



Ferry Notice

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Guemes Ferry Weekend Update

Upcoming Maintenance

There are after-hours maintenance activities scheduled for Thursday, September 11th, to work on the ferry engines. Maintenance is estimated to last for four hours after the normal sailing schedule has been completed for the day. No after-hours emergency response will be available during this time.

First Ferry Budget Work Session on Tuesday

The first work session with the Board of County Commissioners on the 2026 ferry budget and ferry fare schedule is coming up on Tuesday, September 9th, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. to go over the draft budget and fare schedule documents. This is a non-televised work session and there will be no public comment opportunities. Interested citizens can listen to the meeting in-person in the Commissioner's Hearing Room or via Zoom at the link on the Commissioner's [website](#).

2026 ferry budget and fare schedule documents have been posted to the ferry [website](#). You may submit comments on these documents to ferrycomments@co.skagit.wa.us or via mail to 1800 Continental Place, Mount Vernon, WA 98273 with the subject line: Ferry 2026 Fare Proposal. Please include your comments in the body of the email rather than submitting them as an attachment.

Travel Reminders

Thank you all for your patience during the holiday travel weekend! As we finish out our peak season, please keep these reminders in mind. Just a few more weeks until peak season ends on September 30!

- **Purchase your ticket early online or on our app to save time at the ferry terminal!**
- **We stop boarding the vessel two minutes prior to the scheduled departure.** This helps the ferry crew ensure we can keep sailing on time throughout the day. With the number of passengers we are expecting this weekend, it is vital we do everything we can to stay on schedule. Be sure to arrive early for your sailing and purchase your ticket ahead of time so you don't have to wait in line at the ferry office to buy a ticket.
- **When driving onto the ferry with passengers, be sure to purchase the necessary passenger tickets in addition to your vehicle and driver ticket.** We have frequently encountered riders that have purchased a vehicle and driver ticket but did not purchase passenger tickets for adult passengers in the vehicle. Only youth passengers are exempt from needing a passenger ticket.

Anacortes Ferry Line is Still Down

The phone line to the Anacortes ferry office is still down and will remain out of service for a while longer. We need to switch our phones over to a new system entirely in order to restore service. We are working on this effort as quickly as possible and looking for interim solutions to help customers over the phone. In the meantime, please call 360-416-1400 or email (preferable) ferrycomments@co.skagit.wa.us
