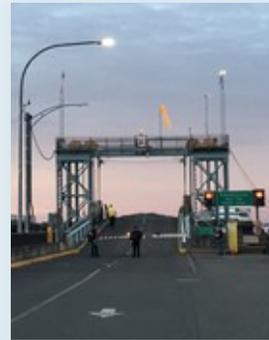


*New turnstiles that scan mobile devices allow our walk-on customers to now go completely contactless if tickets are purchased online or at a self-serve kiosk.*

If you have to catch a ferry right now, I suggest reviewing our [current schedules](#), signing up for [email alerts](#), checking [terminal conditions](#) and reading our [COVID-19 travel updates](#) before coming aboard.

#### **Fall vehicle reservations release postponed to Sept. 10**

Today's initial advance release of [vehicle reservations](#) for our fall season has been postponed due to an unplanned technical problem with the system. Reservations for Sept. 27 through Jan. 2, 2021, will now be available starting at 7 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 10.



*Our Southworth terminal will close early tonight, Aug. 27, for maintenance work, prompting the cancellation of three sailings.*

#### **45-year service awards**

This month, we presented rare 45-year service awards to Captain Bill Torsen and Captain Marsha Morse. Both are masters on our Fautleroy/Vashon/Southworth route and among our most senior captains in the fleet. To mark the amazing milestone, Marsha and Bill received a ship's wheel and certificate. Congratulations Bill and Marsha and thank you for your service and dedication over the years!



*As a reminder, reservations are available only for our Anacortes/San Juan Islands and Port Townsend/ Coupeville routes.*

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*Port Captain Jay Mooney presents Captain Marsha Morse (top) and Captain Bill Torsen (bottom) with their 45-year ship's wheel.*



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