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**BC FERRIES OFFERS EXTRA SAILINGS AND EXTRA SAVINGS
FOR THE VICTORIA DAY LONG WEEKEND**

Hundreds of CoastSaver Sailings on the Tsawwassen - Duke Point route in May and June

VICTORIA – BC Ferries is pleased to announce that it is offering an additional 70 sailings over the Victoria Day long weekend. Extra service will be available from Thursday, May 15 through Tuesday, May 20. In addition, there will be more than 100 CoastSaver sailings this long weekend, giving customers lots of opportunities to sail and save.

The majority of the extra sailings will be added to the Tsawwassen – Swartz Bay route, the busiest of BC Ferries' 25 routes. During this time, four vessels will operate on this route in order to accommodate increased numbers of travellers.

Extra sailings are also scheduled for the Horseshoe Bay – Departure Bay and Horseshoe Bay – Langdale routes.

Still more extra sailings are added to the Southern Gulf Islands schedule from both Tsawwassen and Swartz Bay over the long weekend. The Queen of Nanaimo, the regular vessel on the Tsawwassen – Southern Gulf Islands route, is currently being replaced by a smaller ship while it undergoes its necessary refit and drydocking. The additional sailings have been added to create more travel opportunities on this historically busy weekend. Southern Gulf Islands customers are therefore encouraged to plan their travel in advance during this busy period and to consider making reservations or travelling through Swartz Bay.

BC Ferries' popular CoastSaver fares will be available on all Tsawwassen – Duke Point sailings throughout the months of May and June, including the Victoria Day long weekend. When travelling on a CoastSaver sailing, customers pay just \$5 per passenger and \$20 per vehicle. CoastSaver fares will also be available on all sailings between Tsawwassen and Swartz Bay every Saturday in May and June.

Finally, travellers on the Departure Bay – Horseshoe Bay route are reminded that they now have the opportunity to sail on BC Ferries' newest ship, Coastal Renaissance. Sailing times for the Coastal Renaissance are posted on our website.

For full schedule details and reservations, visit www.bcferreries.com.

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