

Media Advisory

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BC FERRIES ADDS EXTRA SAILINGS FOR THE SUMMER

VICTORIA – BC Ferries welcomes new and returning customers on board this summer with extra sailings for peak season travel starting June 21. Seasonal adjustments to sailing times will also be in effect on many routes.

Vancouver (Tsawwassen) – Victoria (Swartz Bay) route

- 6 a.m. sailings Monday to Saturday, except statutory holidays
- Hourly sailings from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily
- Lots of late night sailings, including daily 9 p.m. sailings in both directions
- Midnight departures from Swartz Bay on June 28, August 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

This route is the most popular route in the fleet, with four vessels providing up to 34 sailings per day.

West Vancouver (Horseshoe Bay) - Nanaimo (Departure Bay) route

- 6:25 a.m. sailings in both directions daily
- Select 11:40 p.m. sailings departing Horseshoe Bay

Three ships will service this route, and deliver up to 24 sailings per day.

Vancouver (Tsawwassen) - Nanaimo (Duke Point) route

Starting June 26, two vessels will provide 16 sailings per day between 5:15 a.m. and 10:45 p.m., seven days per week until September 2.

Summer service on the Horseshoe Bay – Langdale route includes a second dedicated vessel providing extra sailings throughout the season. To meet peak demand between Metro Vancouver and the Southern Gulf Islands, BC Ferries also scheduled additional sailings for this route.

The most popular travel times during the summer are generally Thursday and Friday afternoons, as well as Saturday morning, with travellers departing from Tsawwassen and Horseshoe Bay terminals. Historically, Sunday afternoon is the most popular time for people to return from Vancouver Island and the Sunshine Coast. To avoid sailing waits, BC Ferries recommends customers reserve, or travel outside these times. Customers without a reservation can see the best times to travel on our website, <a href="https://doi.org/10.1007/journal.org/10.1007

Customers with flexibility can take advantage of promotional pricing until September 4. The Sunrise and Sunset Savings promotion offers discounts on more than 1,600 early morning

and late evening sailings. The Bring It All promotion offers customers travelling with recreational vehicles savings on 1,100 summer sailings. Information is available online at <u>bcferries.com</u>.

Customers planning a getaway this summer can arrange their retreat with BC Ferries Vacations. Packages to Victoria and Vancouver include ferry travel, hotel accommodation, complimentary room upgrades, and more. Visit www.bcferries.com/vacations or drop by the BC Ferries Vacations Centre in downtown Vancouver at 1010 Canada Place.

For full schedule information, current conditions and reservations, please visit <u>bcferries.com</u>. For the most up-to-date travel information, follow @BCFerries on Twitter.

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