



FERRY NEWSLETTER

May 31, 2008

I am sorry to report that today at 12:00 noon, the temporary repair of the shaft seal on the Christine Anderson which had been slowing operation of the vessel, failed. The vessel is out of service and will proceed to dry docking operations this weekend. The Hiyu will be the sole vessel servicing the route for the remainder of the day May 31, 2008, and all of Sunday June 1, 2008. At the end of service Sunday evening the Hiyu will switch routes with the Rhododendron until the Christine Anderson is returned to service. The Rhododendron is a larger vessel currently serving the Point Defiance, Vashon Island runs. **Please note below under schedule changes, the new Dry Docking Schedule effective using the Rhododendron Monday morning June 2, 2008.**

Washington State Ferry Rhododendron Replaces the Hiyu

The 227-foot M/V Rhododendron is scheduled to arrive at the Steilacoom Ferry Dock on the evening of Sunday June 01, 2008 and will be providing primary service between the town of Steilacoom and Anderson and Ketron Islands. The Rhododendron is filling in for the M/V Christine Anderson, which will be immediately going into repair for approximately eight to ten days. The Christine Anderson was forced to operate on reduced power over the Memorial Day weekend due to failure of a shaft seal on one of the two drive systems. Please anticipate some deviations to the schedule until the availability of the larger Rhododendron which will go into service on the first run scheduled below on Monday, June 2, 2008.

The Rhododendron carries up to 55 vehicles and can accommodate up to 546 passengers.

Schedule Changes

The Rhododendron is slightly slower than the Christine Anderson which means we will be operating on a revised sailing schedule. The revised schedule below can also be viewed at: <http://www.co.pierce.wa.us/pc/abtus/ourorg/pwu/ferry/ferrymain.htm> .

Pierce Transit Bus Schedule:

On June 01, 2008, Pierce Transit is initiating a new schedule for Bus Route 212 that will better accommodate passenger connections between the Pierce County ferry system and Pierce Transit. The new schedule will provide 30-minute service at the bus stop near the Steilacoom Ferry Dock (Union Avenue & Commercial Street) during the morning and evening commutes.

Pierce Transit will delay the Route 212 departure from the ferry dock in the morning so that the bus does not leave the dock before the ferry arrives. With the newly added 30-minute service, a ferry passenger will have only a 30 minute maximum wait time compared to the previous one hour wait time.

In the early evening, the bus schedule has been adjusted so that bus arrival at the ferry dock is 10 to 20 minutes before the ferry departs.

| DRY DOCK SAILING SCHEDULE | | | |
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| | LEAVE STEILACOOM | LEAVE KETRON | LEAVE ANDERSON |
| Mon-Fri Only | 5:00 a.m. | | 5:40 a.m. |
| Every Day | 6:20 a.m. | 6:40 a.m. | 7:05 a.m. |
| Every Day | 7:40 a.m. | | 8:30 a.m. |
| Every Day | 9:10 a.m. | | 9:50 a.m. |
| Every Day | 10:30 a.m. | | 11:20 a.m. |
| Every Day | 12:00 noon | 12:20 p.m. | 12:45 p.m. |
| <i>NOTE: 12:00 noon, 12:20 p.m., and 12:45 p.m. runs CANCELED on the first and third Wednesdays of each month for fuel delivery to the islands.</i> | | | |
| Every Day | 2:10 p.m. | | 2:50 p.m. |
| Every Day | 3:30 p.m. | | 4:10 p.m. |
| Every Day | 4:50 p.m. | 5:10 p.m. | 5:40 p.m. |
| Every Day | 6:30 p.m. | | 7:10 p.m. |
| Every Day | 7:50 p.m. | | 8:30 p.m. |
| Every Day | 9:10 p.m. | | 9:50 p.m. |
| <i>Note: Dimensions and Weight Restrictions for the ferry "MV Rhododendron" are:</i> | | | |
| Maximum vehicle gross weight | | | 67,500 pounds |
| Maximum vehicle height | | | 13' 6" |
| Maximum vehicle width | | | 8' |
| <i>We will not be able to accommodate vehicles that require an oversize permit during the period of this schedule.</i> | | | |

The following link will connect you with the Pierce Transit bus schedule.
<http://www.piercetransit.org/schedules/212/212.htm>

This new schedule was the result of a cooperative effort between Pierce Transit, Pierce County, the Anderson Island Citizens Advisory Board (AICAB), and the Anderson Island Community Planning Board (CPB).

Free Passenger Service - Effective June 1, 2008

In consideration of this temporary disruption to normal service all *passengers* will receive free passage during the repair period (estimated to be no more than ten days). This benefit is extended to walk on passengers and passengers in a vehicle. The vehicle and driver will be charged the normal rate. This benefit will not impact future rates since the State Ferry system will reimburse the County for lost revenue.

Temporary Parking in Steilacoom

To encourage reduced vehicle loads, we have obtained a limited number of parking spaces in Steilacoom. The spaces are available to those Anderson and Ketron Island residents who wish to leave vehicles at Steilacoom during the repair period. Residents can obtain a pass at the Steilacoom terminal, beginning Tuesday, June 3, 2008. The parking passes are available on a first come, first serve basis. Proof of Anderson or Ketron Island residency will be required by providing one of the following items; driver license, vehicle registration, or utility bill.

Ticket Refunds

Please note: In order to determine the origin of sale for each ticket, a receipt must be presented to obtain a refund.

Commuter Tickets:

Commuter tickets without debited trips purchased prior to June 4, 2008 can be returned for a refund. For example; if a passenger has purchased a commuter ticket worth five transactions, the ticket can be refunded. However, a commuter ticket worth five transactions with one or more transactions debited against it cannot be refunded. This is primarily due to ticket system limitations. In order to accommodate the new ticketing systems, customers wishing a ticket refund must present the ticket and receipt. If tickets were purchased at the terminal, they may be refunded at the terminal; however, tickets purchased on-line or in the kiosk must be refunded by contacting Joan Blue, Pierce County Fiscal Department at (253) 798-7251 to obtain a refund.

Only passenger commuter tickets purchased prior to June 4, 2008 may be used by multiple passengers. Please inform the person scanning your ticket that you will be using the passenger commuter ticket for additional passengers. Your ticket must show a date prior to June 4, 2008.

Due to the new ticketing system, commuter tickets cannot be partially refunded; however, you can sell or assign your ticket to another user.

Memorial Holiday ticket refunds:

Tickets purchased the weekend of the Memorial Day Holiday can be refunded by presenting the ticket and receipt. If tickets were purchased at the terminal, they can be refunded at the terminal; however, if tickets were purchased on-line, at a kiosk, or by an out of state/county traveler, please contact Joan Blue at (253) 798-7251 to obtain the refund.

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