



Press Release

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2022 Ferry Dry Dock Activities

THE CHANGEOVER:

The Whatcom Chief will depart for dry dock late evening on Thursday, May 5, 2022. The Whatcom Chief is due to return to its regular schedule late afternoon on Saturday, May 21, 2022. As always, the return date is tentative and dependent on the scale of repairs and work required in the shipyard. Further confirmation of this return to service date will occur as dry dock progresses.

On Thursday, May 5, 2022, **the last two departures providing regular vehicle service made by the Whatcom Chief will be:**

- 9:00 p.m. from Lummi Island to Gooseberry Point
- 9:10 p.m. from Gooseberry Point to Lummi Island

Due to the complex nature of the dry dock switchover no ferry service will be available after the last posted run time on Thursday, May 5, 2022, including any emergency runs. Please plan accordingly.

We anticipate the first departure with the **contracted passenger-only ferry** to be approximately **5:40 a.m.** from Lummi Island on Friday, May 6, 2022.

DRY DOCK SERVICES:

- Foot Passenger-Only Ferry Service transportation will be provided between Lummi Island and Gooseberry Point. The maximum number of passengers allowed on the passenger ferry at any one time is 55.
 - Pets and bicycles allowed on the stern of the vessel only. Owners are responsible for their pet's actions

- Bicycles load last. The maximum number of bicycles allowed on the passenger ferry at one time is 6. Bicycle users must be able to lift their bicycle over their heads or be prepared to wait for the next ferry if there is no room on the stern of the boat
- The passenger-only ferry can only accept non-motorized wheelchairs as motorized wheelchairs are too wide to pass through the opening in the bulwarks of the passenger ferry
- Ferry vehicle parking will continue to be available in the existing designated areas and will be posted at Gooseberry Point and on the website indicated below. Please comply by parking in designated/posted areas only.
 - Please be sure to check the dates the parking on Gooseberry Point are allowed. <https://www.whatcomcounty.us/DocumentCenter/View/50012/Exhibit-AA-Gooseberry-Dry-Dock-Parking-Map>
 - **VEHICLES PARKED IN UNDESIGNATED AREAS WILL BE TOWED AT OWNER'S EXPENSE. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- Passenger Shuttle Van Service on Lummi Island will be provided while the Whatcom Chief Ferry is in dry dock. The first day of service will be Thursday, May 5, 2022. The maximum number of passengers allowed in the shuttle van at any one time is 15.
 - The shuttle van must meet a very tight schedule. Please be at the shuttle van stop **EARLY** to be sure of a ride.
- **NO PETS OR BICYCLES ALLOWED IN THE PASSENGER SHUTTLE VAN. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Copies of the Passenger-Only Ferry Schedule, parking maps, and the Lummi Island Passenger Shuttle Van Schedules, including the pickup route, are available on the Whatcom County website <http://www.whatcomcounty.us/382/Ferry>.

Should you have any questions, you may contact Public Works Administration at (360) 778-6200. Thank you for your cooperation and patience during the annual dry dock.

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