



Vessel noise study in Seattle's Elliott Bay

If you've been aboard our Seattle ferries over this past week, you may have noticed some unusual course and speed changes. Crews on *Tacoma*, *Wenatchee*, *Walla Walla*, and *Chimacum* have been steering these vessels over a hydrophone placed just outside of Elliott Bay. Along with Kitsap Transit, we're conducting an analysis of our underwater radiated noise to better understand and address the effects of vessel noise on the marine environment, particularly the critically endangered Southern Resident Killer Whales (SRKW). The survey started in Elliot Bay last week and will be moving to our ferry routes in Anacortes and Port Townsend Wednesday, Oct. 16 through Oct. 23. Funding for this effort was provided by the state legislature on the recommendation of the Governor's SRKW Task Force and also by our partners at the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA).



The research vessel Harmony dropping a hydrophone in 500

October 10, 2019

Bainbridge overhead loading closed Oct. 12-13

This weekend, maintenance crews will perform repair work on the Bainbridge overhead walkway causing the structure to close temporarily. On Saturday, Oct. 12 through Sunday, Oct. 13, all walk-on passengers will be loaded and unloaded via the car deck. Please be mindful of the area and courteous to your fellow passengers during this temporary loading process. Ask staff for assistance if you need help with boarding or disembarking the vessel.



Expect possible delays if you plan on traveling on the Seattle/Bainbridge route this weekend.

Extra sailings for the Orcas Island Film Festival

feet of water in Elliott Bay.

Long Range Plan team wins another award

The team that brought you WSF's [2040 Long Range Plan](#) earlier this year, just received the [American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials \(AASHTO\)](#) President's Transportation Awards for Planning. This award goes to a team that performed "exemplary service during the year furthering the transportation activities of his/her member department or committee which has, or potentially could have, a salutary impact on transportation nationwide or on a regional basis." As you may recall, the Long Range Plan won the Innovative Transportation Solutions Award from the [Women's Transportation Seminar \(WTS\)](#) back in March.



With extensive public outreach, the Long Range Plan team developed a plan that recommends a set of investments and service enhancements to be implemented over the next 20 years, such as building new ferries or adopting technology improvements.

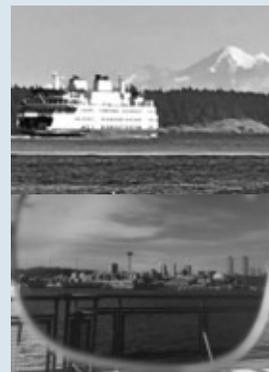
Sidney, B.C. service canceled Nov. 12 to Dec. 8

The only two vessels in our fleet certified to sail in international waters, *Elwha* and *Chelan*, will be out of service for required maintenance starting next month. This has left us with no option but to suspend international service to Sidney, British Columbia from Tuesday, Nov. 12 through Dec. 8. During this period, *Kitsap* will replace *Chelan* to

A lot of people will be heading to Orcas Island over the next four days for the [6th annual film festival!](#) Because of the additional demand, we are adding an extra Anacortes to Orcas Island sailing at 1:55 p.m. today, Oct. 10, and on Saturday, Oct. 12. The 1:55 p.m. sailing normally operates on Friday and Sunday only during our [fall schedule](#). Vehicle reservations for these extra sailings are available [online](#).

#FerryFotoContest voting next week on Twitter

Thank you to everyone who submitted a photo on Twitter last week for our [#FerryFotoContest!](#) We are in the process of selecting six finalists based on originality, technicality, composition, artistic merit and overall impact. The finalists' pictures will be posted on the [@wsferries](#) Twitter page at noon Monday, Oct. 14. The image with the most "likes" at noon Friday, Oct. 18, will be named the winner and their photograph will be featured on our Winter 2020 Sailing Schedules!



maintain full four-vessel domestic service on the Anacortes/San Juan Islands route. I understand the effect this will have on our customers and I am truly sorry for this disruption. Thank you in advance for your understanding and for your patience during this time.



Maintenance work is being performed at a time when ridership is at its lowest of our three seasons of international service, allowing us to resume service before ridership increases approaching the holidays.

Find us on Facebook

I am excited to announce that [WSF's Facebook page](#) is live and our posts have already reached over 20,000 people! This is another great way for us to share our story with our customers near and far. Follow us on Facebook and view the latest news.

Find us on 

Amy Scarton

Assistant Secretary, WSDOT/Ferries Division



Just a few of the 100 photo submissions we received on our [@wsferries](#) Twitter page last week for our [#FerryFotoContest](#).

Thank you 12s

Thank you to all the 12s who joined us on Thursday, Oct. 3, for our 5th Annual Seahawks Floating Pep Rally! I hope everyone enjoyed cheering for our "Most Decked Out Seahawks Fan" contest. Special thanks to Seahawks Legend Edwin Bailey, West Seattle and Kingston High School bands, and Seattle Fire Department for getting our riders pumped for the game.



View more pep rally photos on [Flickr](#).



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