



Lightning strikes *Puyallup* at Edmonds terminal

Our ferry *Puyallup* is back in service after lightning hit it over the weekend. The bolt struck while the vessel was docked in Edmonds. I'm glad no one was hurt, but the impact did knock a terminal employee to the ground. The strike caused minor damage to the terminal and the ferry's navigational system, resulting in one-boat service on our Edmonds/ Kingston route Saturday night through Monday afternoon. Kudos to everyone for getting *Puyallup* back up and running!



Lightning struck our ferry Puyallup while docked at Edmonds Saturday afternoon, causing some light covers to fall and a

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Riding a ferry during the COVID-19 pandemic

If you haven't been on our ferries recently, much has changed due to COVID-19. Here are a few key things to be aware of:

- **Face masks:**
Required on ferries and at terminals – both indoors and outdoors
- **Stay in vehicle:**
People who drive on a ferry are encouraged to remain in their vehicle
- **Schedules:**
[Current timetables](#) dependent on [COVID Response Service Plan](#)
- **Onboard galleys:**
Closed until further notice



bulb to explode.

In case you're wondering, when lightning hits one of our vessels, you're safe within a protective "cage," or [cone of protection](#). The bolt hits a conductor (rod on top) and is redirected to the water outside of cage. As we saw over the weekend, the biggest threat is to onboard instruments.

Mukilteo pedestrian trail reopens

The pedestrian path near our [new Mukilteo terminal](#) reopened yesterday, Oct. 14. The trail was closed for four weeks so crews could install a handrail along a wall on the project's south side. The new terminal is scheduled to open in December.

45- and 30-year service awards

We recently presented a 45-year service award to Capt. Chris Beres and a 30-year service award to Ticket Seller Craig Tuttle. Chris is a master on our Seattle/Bremerton route. Craig works at our Bremerton terminal. Thank you Chris and Craig for your service and dedication over the years. Congratulations!



Port Captain Jay Mooney (right) presents Capt. Chris Beres with a ship's wheel and certificate for his 45 years of service with WSF.



Ticket Seller Craig Tuttle received a clock and certificate in honor of his 30 years of service with WSF.

Amy Scarton

Assistant Secretary, WSDOT/Ferries Division

All our crewmembers and riders are required to wear a face covering on our ferries, in indoor and outdoor spaces.

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](#).



"[...] I want to take this opportunity to send you a note to let you know what a great job (Terminal Attendant Dana Billington) has done representing WSF as a good neighbor and employee in the Fauntleroy neighborhood. I have often seen her busy cleaning up trash on the dock [...]. One day recently, she actually drove her pickup truck and, with the help of a younger dock worker, loaded up an exercise bike that had been dumped on the parking strip, and cut through the lock on a bike that had been locked up to a signpost for over two years so she could haul them both to the dump. [...] Dana has been a wonderful representative for WSF with passengers and with the neighborhood! Thank you to Dana and WSF for such a great employee and WSF representative!"

-Fauntleroy terminal neighbor

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