Navigating Colman Dock during viaduct demolition

Now that the new State Route 99 tunnel is open and viaduct demolition has begun, we’re definitely experiencing the #SeattleSqueeze near Colman Dock. Drivers did a great job leaving their vehicles at home and walking onto the ferry during last month’s three-week closure of SR 99. Let’s keep a good thing going! Carpooling, using a park and ride or taking the bus to the dock is a proven way to avoid delays due to construction and lane closures in Seattle. If you do decide to drive, give yourself plenty of time to reach your destination.

We saw a big increase in walk-on passengers during last month’s SR 99 closure. Customers are encouraged to keep using all forms of transportation to avoid delays in Seattle.

Chilly Hilly bike ride on Bainbridge Island Sunday

If you’re using our Seattle/Bainbridge route on Sunday, Feb. 24, plan for delays and limited vehicle capacity as more than 3,000 bicyclists head to the island for the annual Chilly Hilly bike ride. Expect event participants on morning sailings out of Seattle then Bainbridge departures in the afternoon. Drivers should consider alternative travel times or routes.

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Agate Pass Bridge work through March 1

Another reminder to our customers who drive on Bainbridge Island: There will be one lane of alternating traffic across the SR 305 Agate Pass Bridge during the daytime hours through Friday, March 1, for bridge work. Plan for up to 30-minute delays to make your desired sailing or consider using our Seattle/Bremerton or Edmonds/Kingston routes.

Crews will alternate traffic across the Agate Pass Bridge for inspection and maintenance work.

Hood Canal Bridge closure tonight

Hey night owls! Heads up if your ferry adventures take you across the SR 104
For those in the race, this is the first year that bicyclists will not be able to enter Seattle’s Colman Dock via Marion Street. Participants must use the Jackson Street entrance into Pier 48 and enter the terminal through the toll booths.

The race will limit vehicle capacity on the 7:55, 8:55, 9:35 and 10:40 a.m. out of Seattle on Sunday, Feb. 24, and on departures out of Bainbridge in the afternoon.

Haiku contest returning!

Hop on a ferry and get your creative juices flowing because our popular haiku cover contest is returning for a second year! We are looking for a traditional haiku about the Washington State Ferries experience. All you have to do is follow @wsferries, then post your poem on Twitter between noon Monday, March 4, and noon Friday, March 8. Be sure to include the hashtag #WSFHaiku. The winning haiku will be featured on our Summer 2019 Sailing Schedule. We’ll have more on rules and submission requirements next week!

Amy Scarton
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Hood Canal Bridge tonight.
The bridge will be closed from 10 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 21, through 2 a.m. Friday, Feb. 22, for repair work. Drivers are encouraged to sign up for WSDOT email updates and check the WSDOT Hood Canal Bridge web page for up to the minute bridge information.

Repair work will close Hood Canal Bridge to drivers from 10 tonight through 2 a.m. Friday, Feb. 22.