

## **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.

### **Ferry Drydock 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 will 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 run 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 [www.skagitcounty.net/ferry](http://www.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 [www.skagitcounty.net/ferry](http://www.skagitcounty.net/ferry).

**Will there be a shuttle service in Anacortes?**

Due to safety concerns, we have decided to discontinue the golf cart service offered during previous drydock periods. We understand this service has been appreciated by many of you in the past, but we believe this change is in the best interest of both our passengers and crew. To help our passengers with mobility concerns, we have added new handicap parking spots near the ferry terminal building and along the fence bordering the marina on the east side of the terminal.

There is additionally a Skagit Transit bus route #409 that stops at the ferry landing every 30-40 minutes. Please visit [General Route Information | Skagit Transit](#) for more information about bus routes and schedule.

**Can the passenger ferry carry portable containers of hazardous materials (HAZMAT)?**

For the safety of everyone on board, Strait Arrow is not permitted to transport hazardous materials (HAZMAT) when carrying passengers. While our car ferry is allowed to carry HAZMAT under a special permit, this permit does not apply to our chartered services.

As per 49 CFR 176.76, portable containers of HAZMAT, including gasoline and propane, are not allowed on the passenger-only vessel. This regulation helps ensure the safety and well-being of all passengers and crew.

We understand that this may be an inconvenience, but your safety is our top priority. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. If you have any questions or need further information, please reach out to the ferry office.

**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](http://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?**

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