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THREE SURPLUS BC FERRIES FOR SALE

VICTORIA – With the decommissioning of the Queen of Prince Rupert from its fleet yesterday, BC Ferries announced that three surplus vessels are now currently for sale.

The Queen of Vancouver, Queen of Saanich and Queen of Prince Rupert are all being offered for sale. The vessels range in age from 43 to 47 years old.

Last year, three new Coastal Class vessels joined the fleet. This year the MV Island Sky, an intermediate size ship entered service in February and the Northern Expedition, a 600-passenger northern ship will enter service next month. These new ships allow for the retirement of some of BC Ferries' older vessels.

“These ships have served our passengers well for over four decades. We are pleased to welcome new state-of-the-art ships with enhanced customer amenities and modern technological and safety features to our fleet,” said David L. Hahn, BC Ferries' President and CEO. “At the same time, we recognize the many years of outstanding service that were provided by the Queen of Vancouver, Queen of Saanich and Queen of Prince Rupert.”

BC Ferries is seeking expressions of interest from prospective buyers. Market demand will dictate the price. Prospective buyers should contact BC Ferries immediately at shipsforsale@bcferries.com.

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Queen of Vancouver

Built 1962; LOA 130m; breadth 24.0m; draft 3.6m; GT 9,367 tonnes; approx 6,300 kw from two x MAK 9MU551AK (installed 1983); service speed 18.5 knots; 1,825 lane metres; passenger capacity 1,272; Lloyds class.



Queen of Saanich

Built 1963; LOA 130m; breadth 23.9m; draft 3.6m; GT 9,302 tonnes; approx 6,700 kw from two x MAK 8M551AK (installed 1982); service speed 19 knots; 1,825 lane metres; passenger capacity 1,672; Lloyds class.



Queen of Prince Rupert

Built 1966; LOA 101m; breadth 17.7m; draft 4.4m; GT 5,864 tonnes; approx 7,680 BHP from four x Mirrlees KLSSMR8 (installed 1966); service speed 18 knots; 420 lane metres; passenger capacity 544; Lloyds class.