

Ferry Drydock (Vehicle Ferry Out of Service) – March 15 through April 29, 2025

Here's what you need to know:

- Nichols Brothers Boat Builders, in Freeland, WA, has been awarded the bid for the Guemes Island Ferry 2025 haul-out. The car ferry will be out of service for 6 weeks. The outage is for the 2025 USCG-required dry dock and maintenance period. The ferry will also get new modern/efficient engines to improve operational reliability.

FAQs

When is the drydock?

- The haul out is scheduled for Saturday, March 15 through April 29, 2025. During this time, the car ferry will be out of service, and passenger-only service will be available.

What is the last run the Guemes Island Ferry will do before going out of service?

- The last vehicle ferry run will be 8:30 p.m. Friday, March 14. Passenger-only service will begin at 6:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 15. There will be no late-night ferry service after 8:30 p.m. on Friday, March 14. This is to allow time for the ferry to prepare to transition to passenger-only service and load supplies to ready the vessel to head to the drydock at Nichols Brothers Boat Builders in Freeland, WA.

Where do I catch the passenger-only boat?

- You'll catch the passenger-only boat at the same Ferry Dock location – 500 I Avenue, Anacortes. Passenger-only service will be provided by Arrow Launch. The 49-passenger vessel, Strait Arrow, will operate on a first-come, first-served basis, and will operate on the non-peak Guemes Island Ferry schedule; reservations are not accepted.

Is there a charge for the passenger-only service?

- Yes. Walk-on fares will be charged in accordance with the ferry's non-peak fare schedule which can be found at skagitcounty.net/ferry.

What is the sailing schedule for passenger-only service?

- The ferry will operate on its non-peak sailing schedule: Monday through Thursday, 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 6:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.; and Sunday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The schedule is available online at skagitcounty.net/ferry.

Can I bring my bicycle or motorcycle onboard the passenger boat?

- The passenger-only boat can accommodate bicycles. Small motorbikes and motorcycles will be allowed on a space-available basis at the captain's discretion.

What if I need to get my vehicle on or off the Island during the ferry shut down?

- If you need to transport a vehicle between Anacortes and Guemes Island during the ferry haul-out, you will need to make your own arrangements.

When is the Guemes Island Ferry scheduled to resume service?

- The vehicle ferry is scheduled to resume service at 6:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 30. Please visit skagitcounty.net/ferry for any updates to this information.

What should I do if there is an emergency?

- If you have an emergency, dial 911 right away. For more information on emergency services, please contact your local fire department.

If I want to talk to someone about the ferry outage, who do I contact?

- Please contact: Rachel Rowe, Ferry Operations Division Manager
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