



Two rescues in one day for *Puyallup* crew

On Labor Day, the crew of *Puyallup* saved the lives of multiple boaters during two separate rescues! The first involved a man suffering from heart problems on a nearby pleasure craft by our Kingston terminal. Our crew quickly deployed its rescue boat with Second Mate Jesse Rongo and Able-Bodied Seaman Cory Weitz aboard. The two of them began chest compressions and used an AED before safely navigating the vessel back to shore where medical responders took over. Jesse and Cory were back in the same rescue boat a few hours later to assist in [saving five people and two dogs](#) after their vessel capsized off Edmonds. Thank you to all of our highly skilled crewmembers for your commitment to safety!



Puyallup crews deploy the ferry's rescue boat to assist in a rescue off Edmonds. Photo courtesy Janine Harles on the

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Vehicle reservations for fall now available

The first round of [vehicle reservations](#) for fall (Sept. 27 through Jan. 2) on our Anacortes/ San Juan Islands and Port Townsend/ Coupeville routes opened up at 7 a.m. today. As a reminder, the second tier of reservations opens two weeks before each specific sailing and the final 30% of space on each sailing becomes available two days before.

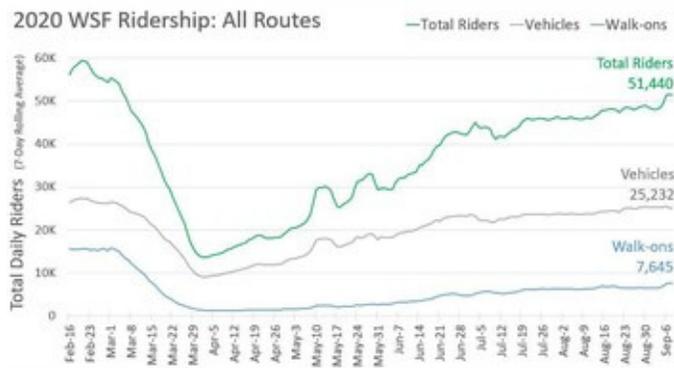
Please wear a mask on our vessels, at terminals

As a reminder, to comply with the [governor's proclamation](#), face coverings are required for everyone aboard our ferries – inside the cabin or out on the deck – and at our terminals if unable to physically distance from others.

[Edmonds Beacon Facebook page.](#)

Labor Day weekend ridership down 35% compared to last year

Thanks to those who limited their ferry travel over Labor Day weekend. Although we carried the most people since the pandemic began with more than 300,000 riders from Thursday through Tuesday, that's 35% down from 2019. As a reminder, some routes are still operating on [modified schedules](#) dependent on our [COVID Response Service Plan](#) and most counties remain under essential or limited non-essential travel orders under the [Safe Start reopening plan](#).



Saturday, Sept. 5, was our busiest day since Feb. 22, with nearly 65,000 riders. That's still much lower than the same day in 2019, when we had close to 100,000 customers.

I'd also like to thank all our employees who worked over the Labor Day weekend to make sure our customers got to their destinations safely.

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

Amy Scarton

Assistant Secretary, WSDOT/Ferries Division



This sign is going up throughout our fleet and at all our facilities to remind our customers to mask up when travelling with us.

Hood Canal Bridge closure Thursday night, Sept. 17

Hey night owls! Heads up if your ferry adventures take you across the State Route 104 Hood Canal Bridge next week. The bridge will be closed from 10 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 17, through 2 a.m. Friday, Sept. 18, for repair work. Crews may extend the length of the closure to traffic, depending on work progress. The work is subject to weather and tidal activity. Those who need to cross the bridge are encouraged to sign up for [email updates](#) and check for [up-to-the-minute information](#).



Repair work will close the SR 104 Hood Canal Bridge to all vehicles from 10 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, through

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