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**COASTAL RENAISSANCE OFFICIALLY STARTS SERVICE
BC Ferries brand new ship to officially begin operation on Nanaimo route**

VICTORIA – BC Ferries’ newest vessel, Coastal Renaissance, will officially commence service on Saturday, March 8 as the regularly scheduled 3:00 p.m. sailing from Departure Bay to Horseshoe Bay. On that day, the ship will also depart Horseshoe Bay at 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. and from Departure Bay at 7:00 p.m.

From Sunday, March 9 onward, Coastal Renaissance is scheduled to sail at the following times:

Leave Departure Bay:	Leave Horseshoe Bay:
6:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.	12:30 p.m.
3:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.	9:00 p.m.

Coastal Renaissance is the first of three new Coastal Class vessels. Coastal Inspiration, which is currently awaiting passage through the Panama Canal, will commence service on the Duke Point – Tsawwassen route before the summer. Coastal Celebration will join the BC Ferries fleet in the fall, and will sail between Swartz Bay and Tsawwassen.

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