



## Women's International Shipping & Trading Association members learn about WSF

Assistant Secretary Amy Scarton asked me to guest write another edition of our WSF Weekly Update and focus on the tremendous opportunity I had to host members of the [Women's International Shipping & Trading Association \(WISTA\)](#) aboard *Wenatchee* last Friday.



*WISTA members held their monthly Lunch & Learn during a round trip sailing between Seattle and Bainbridge Island aboard Wenatchee last Friday.*

I provided WISTA members with an overview of our ferry system and shared some of the challenges we face, along with our vision for the future. Training & Credentialing Manager Jane Crawford spoke about our goals for workforce development. The group then took a tour of the wheelhouse and engine room. Thanks to Capt. Tryg Klabo, Chief Engineer Spiros Sourelos and the rest of the crew for being such great hosts. It's always great to come together and share ideas with others in the maritime industry!

**July 18, 2019**

### Our busiest weekend of the year?

With several major events and festivals across the region, it will likely be an extremely busy weekend for us. In fact, in 2018, this weekend (third in July) was our busiest of the year with nearly 400,000 customers on Friday through Monday!



*Several major events and festivals, along with a sunny and warm weather forecast, will attract big crowds onto our ferries this weekend.*

The [Sequim Lavender Festival](#) will cause ridership to bloom on our Edmonds/Kingston, Seattle/Bainbridge and Port Townsend/Coupeville routes, while the [San Juan Island Lavender Festival](#) will cause our San Juan Islands ridership to grow.



*Training & Credentialing Manager Jane Crawford and I spoke to WISTA members about our ferry system aboard Wenatchee during its monthly Lunch & Learn meeting.*

### Big changes coming for Seattle walk-on passengers

People who walk on and off our ferries in Seattle will move into the first section of our new terminal building later this summer! Over the past week, our staff has talked to hundreds of customers on our Bainbridge and Bremerton routes during the afternoon and evening commute, as well as in the current terminal building, to provide customers with information about this big change and an update on [Colman Dock construction activity](#). We'll be [out on the vessels](#) again later today and inside the terminal next Thursday, July 25.



*There will be several changes for walk-ons in Seattle when operations move into the first section of our new terminal*

Thousands will pack our Mukilteo/Clinton run for the [Whidbey Island Fair](#). The [Vashon Island Strawberry Festival](#) will bring big crowds to our Fauntleroy/Vashon/Southworth and Point Defiance/Tahlequah routes.

Know before you go by [signing up for ferry travel alerts](#) and by [checking terminal conditions online](#).

### Tribal canoe journey this week and next

You may see tribal canoes while riding our ferries over the next several days! Known as the [Paddle to Lummi](#) this year, the annual tribal canoe journey is underway. Look for canoes on our Puget Sound routes through the weekend and San Juan Islands routes early next week, all leading up to a celebration hosted by Lummi Nation July 24-28.



*If you capture a photo or video of the annual tribal canoe journey while riding our ferries, share them with us [on Twitter!](#)*

### Provide input on WSTC's proposed fares

The Washington State Transportation Commission (WSTC) is looking for public input on its [proposed ferry fare increases](#) over the next

*building later this summer. Vehicle access will not change.*

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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.



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