



### Nicole McIntosh begins new role as chief of staff May 1

I am pleased to announce that Director of Terminal Engineering Nicole McIntosh will start as our new chief of staff on Wednesday, May 1. She will oversee the safe and efficient operations of the agency and focus on WSDOT's three goals of workforce development, inclusion and practical solutions. She will also be instrumental in the implementation of our new long-range plan by focusing on reliable service, the customer experience, managing growth, and sustainability and resilience.



*Incoming Chief of Staff Nicole McIntosh with Chief Engineer Jesse Duncan, Oiler Peter Duncan, Assistant Engineer Bell and Oiler Zbigniew Garczyk in the Walla Walla engine room.*

A WSF employee for more than 25 years, Nicole started as an entry-level transportation design engineer, working her way up to terminal engineering director. I look forward to her continued leadership in her new role. Of course, this leaves

### April 18, 2019

#### Summer reservations available Tuesday

The first round of [vehicle reservations](#) for our busy summer sailings will go live at 7 a.m. Tuesday, April 23. The Summer 2019 Sailing Schedule runs from Sunday, June 23, through Saturday, Sept. 28. We whipped up a [blog with tips](#) for securing a spot if you're planning a summer trip on our Port Townsend/Coupeville or Anacortes/San Juan Islands/Sidney, B.C. routes.



*Vehicle reservations for our summer season will be available at 7 a.m. Tuesday, April 23.*

#### Anacortes parking lot closed for repaving

The parking lot closest to our Anacortes terminal building is currently closed

an opening in terminal engineering and we are recruiting to fill her [current position](#).

### Brothers receive Life Ring Award for rescuing boater

Incoming Chief of Staff Nicole McIntosh presented able-bodied seamen and brothers, Adrian and Tom Weisman with a WSF Life Ring Award last week for their part in a [recent rescue](#). The award is given to employees whose actions save a life. Around 9 p.m. on Nov. 19, 2018, Capt. Brad Eccles and Chief Mate Brendan Ehnou overhead a distress call to the Coast Guard while navigating *Chimacum* from Bremerton to Seattle. Adrian and Tom immediately launched a rescue boat and rescued a man who had suffered a stroke, causing his vessel to get tangled in the fish pens of Clam Bay and slowly sink. The brothers also received a letter of appreciation from the USCG. I am so proud of everyone involved.



*Life Ring Award recipients Adrian Weisman (right center) and Tom Weisman (right) with Chief Mate Brendan Ehnou and incoming Chief of Staff Nicole McIntosh.*

### No job too big for Washington State Ferries

Thank you to Captain Russell Fee for sharing the following picture of something you don't see very often – an entire house boarding *Chimacum* last week!

for repaving work. There will be no vehicle access to the 15-minute pick-up/drop-off area until the project is complete, which is currently scheduled for mid-May. The bus turnaround area remains open, along with seven ADA parking spaces along the fence. Diamond Parking, which manages the parking lots at our Anacortes terminal, will open upper lots for additional parking during the closure.



*Parking Lot A, directly adjacent to our Anacortes terminal, is currently closed for repaving work.*

### Series of public meetings April 29 through May 30

Mark your calendar with our upcoming [public meetings](#)! We're co-hosting the meetings with our local [Ferry Advisory Committees](#) to provide each route with the latest about the ferry system and hear your thoughts. Topics include proposed changes to fares, implementation of the [2040 Long Range Plan](#) and local projects specific to each route. Each meeting will include a brief presentation and an opportunity to ask questions and share comments.



**Amy Scarton**  
Assistant Secretary, WSDOT/Ferries Division

## customer **KUDOS**

*"I am writing to voice my thanks and appreciation for the excellent team work I experienced. I happily received my Volvo key found on the Kennewick, delivered to the Port Townsend [terminal]. The integrity and quality of the people I talked to and the expediency with which this happened is truly impressive. Thank you again."*

-Port Townsend/Coupeville customer



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