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FERRY AT ROCKPORT SINKS WITH CARS

Two cars and a truck – and their occupants took a ducking in the cold Skagit river at Rockport yesterday when the Rockport ferry swamped in crossing against the high water and sank to the river bottom.

Water started coming over the ferry deck and managed to fill the scow before it could be stopped. The ferry sank while passengers in the cars' climbed to the roofs of their vehicles. All received a thorough soaking before rescuers arrived to take them off.

The ferry was hauled ashore and pumped out and is now operating again – but cautiously.