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**BC FERRIES RECOMMENDS PLANNING AHEAD
FOR THANKSGIVING LONG WEEKEND**

VICTORIA – BC Ferries is adding extra sailings for the upcoming Thanksgiving long weekend and advises customers to plan their travels in advance.

Over the long weekend, BC Ferries will operate four vessels between Tsawwassen and Swartz Bay. Extra sailings will be added on the Horseshoe Bay – Departure Bay route at peak times as traffic warrants throughout the weekend. On Monday, October 12, an extra late night sailing will depart Langdale at 10:10 pm bound for Horseshoe Bay. The Earls Cove – Saltery Bay schedule has also been adjusted on October 9 and 12 to allow for later departures in the evening.

Traditionally, Thanksgiving is a busy weekend for ferry travel, especially for foot passengers. Almost 50 per cent more foot passengers are carried this weekend than on an average fall weekend. Foot passenger overloads may occur, so BC Ferries recommends customers arrive at the terminals at least 30 minutes in advance. During the busiest travel times, pick-up and drop-off areas can be congested so early arrival is recommended.

If customers desire a specific sailing for their weekend plans, reservations are recommended. Passengers with vehicle reservations must arrive at the ticket booth at least 30 minutes before the scheduled departure time to claim their reservation, and non-reserved passengers are recommended to arrive at the ticket booth at least 60 minutes before the scheduled sailing.

The holiday Monday, October 12, is expected to be the busiest day of the long weekend. Customers travelling to and from Nanaimo are reminded that sailings between Duke Point and Tsawwassen tend to be less congested than sailings between Horseshoe Bay and Departure Bay at peak times. For full schedule details and reservations, visit www.bcferrries.com.

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