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**SPIRIT OF VANCOUVER ISLAND GOES FOR EARLY REFIT**  
**Regular schedule resumes on Tsawwassen – Swartz Bay route on October 13**

VICTORIA - The refit and maintenance period of the Spirit of Vancouver Island has been moved ahead as a result of the fire in the stand-by generator.

The Spirit of British Columbia was originally scheduled to go for its annual maintenance and recertification period from October 13 through the end of November. The Spirit of Vancouver Island was to undergo its annual maintenance period after the Spirit of British Columbia returned to service. Due to the fire on the Spirit of Vancouver Island and associated repairs, BC Ferries is swapping the refits.

Concurrent with the Spirit of Vancouver Island's refit and recertification, repairs to the damaged stand-by generator, wiring, cabling, and electrical components will be conducted. The Spirit of Vancouver Island is expected to return to service at the end of November. The cause of the fire has not been determined at this point and BC Ferries is conducting an internal investigation regarding this matter.

During this time, the regular schedule will remain in effect on the Tsawwassen – Swartz Bay route. The Spirit of British Columbia will be redeployed to the Swartz Bay terminal on October 13. The Queen of New Westminster will sail in place of the Spirit of British Columbia based at Tsawwassen. The Coastal Celebration will provide supplemental service on Fridays and Sundays. For full schedule details, visit [www.bcferrys.com](http://www.bcferrys.com).

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