



### Bainbridge, Bremerton routes on temporary schedule through Jan. 20

Our Bainbridge and Bremerton routes are currently operating on a temporary sailing schedule due to [construction at Colman Dock](#). All sailings will share a single slip at our Seattle terminal through Monday, Jan. 20, to provide contractor crews with more space to complete critical work on the north side of the dock.

All customers using our Seattle routes should sign up for [ferry alerts](#), plan for longer travel times, check [VesselWatch](#) (online or on your phone using the [WSDOT app](#)) to get real-time status of your ferry's location and arrive at the terminal early, especially if departing from Colman Dock. Thank you for your patience!



*All Seattle sailings will operate out of slip 1 at Colman Dock*

### January 9, 2020

#### \$1.5 million grant for hybrid-electric ferry conversion

We're receiving \$1.5 million in federal funding to [continue work](#) on converting our largest vessels from diesel to hybrid-electric propulsion. This week, the [U.S. Department of Transportation's Maritime Administration](#) (MARAD) announced [the grant](#), which will go towards converting one of the two Jumbo Mark II ferries we use on our Seattle/Bainbridge route.



*Converting one ferry to hybrid electric on our Seattle/Bainbridge route will result in a 95% reduction in emissions for the vessel.*

#### Awards for years of service

I would like to recognize all

*through Monday, Jan. 20, while crews remove the old terminal and wooden piles and drive in new steel piles.*

### **Welcome aboard, U.S. Coast Guard Rear Admiral!**

Some of the WSF Executive Team and I met with U.S. Coast Guard Rear Adm. Anthony “Jack” Vogt and members of his staff this morning aboard *Tacoma* on our Seattle/Bainbridge route. It was a great opportunity to familiarize the new head of the USCG’s Pacific Northwest region with our marine transportation highway system.

Our first priority is the safety and security of our customers and employees. We regularly meet with the USCG for oversight and support for vessel maintenance and certification, as well as security and licensing for our professional crews. A big thank you to the *Tacoma* crew for your hospitality!



*USCG Rear Adm. Jack Vogt (right) views life rafts on the exterior passenger deck of Tacoma alongside members of the WSF Executive Team and USCG District 13. (Photo courtesy WSF Security Officer and Emergency Management Coordinator Curt Hattell)*

### **Showing our Seahawks pride**

We dressed up *Tacoma* with a huge 12 flag last week and invited the Seahawks Dancers aboard to pump up riders for Blue Friday! Thank you to the Seahawks for lending us the

of our employees who marked significant milestones in their years of service at WSF in 2019. Below are a few that received their service award over the past month. Congratulations to all of you and thank you for your service and dedication over the years!



*40 years: Capt. Greg Sugden (left)*



*40 years: Capt. Brian Twietmeyer (right)*



*35 years: Capt. Charles King (left)*



*30 years: Terminal Supervisor Faith Jackson (left)*

huge flag and donating the pennant-shaped playoff rally cards for customers. And special thanks to the Seahawks Dancers for joining us on a round trip sailing between Seattle and Bainbridge. We're excited to see the Seahawks play Green Bay this weekend! Go Hawks!



*Members of the Seahawks Dancers pose for a photo with a customer aboard Tacoma while docked in Seattle last Friday.*

**Amy Scarton**  
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*30 years: Capt. Laura Kohler (left) and Chief Mate Donald Wiggins (right)*



*30 years: Able-bodied seaman Ron Boles (left)*



*20 years: South Region Operations Manager Shelley Sharp (right)*



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