



Ferry Matters

Guemes Island Ferry

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May 2013

Thank you for reading our first edition of the ferry newsletter, "Ferry Matters".

We are very pleased to provide you with pertinent ferry related information that we hope you will find helpful. This newsletter will be published on the 15th of every other month. "Ferry Matters" will be distributed via the ferry list serve. To sign up for the list serve, please email me at rachelb@co.skagit.wa.us. Copies will also be available at the Anacortes ferry terminal.
-Captain Beck

Ferry Manager's Corner

I hope everyone has been enjoying our spring. It's hard to believe we are almost half way through 2013 and summer is around the corner.

We are gearing up for the peak season and as we do, I just want to take a moment to thank our ferry staff for the wonderful job they do every day to keep things running smoothly and safely. We are so fortunate to have such an awesome crew. We are also very pleased to welcome our newest members of the team, Kyle Saum and Karin Dobie. Both Kyle and Karin come from a background in the marine industry and have smoothly transitioned into their roles onboard the M/V Guemes.

In 2013, there are no major projects scheduled at the ferry terminals. The next scheduled haul-out will not take place until 2014. The next big project that will take place at the ferry docks is the Ferry Dolphin Replacement Project. Skagit County has received a grant for \$1.2 million from the Ferry Boat Discretionary Fund for the replacement of 5 creosote dolphins at the Anacortes ferry slip. Construction will be during the fish window between January 1 and February 15, 2014. Occasionally, ridership may be affected; however, Skagit County will give plenty of notice if any runs need to be cancelled or delayed.

Memorial Day Sailing Schedule:

Friday, May 24, 2013: Normal Sailing Schedule, 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 25, 2013: Normal Sailing Schedule, 6:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Sunday, May 26, 2013: Normal Sailing Schedule, 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Monday, May 27, 2013: Holiday Sailing Schedule (Saturday Sailing Schedule ending at 10pm), 6:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Did you know...

The peak season starts May 20, 2013 and will end September 30, 2013. During the peak season, both foot and vehicle traffic increase significantly. Please give yourself plenty of time to catch your desired sailing. It is highly recommended that you arrive in line at least 30 minutes prior to your scheduled departure.

Here are a few other tips to help make the peak season flow more smoothly:

- Please be in your vehicles at least 15 minutes prior to departure.
- Tickets will be sold at your vehicle, unless you are paying with a credit card in which case you will need to come into the office;
- Always follow the directions of the crew; they are here to make sure your trip is safe;
- Please note that vehicles and passengers are never loaded at the same time. Walk-ons are generally loaded first and once vehicles start loading, the walk-ons may be asked to wait until all vehicles are loaded;
- NEVER drive while on your cell phone or with pets or children in your lap;
- Purchasing a punch card can make everyone's lives easier; they are available for walk-ons or vehicles;

For more information on fares and schedules, please visit the website at www.skagitcounty.net/ferry.

If you have any questions, please call our ferry office at (360) 293-6433.

Impacts to Ridership

In May and June, Skagit County Road crews will be working to level and asphalt the majority of the roads on Guemes Island. They will also be mowing and sweeping as needed. Later in July and/or August the leveled roads will be chip sealed. After chip sealing, some roads will be re-stripped. All of these projects are important and are being done for the improvement of the Island roads. You may see an increase in trucks and heavy equipment utilizing the ferry during certain times; therefore, please arrive in line at least 30 minutes prior to your scheduled departure. For more information on Skagit County's Chip Sealing Program, please contact Cliff Butler at (360) 755-9531.

Special Event: Dog Island Run— June 1, 2013, the 10K Run starts at 10:45 am, at the School House Park. For more Information go to their website dogislandrun.com.

GUEMES ISLAND FERRY

PEAK FARES Effective May 20th thru Sept 30th

All fares listed are round-trip fares

Fares	Peak
Passenger	May 20 thru Sept 30
Adult Passenger	\$3.50
Senior (65 yrs +) / Disabled / Youth (6-17 yrs) Passenger	\$2.00
Age 5 & Under	Free
Adult & Bicycle	\$4.50
Senior (65+) / Disabled / Youth (6-17 yrs) & Bicycle	\$3.00
Passenger Frequent User Punch Card - valid one year from purchase date	
25-Trip Adult Passenger	\$53.00
25-Trip Senior (65+) / Disabled / Youth (6-17 yrs) Passenger	\$32.00
Vehicle	
Motorcycle (Including Rider)	\$7.00
Motorcycle with Senior (65+) / Disabled Rider	\$6.00
Vehicle (under 20 ft including overhang) & Driver	\$10.00
Vehicle (under 20') & Senior (65+) / Disabled Driver	\$9.00
Vehicle Frequent User Punch Card - valid 90 days from purchase date	
20-Trip Motorcycle & Rider	\$85.00
20-Trip Motorcycle & Senior (65+) / Disabled Rider	\$68.00
20-Trip Vehicle (under 20 ft) & Driver	\$136.00
20-Trip Vehicle (under 20 ft) & Senior (65+) / Disabled Driver	\$119.00
Vehicle Convenience Punch Card - Expires upon next fare adjustment (no refund)	
NON-PEAK 10-trip punch cards are not valid for use during the peak season	
PEAK 10-Trip Vehicle (under 20') & Driver	\$100.00
PEAK 10-Trip Vehicle (under 20') & Senior (65+) / Disabled Driver	\$90.00
Oversize Vehicles & Vehicles w/ Trailers - Including Driver	
Vehicle over 20 ft to less than 25 ft	\$14.00
Vehicle over 25 ft to less than 30 ft	\$20.00
Vehicle over 30 ft to less than 35 ft	\$26.00
Vehicle over 35 ft to less than 40 ft	\$34.00
Vehicle over 40 ft to less than 45 ft	\$43.00
Vehicle over 45 ft to less than 50 ft	\$53.00
Vehicle over 50 ft to less than 55 ft	\$64.00
Vehicle over 55 ft to less than 60 ft	\$75.00
Vehicle over 60 ft to less than 65 ft	\$89.00
Over width charge (over 8 ft, 6 in)	\$5.00
Miscellaneous	
Extended Run (one run at end of day) plus fare	\$100.00
Guemes Special (crew call out) plus fare	\$450.00
Charter Rate (3 hr min) plus fare	\$1,000.00
\$ per hour, each additional hour	\$325.00

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Anacortes Departure Times

Ferry departs Guemes approximately 8 minutes after the listed times.

Crossing time approximately 5 minutes. Round-trip time approximately 20-25 minutes.

MON - THURS	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
6:30 AM	6:30 AM	6:30 AM	
7:00 AM	7:00 AM	7:00 AM	
7:30 AM	7:30 AM		
8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM	8:00 AM
8:30 AM	8:30 AM	8:30 AM	8:30 AM
			9:00 AM
9:15 AM*	9:15 AM	9:15 AM	
9:45 AM	9:45 AM	9:45 AM	9:45 AM
10:15 AM	10:15 AM	10:15 AM	10:15 AM
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11:15 AM	11:15 AM	11:15 AM	11:15 AM
1:00 PM	1:00 PM	1:00 PM	1:00 PM
1:30 PM	1:30 PM	1:30 PM	1:30 PM
2:00 PM*	2:00 PM	2:00 PM	2:00 PM
2:30 PM	2:30 PM		
		2:45 PM	2:45 PM
3:15 PM	3:15 PM		
		3:30 PM	3:30 PM
4:00 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM	4:00 PM
4:30 PM	4:30 PM	4:30 PM	4:30 PM
5:00 PM	5:00 PM	5:00 PM	5:00 PM
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8:30 PM	8:30 PM	8:30 PM	8:30 PM
		9:15 PM	9:15 PM
	10:00 PM	10:00 PM	10:00 PM
	11:00 PM	11:00 PM	

*Wednesday 9:15 AM to Guemes and 2:00 PM from Guemes are hazardous materials runs only.

No other vehicles or passengers may travel on these runs.

Ferry may make one extra trip when overloaded at 11:15 AM, or when there is an hour between runs. No extra trips at 6:45 PM. For one extra trip on the 8:30 PM, 10:00 PM, or 11:00 PM, the fare will be \$100.00, plus fare, regardless of how many vehicles are in line. This fare may be split by all those who wish to travel.

When New Year's Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, or Christmas falls on a Sunday through Thursday, service will be provided on a Saturday schedule, ending at 10:00 PM

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

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