



Press Release

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Annual Ferry Dry Dock Activities

Dry dock will begin on Sunday, July 18, 2010 at 10:20 p.m. The Whatcom Chief is due to return to its regular schedule on Saturday, August 7, 2010. As always, this date is tentative, and dependent on the scale of repairs and work in the shipyard, on the docks, and as required by the US Coast Guard. Further confirmation of this return to service date will occur as dry dock progresses.

The last day of vehicle ferry service prior to dry dock is Sunday, July 18, 2010. The final evening run from the Gooseberry Point side will be 10:10 p.m. The final evening run from the Lummi Island side will be 10:00 p.m. The Whatcom Chief will then depart to the shipyard.

On Monday, July 19, 2010, the contracted **passenger-only ferry** will make its first run at 6:00 a.m. from the Lummi Island side. The 5:40 a.m. run from Lummi Island will be cancelled to finish the modifications to the docks and to set the floats for the contracted passenger-only ferry.

The following transportation will be provided during dry dock:

- **Foot Passenger-only Ferry Service** will be provided between Lummi Island and Gooseberry Point. In addition, ferry vehicle parking will be available beginning Friday morning, July 16, 2010 in designated areas and will be posted at Gooseberry Point. Please comply by parking in designated/posted areas only. There is very limited authorized parking on Gooseberry Point so please consider your fellow islanders and only park necessary vehicles.

VEHICLES PARKED IN UNDESIGNATED AREAS WILL BE TOWED AT OWNER'S EXPENSE. NO EXCEPTIONS.

- **Passenger Shuttle Van Service** will be provided July 19 to August 7, 2010 while the Whatcom Chief Ferry is in dry dock. **The maximum number of passengers allowed in the shuttle van at**

any one time is 15. The shuttle van will be available to provide transportation to and from the passenger ferry between the hours of 5:55 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. and from 3:55 p.m. to 10:50 p.m.

- **Please note that many shuttle van stops have changed from previous years.** The shuttle van stops were re-configured after 2008's dry dock to provide for more coverage of the island while keeping within the same time frames. The shuttle van must meet a very tight schedule. Please be at the shuttle van stop **EARLY** to be sure of a ride. There is a bicycle rack on the outside of the shuttle van.

NO PETS OR BICYCLES ALLOWED IN THE PASSENGER SHUTTLE VAN. NO EXCEPTIONS.

- **Cart Service.** We will again provide the extra staff assistance for the loading/unloading function to help accommodate both the businesses and individuals who need help loading their items on and off the passenger ferry. This service will be available **8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday thru Sunday** (no Monday thru Thursday service) for the full dry dock period.

Copies of both the Passenger-Only Ferry Schedule, the Gooseberry Point Parking Plan and the Passenger Shuttle Van Schedules will be available on the passenger ferry, in the shuttle van and on the Whatcom County websites www.whatcomchief.org or <http://www.whatcomcounty.us/publicworks/ferry/index.jsp>

Should you have any questions, you may contact Chantelle Hilsinger at (360) 676-6692.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience during the annual dry dock.

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