



Agencies partner for maritime security exercise

Kudos to our safety and security team, vessel crews and many partner agencies who participated in an important three-day active shooter drill at our Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility and aboard *Kittitas* this past week! The exercise involved a simulated full-scale response to a report of gunshots and an unknown number of active shooters on our Seattle/Bremerton route. The U.S. Coast Guard event was coordinated with many federal, state and local first responders.



Multiple federal, state and local agencies participated in an active shooter drill aboard Kittitas Monday. There were no passengers aboard the vessel during the exercise.

Evergreen State artifacts sent for preservation

Although *Evergreen State* retired from service in 2016, part of the vessel's legacy will live on at the [Washington State](#)

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Fall sailing schedule starts Sunday, Sept. 29

We're just three days away from switching over to our fall [sailing schedule](#)! Then in five days, on Tuesday, Oct. 1, you'll notice changes to ferry fares. That's the day the Washington State Transportation Commission's [rate increase](#) goes into effect and it also marks the end of the peak season surcharge. Use our calendar feature to [calculate your fares](#) for the days you'll be traveling.

Historical Society in Tacoma! We recently transferred and delivered artifacts from the vessel for preservation there. They include the ferry's iconic signboard, bell, clock, telegraph and wheel, which we removed as part of the decommissioning process three years ago.



Washington State Historical Society employee Nancy Jackson and Head of Collections Lynette Miller with artifacts from Evergreen State shortly after delivery.

WSF Leadership Award

Terminal Maintenance Project Engineer Tom Castor was announced this year's WSF Leadership Award recipient yesterday. This award recognizes an individual who leads by building trust, inspiring others and working hard to make WSF better as a whole. Tom leads by taking on new responsibilities and sharing his wealth of knowledge with his fellow co-workers. He ensures all 20 terminals and maintenance facility slips are in proper working order and manages small terminal construction projects. One of Tom's colleagues calls him "a human database of terminal engineering history" from his knowledge of more than 30 years at WSF. Congratulations Tom!



Check our [purple Fall 2019 brochures online](#) for a rundown of the seasonal changes from the summer sailing schedule.

Service reduction on Fautleroy/Vashon/Southworth route

Our ridership drops considerably in the fall so that's when we ramp up our vessel preservation work. Starting Sunday, Sept. 29 on our Fautleroy/Vashon/Southworth route, the 90-vehicle *Sealth* will fill in for the 124-vehicle *Kittitas*, which will undergo maintenance. *Sealth* is our only designated service relief vessel and unfortunately, is required to undergo a U.S. Coast Guard-mandated inspection by Nov. 2. This means the "Triangle" route will tentatively operate on a [two-boat schedule](#) during the last week of October.

Vehicle holding lanes at Point Defiance expands from two to four



Chief of Staff Nicole McIntosh and I had the honor of presenting Terminal Maintenance Project Engineer Tom Castor (middle) with the WSF Leadership Award yesterday.

Twitter photo contest next week

Get your camera ready or start looking through your albums for an amazing ferry pic! Our popular Twitter photo contest is returning, along with your shot to get your pic on the cover of our printed sailing schedules. All you have to do is follow [@wsferries](https://twitter.com/wsferries), then post your photo on Twitter between noon Monday, Sept. 30, and noon Friday, Oct. 4. Be sure to include the hashtag [#FerryFotoContest](https://twitter.com/hashtag/FerryFotoContest). Read [our blog](#) for more information on rules and requirements.



Our popular [#FerryFotoContest](https://twitter.com/hashtag/FerryFotoContest) on Twitter returns next week. We will tweet each of the finalists on Monday, Oct. 14. The finalist with the most likes on Friday, Oct. 18 wins!

Amy Scarton

For those driving on a ferry at our Point Defiance terminal, the road just got a [whole lot smoother!](#) If that's not enough, twice as many vehicles can now wait in the holding lanes. This week, crews finished repaving and expanding the lanes for vehicle waiting to drive on the ferry from two to four. Permanent pavement striping work is scheduled for later this fall.



The vehicle holding lanes at our Point Defiance terminal have a new layer of asphalt and are twice the capacity as before!

Olympic National Park road work on US 101 delayed

The four-hour delays on US 101 that were scheduled to start this week have been delayed. Olympic National Park now says [road work near Lake Crescent](#) will begin next week or the week of Oct. 7. If your ferry plans include a drive to or from the coast between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Thursday, use State Route 112 and SR 113 to avoid possible traffic congestion.

Assistant Secretary, WSDOT/Ferries Division



Olympic National Park road work on US 101 near Lake Crescent may cause four-hour delays through October.



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