

Skagit County Ferry News

April 2021

Haul-out set for May 14 - June 12

The next scheduled haul-out of the Guemes Island Ferry will be Friday, May 14, through Saturday, June 12, 2021, at Nichols Brothers Boat Builders in Freeland. Note: The car ferry will be out of service during Memorial Day weekend, so please plan accordingly.

It's been more than two years since the M/V Guemes was last hauled out for maintenance. While the ferry system completed 99% of its scheduled runs in 2020, the vessel needs maintenance so it can continue to provide reliable service.

During the haul-out, Arrow Launch will provide passenger-only service, and Skagit Transit will provide shuttle service on Guemes Island.

PASSENGER-ONLY FERRY SERVICE

The Strait Arrow will operate between the regular ferry docks in Anacortes and on Guemes Island. Due to COVID-19, the 49-passenger vessel will operate at reduced capacity of 25. The Strait Arrow will make extra sailings as needed. The Strait Arrow can carry bicycles and small motorcycles at the discretion of the Captain. Well-behaved leashed dogs are allowed on the vessel, but not inside the cabin.

SKAGIT TRANSIT SHUTTLE SERVICE

Skagit Transit will provide call-in-based shuttle service for Guemes Island residents to meet the passenger ferry. Only one bus will operate on-island, and may not be able to meet all ferry arrivals and departures. Please plan ahead. The driver will do their best to accommodate.

Want to receive haul-out updates? Sign up for Guemes Island Ferry emails: skagitcounty.net/Departments/Home/emailListmain.htm.



The last haul-out for the M/V Guemes, seen above at Foss Shipyards in Seattle, was February and March of 2019.

SKAGIT TRANSIT SERVICE

Dates of service: May 13 thru June 13

Hours of service: Daily, 7 to 11:45 a.m. & 12:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Suggested fare: \$1, or \$.50 reduced fare

How to pay: Cash or Touchpass

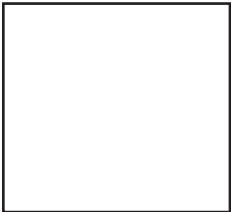
NOTE: No shuttle service on Memorial Day - Monday, May 31

To arrange a pickup, call Skagit Transit Dispatch at 360-757-4433, press #1, and ask for Guemes Dispatch. Please call at least *1 hour* ahead of your pickup time.

More info: publicinput.com/HaulOut2021



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HAUL-OUT UPDATES & SURVEY

Skagit County will post regular updates about the haul-out work at publicinput.com/HaulOut2021. Scan this QR code with your cell phone camera to visit the haul-out website.



The Ferry Division also wants your input on when to plan *future* haul-outs. Visit publicinput.com/FutureHaulOuts to take the survey and share your thoughts.

SCHEDULES AND FARES

Peak season sailing schedules will go into effect Friday, May 14, providing more runs throughout the haul-out.

Peak season fares go into effect Thursday, May 20. For more information, visit www.skagitcounty.net/PeakSeason.

Punch cards are an easy way to pay and get a discount. Buy online at skagitcounty.net/Forms/FerryPurchasing.

