



Press Release

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Annual Ferry Dry Dock Activities

THE CHANGEOVER:

The Whatcom Chief shall depart for dry dock midmorning on Saturday, September 7, 2019. The Whatcom Chief is due to return to its regular schedule midday on Tuesday, September 24, 2019. 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 the morning of Saturday, September 7, 2019, the Whatcom Chief **vehicle ferry** will provide regular vehicle service until it departs for dry dock. Regular service will begin with an early first run of 6:00 a.m. and will continue to run until it makes its last departures before going out of service for dry dock. The last two departures providing regular vehicle service made by the Whatcom Chief will be:

- 9:20 a.m. from Lummi Island to Gooseberry Point
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We anticipate the first departure with the **contracted passenger-only ferry** to be approximately **4:00 p.m.** from Lummi Island on Saturday, September 7, 2019.

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
 - Bicycles load last. The maximum number of bicycles allowed on the passenger ferry at one time is 6
 - 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. A dry dock parking map will be provided separately.

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 Friday, September 6, 2019. The maximum number of passengers allowed in the shuttle van at any one time is 14.
 - 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, and the Lummi Island Passenger Shuttle Van Schedules, including the pickup route, will be available on the Whatcom County website <http://www.whatcomcounty.us/382/Ferry>. The dry dock parking plan will be posted as soon as it becomes available.

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.