



Ferry Notice

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Guemes Island Ferry Haul-Out Update



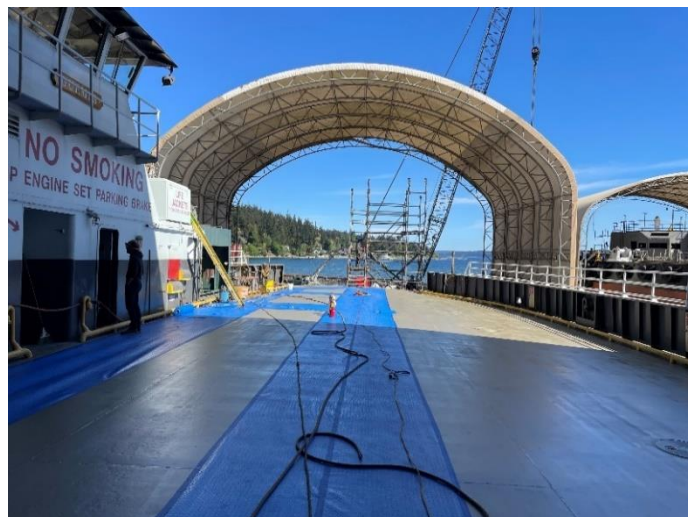
Stripping paint off the car deck.

Skagit County's Ferry Division has continued to request an updated schedule for completion of the drydock work from Nichol's Brothers Boat Builders (NBBB), but we still do not have a firm return to service date. The most recent update from NBBB **estimates** the drydock work would be completed on May 15th, with dock and sea trials from May 16th – May 18th, and then the ferry would sail back to Anacortes on May 19th. We would then need an additional three business days to complete the incline test for the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) stability letter. Only after issuance of the new stability letter can the vessel re-enter regular service. Following this schedule, the soonest the vessel could be back on a normal sailing schedule would be May 22nd.

This schedule is not guaranteed and is still contingent on the completion of several drydock tasks that have yet to begin. We understand the uncertainty is very frustrating for our riders and we are working as diligently as possible to finish the remaining tasks with NBBB. We will continue to be transparent with the community on the drydock work and communications with the contractor on the delays.

Here is the work in progress or has been completed:

- The nonskid coating has been stripped on the car deck and one coat of primer has been applied.
- One of the engine enclosures and foundation received the first coat of primer.
- Currently working on the welding for the new outdrive support brackets. The final weld testing is scheduled for early this week.
- The hull and internal void spaces have been painted.
- Bilge piping below deck has been relocated to accommodate the new engines.
- New engine foundations and enclosures have been fabricated.



Car deck with new coat of primer paint.

The following tasks still need to be completed before the ferry can be sailed back to Anacortes:

- Both engine foundations and enclosures need to be painted, which will take several days.
- Brand new engines and drivelines, rebuilt reduction gears, outdrives, and an auxiliary generator still need to be reinstalled onboard.
- USCG certificate of inspection for required drydock work.



Engine enclosure with first coat of primer

We will continue to send out updates on drydock work to the email listserv and social media channels. If you have any questions, please contact the ferry office at ferrycomments@co.skagit.wa.us or 360-293-6433. More information on the ferry can be found on our website: www.skagitcounty.net/ferry

