



Fleet Achievement and Vessel Reliability Awards

Each year, our port engineers honor the vessel engine crews and Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility personnel who achieve the highest level of fleet reliability. The engine crew of *Tacoma* received our 2018 Fleet Achievement Award for scoring the highest in five performance categories: Trip cancellations, assigned days, trip count, sailing hours and nautical miles sailed.



Last year, Tacoma made 7,280 trips, ran for 3,641 sailing hours in operation, traveled 62,576 nautical miles and did not miss a trip due to mechanical failure.

A ferry that reaches 100-percent mechanical reliability in a calendar year, which is no lost trips due to mechanical failure, receives a Vessel Reliability Award. In 2018, six boats achieved this goal: *Kitsap, Puyallup, Sealth, Tillikum, Tokitae* and *Yakima*.

March 21, 2019

Preparing for new "Triangle" route schedule

We're less than two weeks from the start of a [new sailing schedule](#) for our Fautleroy/Southworth/Vashon route! To prepare our riders for the transition, you'll see our staff out on the "Triangle" route on the following days:

- Tuesday, March 26 afternoon/evening at Fautleroy terminal
- Wednesday, March 27 morning commute aboard vessels
- Thursday, March 28 afternoon/evening at Fautleroy terminal



If you haven't done so already, please take a look at the new schedule and make your plans accordingly. Don't forget to

Congratulations to all the engine crews and the employees at our Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility for contributing immensely to the reliability of these vessels. It takes a lot of hard work to keep a ferry system running, especially when more than half our fleet is 36 years or older and we have just one funded service relief vessel. Just this week, we were forced to reduce service when we lost the 52-year-old *Kaleetan* due to motor problems.

Assistant Secretary's Award

WSF honored Interim Director of Community Services and Planning Ray Deardorf this morning with our Assistant Secretary's Award. The award recognizes an employee who delivers great results and goes about their work in a way that demonstrates sustained dedication and strong character as a public servant.

Ray has worked for WSF for more than 30 years. From our previous Weekly stories, you'll know that he successfully led the development of our [2040 Long Range Plan](#). He has also worked on our last two long range plans in previous years.

One colleague says, "He cares that WSF is a sustainable transportation provider long into the future, and he cares that we deliver a valuable service to our customers."

"From his voluminous knowledge of boats and where they fit, to challenges the organization has faced for the past three decades, Ray provides context in every meeting," writes another colleague.

Equipped with extensive and valuable knowledge about WSF, Ray is our go-to guy on our history, present and future. Congratulations Ray and thank you for your dedication and for going above and beyond!

Awards for years of service

This month, we are recognizing many employees for marking significant milestones in their years of service at WSF. For the third week in a row, we are featuring service awards of 30 years or more:

40 years
Shore Maintenance
Able-Bodied Seaman

pick up a green paper schedule or check our [timetables online](#). Help us spread the word! Tell your friends and family who use this important route to plan ahead.

Daytime Hood Canal Bridge closures March 25 to April 5

If your ferry travels include a weekday drive across the [SR 104 Hood Canal Bridge](#) over the next two weeks, be aware. An in-depth inspection of the bridge will require multiple drawspan openings that will close the bridge to vehicular traffic between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday starting March 25. Drivers are advised to expect delays ranging from 15 to 60 minutes per opening. The inspection work is scheduled to wrap up on April 5.



There will be multiple weekday drawspan openings of the Hood Canal Bridge between March 25 and April 5.

Haiku contest voting



Cheryl Costello
(center)



35 years
Chief Engineer
Bruce Cooper
(right)



30 years
Shore Maintenance
Foreman
Joseph "Joe" Wettleson
(center)

Capt. Robert "Bob" Merideth has been with WSF for **30 years**. Last week, we mistakenly wrote 40 years. Congratulations and thank you to all the WSF employees who received five- to 45-year service awards over the past month. Your dedication and hard work are greatly appreciated!

Amy Scarton
Assistant Secretary, WSDOT/Ferries Division



Congratulations to our 2019 [#WSFHaiku](#) finalists! Thank you to [State Poet Laureate Claudia Castro Luna](#) for narrowing down nearly 200 [haiku cover contest](#) submissions to these three:

FINALIST #1 (@cvanveen)

A hot summer day
On deck the cool breeze beckons
As the shore recedes

FINALIST #2 (@PLTracy1)

Amber rays of sun
Glisten through deep turquoise surf
Like diamonds and gold

FINALIST #3 (@siri_soleil)

Warm pink rays of light
Reflects on shimmering sea
We watch the sun rise

Each poem is posted multiple times on our [Twitter page](#). The haiku with the most combined "likes" at noon tomorrow, March 22, will be named the winner and featured on our Summer 2019 Sailing Schedule!



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