



Fourth of July week ferry travel

The Independence Day travel rush is expected to bring nearly 1 million people onto our ferries tomorrow, June 28 through Monday, July 8! Plan for long wait times if driving a vehicle aboard, especially during peak times.



The next two Fridays and Saturdays, as well as the day before Fourth of July will likely be our busiest during the July Fourth travel rush. Photo courtesy: Paul Brians

To reduce or eliminate waiting, consider walking on or taking an early morning or late evening sailing. We'll be adding sailings on some routes and several routes will be on holiday timetables, so be sure to check the [sailing schedule](#) before

June 27, 2019

Farewell, Hyak!

You have three more days to ride our ferry *Hyak* one final time! The 51-year-old vessel's [final day in operation](#) is scheduled for Sunday, June 30, on our Seattle/Bremerton route. With no legislative funding in the 2019-21 state budget, *Hyak* is being forced into retirement. This will reduce our fleet from 23 to 22 ferries. We need 19 vessels to fully operate our [summer schedule](#), and, with 12 more boats due for retirement in the next 20 years, there is an increased risk of [service disruptions](#) due to routine maintenance requirements and unexpected repairs that become more common with old vessels.



Hyak entered service on the Seattle/Bremerton route in July 1967. Its name is tribal Chinook jargon meaning

traveling. As a reminder, the Washington State Patrol will be searching for illegal fireworks, which are prohibited at our terminals and on our vessels.

To accommodate increased vehicle traffic, we will be adding a 6:45 p.m. Anacortes to Lopez Island and a 7:35 p.m. Lopez Island to Anacortes sailing on Wednesday, July 3, along with a 10:30 p.m. Orcas Island to Anacortes sailing on Friday, July 5.

On Thursday, July 4, people driving onto our 11:55 a.m. and 12:40 p.m. departures out of Edmonds should plan for possible delays up to one hour upon arrival in Kingston due to the city's Fourth of July parade, when vehicle access in and out of the terminal will be restricted.

Because the Fourth of July falls on Thursday, there will be no Weekly Update next week. My next update will be on Thursday, July 11. I wish everyone a very happy and safe Independence Day!

Temporary schedule for all sailings in and out of Seattle July 13-15

Construction at [Seattle's Colman Dock](#) shifts into high gear this summer as we prepare to close the 53-year-old passenger terminal building for demolition and move into our new temporary terminal building. In final preparations for the move, one of Colman's two available slips will close and all sailings on Saturday, July 13, Sunday, July 14 and Monday, July 15, will share the center slip and follow a [temporary schedule](#).

"fast or speedy."

Hyak, the first of our four [Super class ferries](#), was built in San Diego in 1967. It is one of our most reliable vessels thanks to the tremendous efforts of the men and women who have operated and maintained it over the years, including Chief Engineer Dave Knudsen, who is also retiring this month. Please join me in wishing *Hyak* fair winds and following seas!

Public comments wanted on proposed ferry fares

The Washington State Transportation Commission (WSTC) is looking for public input on its [proposed ferry fare increases](#) over the next two years. You can submit your comments via their [online open house](#), email or in writing through Monday, July 29, as well as in person at the commission's final hearing on Tuesday, Aug. 6.

Exploring partnerships for Anacortes terminal improvements

We are partnering with the Port and City of Anacortes to explore innovative public-private partnerships to [enhance our terminal site](#) through commercial ventures such as retail operations, lodging and food service. We want [public input](#) to ensure development opportunities meet their priorities.

Possible restrictions for large vehicles next week on Mukilteo/Clinton route

Seattle / Bremerton		Seattle / Bainbridge Island	
JULY 13 - 15, 2019 ONLY		JULY 13 - 15, 2019 ONLY	
Leave Seattle	Leave Bremerton	Leave Seattle	Leave Bainbridge Island
5:50	4:45	5:30 Mon	4:45 Mon
7:35	6:20	6:10	5:20
8:35	7:20	7:05 Mon	6:20 Mon
10:00	8:45	7:55	7:05
11:10	9:50	9:00	8:05 Sat & Mon
12:15	11:05	9:40	8:45
1:55	12:40	10:45	9:50
2:50	1:35	11:40	10:40
4:35	3:15	12:40	11:45
5:35	4:15	1:30	12:35
7:30	6:15	2:25	1:30
8:15	7:00	3:25	2:30
10:05	8:45	4:15	3:20
11:05	9:40	5:15	4:20
1:25	12:15	6:05	5:10
		7:10	6:15
		7:55	7:00
		9:00	8:05
		9:40	8:45
		10:55	9:55
		11:35	10:35
		1:05	12:20
		2:30	1:50

(Mon: Monday only)
(Sat & Mon: Saturday & Monday only)
Bold times indicate PM

All sailings in and out of our Seattle terminal will operate on this temporary sailing schedule July 13-15 so crews can connect the southern slip to the new terminal building.

We're closing the southern slip (slip one) so crews can pour the concrete pedestrian walkway connecting slip one to the first third of the [new temporary terminal building](#). It is not possible to maintain walk-on access to slip one from the existing terminal and install the new concrete walkway at the same time.

This work will set us up for some big changes for walk-on passengers later this summer. We'll have an information table in the terminal and on the boats throughout July so our customers can meet the construction project team and learn about what to expect. View [outreach dates and times](#), and learn how to request a [reasonable accommodation](#) for access assistance at these drop-in sessions.

Thanks in advance for your understanding and patience!

Due to extreme low tides, we may not be able to load vehicles more than 50-feet long, with low ground clearance, or with long rear overhangs on our Mukilteo/Clinton route during the following dates and times next week:

Tuesday, July 2
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 3
10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 4
11:30 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Friday, July 5
Noon to 2:45 p.m.

Crab pots and ferries don't mix

Ferries and crabbing are synonymous with the Pacific Northwest, but that doesn't mean they should tangle with each other. With most areas of Puget Sound opening for recreational crab fishing next Thursday, July 4, we want to remind crab fishers to avoid our ferry lanes. The Northwest Straits Initiative has [more strategies for a successful crabbing experience](#).



Crab pot line entanglements have led to costly repairs for us and hundreds of canceled sailings for our customers.



When the new temporary terminal building opens in mid-summer, there will be big changes for walk-on customers entering and exiting Colman Dock.

Loaning our dock to a worthy community cause

WSF always tries to find as many ways to give back to the community, and this is one of my favorite! Each summer, we loan our Vashon passenger-only dock to [Camp Goodtimes](#). This 30-year partnership allows campers to take a fun boat ride donated by Argosy Cruises. It's often the highlight for hundreds of children with cancer and siblings during their weeklong stay at Camp Burton on Vashon Island. The camp offers children the chance to grow, belong and rejuvenate while surrounded by peers who understand the effects of childhood cancer.



This week is the first of Camp Goodtimes' two camps on Vashon Island this summer. We will be loaning our

WSF celebrates pride

Seattle Pride will bring hundreds of thousands of people to the region this weekend to celebrate inclusion, tolerance and diversity. In support of the annual event, WSF is joining regional landmarks in flying the rainbow flag on our downtown Seattle ferries and Colman Dock terminal tomorrow, June 28, through Sunday, June 30.



Our Bainbridge and Bremerton vessels, as well as Colman Dock will fly the rainbow flag this weekend in support of Seattle Pride.

passenger-only dock to them again in July.

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