This summer, the 2015 Coastal Naturalist Program, now in its tenth season, offers BC Ferries customers the opportunity to discover the world beneath the waves, and more! BC Ferries and Parks Canada work together to present this successful program to inform, educate, and inspire travellers onboard BC Ferries vessels about the wonders of B.C.’s coast. The program offers our customers the opportunity to connect with the coastal region, covering topics about the ocean, B.C.’s unique wildlife and marine life, coastal, nautical and cultural history, and hear stories that connect Canadians and visitors to Parks Canada’s incredible places.

The Coastal Naturalist Program runs onboard from Wednesday, June 24th through Monday, September 7th, 2015 on BC Ferries vessels travelling between Vancouver Island and Vancouver.

Nine Coastal Naturalists engage with customers with short roving presentations throughout the vessel and deliver a 20-minute presentation on daytime sailings offering a real life coastal experience.

The Coastal Naturalist Program helps to raise awareness of B.C.’s coast and increase appreciation for its wildlife, marine life, geography, culture and history. Approximately 150,000 customers participate in onboard presentations each season, with seasonal program promotions reaching millions of customers.

The 2015 Coastal Naturalist Program is proudly presented by BC Ferries and Parks Canada.

“I’m new to British Columbia, and was interested in learning more about B.C. as I travelled on the ferry. Imagine my delight in realizing there was a knowledgeable naturalist onboard! I learned so much that I didn’t know before. Coastal British Columbia is indeed a place of remarkable diversity, beauty and wonder! It is a treasure to be valued and cared for.”

– BC Ferries Customer
Coastal Naturalist Program Details

Coastal Naturalists

We started the 2015 year with a comprehensive audition process to find the best naturalists on the west coast, and are proud to introduce a team of nine enthusiastic presenters for you to meet onboard.

Onboard Program

The program runs from Wednesday, June 24th to Monday, September 7th, 2015. The program is delivered seven days a week on select vessels travelling between Vancouver Island and Vancouver. Each vessel has one Coastal Naturalist presenting for four sailings daily.

Coastal Naturalist Programs are offered on all statutory holidays during the summer period.

Vessels

- Spirit of British Columbia
- Spirit of Vancouver Island
- Coastal Celebration
- Queen of New Westminster
- Coastal Renaissance
- Queen of Oak Bay

Schedule

The Coastal Naturalist schedule is found at bcferries.com/onboard-experiences/Coastal_Experiences