



### Summer to begin with fewer vessels in WSF fleet

The past legislative session came with some victories (funding for new hybrid-electric vessels) and some defeats, such as the forced retirement of one of our operating ferries, the *Hyak*. The 51-year-old vessel's final day in operation is scheduled for Sunday, June 30 on the Seattle/Bremerton route. This means that as summer begins, we will have fewer vessels to serve our busy routes. And because many of our vessels are quite old, repairs are often needed.

This is why we had to make the difficult decision to temporarily downsize our [Port Townsend/Coupeville route](#) from two boats to one beginning Sunday, June 23. That day is the start of our summer sailing schedule, when the number of vessels needed to operate our system goes up from 18 to 19. I understand the effect this decision will have on our customers and surrounding communities. I want everyone to know we looked at [many scenarios](#) to avoid it.



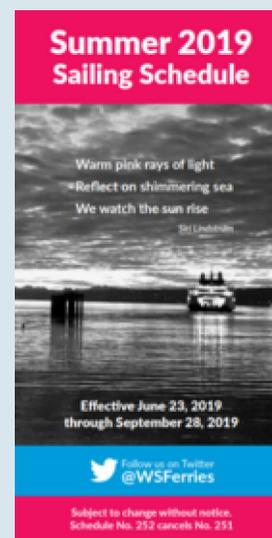
*Kennewick will operate solo on our Port Townsend/Coupeville route on Sunday, June 23, through at least Sunday, June 30.*

Following the sailing day on Saturday, June 22, *Salish* will head from Port Townsend to the San Juan Islands to serve

### June 20, 2019

#### Summer schedule begins Sunday, June 23

Don't forget to pick up a copy of our pink [Summer 2019 Sailing Schedule](#)! The schedule starts Sunday, June 23, and runs through Saturday, Sept. 28. Summer is our busiest season and we add service on several routes to accommodate heavier traffic. The start of the new sailing season also means new galley hours for some of our routes. To check each route's galley hours, visit their respective [terminal pages](#).



as the interisland vessel through at least Sunday, June 30. Customers driving onto our interisland sailings should plan for possible delays as this ferry holds fewer vehicles than what is normally on the route. Port Townsend/Coupeville riders are strongly encouraged to make a reservation if they plan on sailing next week, or consider using our Edmonds/Kingston and Mukilteo/Clinton routes as an alternate.

### **South Korea dignitaries, U.S. Coast Guard officials tour Tacoma and our maintenance facility**

We had the honor of hosting several marine dignitaries from South Korea and members of the U.S. Coast Guard aboard *Tacoma* this morning on a Seattle to Bainbridge Island sailing. Big thanks to Chief Engineer Mike Anderson, Assistant Engineer Forrest Nichols and crew for providing a tour of the engine room. The group then visited our Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility on Bainbridge Island. I also want to thank General Manager R.J. Kelly for showing them how we maintain our fleet and terminals.



*Marine dignitaries from South Korea and U.S. Coast Guard officials pose for a photo at our Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility with General Manager R.J. Kelly (right).*

### **WSF Teamwork Award**

Congratulations to our Triangle Schedule Implementation team for winning this year's WSF Teamwork Award! The award goes to a team that had a significant and positive effect on the organization while exemplifying the values of trust, cross-functional collaboration and service. Members came from various areas of the agency – operations, terminals, planning, communications and our fleet.

After an extensive [two-year public process](#), the team worked

*The cover of our Summer 2019 Sailing Schedule features a poem written by [Siri Lindstrum](#), our [#WSFHaiku](#) contest winner.*

### **Lane closures near Seattle's Colman Dock**

Continue to plan for extra drive time in or out of our Seattle terminal! Last Friday, lane closures for [viaduct demolition work](#) shifted south of Colman Dock. Alaskan Way is currently reduced to one lane in each direction between South Dearborn Street and South King Street. This lane reduction will eventually extend north to South Jackson Street, where vehicles enter Colman Dock, and Yesler Way as work progresses through the summer.



*Alaskan Way is reduced to one lane in each direction just south of Colman Dock for viaduct demolition work through the summer.*

### **Final night of Fautleroy sailing cancellations**

Tonight is our final night of sailing cancellations in and out of Fautleroy terminal for maintenance work on the terminal's vehicle transfer span apron. The following

with frontline staff at our terminals and on our vessels to launch the [new sailing schedule](#) for the Fauntleroy/Vashon/Southworth "Triangle" route earlier this year. The new schedule was designed to accommodate a third 124-car Issaquah class vessel and to plan for projected ridership growth. Thank you for your hard work and dedication to teamwork across WSF!



*Chief of Staff Nicole McIntosh and I with WSF Teamwork Award winners Brett Wheeler, Justin Resnick, Charlie King, Trevor Sharp, Hadley Rodero, Shelley Sharp, Jay Mooney, Brian Mannion and Greg Faust. Team members not in photo: Ozzy Servais, Kevin Burtchett, Erich Ackermann, Jamie Pelland and Laurie Baker.*

### Seeking input on food vendors at new Mukilteo terminal

Our [new Mukilteo terminal](#) was designed to include space for food concessions inside the holding lanes. What kind of quick food options do you think should go in there? Let us know by completing a [brief online survey](#). Possibilities range from a free-standing food cart to a grab-n-go vendor. We'll use the survey input to help shape our vendor selection.



*Our new Mukilteo terminal, scheduled to open in 2020, will include space for food concessions in front of the holding lanes near the restrooms and maintenance building.*

**Amy Scarton**

sailings are canceled tonight, June 20:

- Fauntleroy to Vashon and Southworth: 11:45 p.m., 1 a.m. and 2:20 a.m.
- Vashon to Fauntleroy: 10:50 p.m., 12:10 a.m. and 1:25 a.m.
- Southworth to Fauntleroy: 11:10 p.m., 12:30 a.m. and 1:45 a.m.

Service will continue between Vashon and Southworth as scheduled. Thank you for your patience and understanding the past two Wednesday and Thursday nights!



*The canceled sailings are required so crews can repair the vehicle transfer span apron (red arrow) to improve safety and reduce noise.*

Assistant Secretary, WSDOT/Ferries Division



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