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### **BC FERRIES ADDS EXTRA SAILINGS FOR THANKSGIVING LONG WEEKEND**

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

Four vessels will service the busy Tsawwassen – Swartz Bay route for the weekend. Extra sailings will also be added on the Horseshoe Bay – Departure Bay route at peak times. On Monday, October 8, an extra late night sailing is scheduled from Langdale bound for Horseshoe Bay. The Earls Cove – Saltery Bay schedule has also been adjusted on October 5 and 8 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 on this weekend compared to an average fall weekend. Foot passenger overloads may occur, so BC Ferries recommends customers travelling as foot passengers arrive at the terminals well in advance of sailing times.

The holiday Monday, October 8, is expected to be the busiest day of the long weekend with traffic returning to the Lower Mainland. 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.

If customers require a specific sailing, reservations are strongly recommended. Customers 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 or more before the scheduled sailing.

Drivers are encouraged to park vehicles on the cardecks within 24 inches from the car ahead in order to maximize the number of vehicles loaded on each sailing. BC Ferries would also like to remind customers to please ensure they do not take up extra seats with baggage or back packs. Many sailings are expected to be busy and customers will need space to sit for the voyage.

For schedule details and reservations, visit [www.bcferreries.com](http://www.bcferreries.com).

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