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BC FERRIES TO ADJUST FUEL SURCHARGES EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 12

VICTORIA – Due to the rising cost of marine diesel fuel, BC Ferries is advising customers that fuel surcharges on some routes will be adjusted on December 12.

The fuel surcharge will rise from 2.5 per cent to 5 per cent on the three major routes connecting the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island. A fuel surcharge of 2.5 per cent will be implemented on the Horseshoe Bay – Langdale route.

The fuel surcharge currently in place on the minor routes remains unchanged at 5 per cent. Currently there are no fuel surcharges on the Port Hardy – Prince Rupert and Prince Rupert – Haida Gwaii routes.

BC Ferries' annual fuel cost was \$45.9 million in 2003. While the Company has reduced its fuel consumption by approximately 5 per cent since then, BC Ferries projects its 2011/2012 fuel procurement costs could be over \$120 million.

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Fuel surcharge table attached

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| ROUTE | ROUTE DESCRIPTION | FUEL SURCHARGE | PASSENGER | | PASSENGER VEHICLE* | MOTORCYCLE | BUS (PER FOOT) | COMMERCIAL VEHICLE (PER FOOT) |
|-------|--|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | (Adult) | (Child - age 5 to 11) | (Cars/Pickup Trucks) | (include side car) | Licensed to carry 16 or more | Vehicles rated over 5500kg/GVW | |
| 01 | Tsawwassen - Swartz Bay | 0.70 | 0.35 | 2.35 | 1.15 | 0.19 | 0.27 | |
| 02 | Horseshoe Bay - Departure Bay | 0.70 | 0.35 | 2.35 | 1.15 | 0.19 | 0.27 | |
| 30 | Tsawwassen - Duke Point | 0.70 | 0.35 | 2.35 | 1.15 | 0.19 | 0.27 | |
| 03 | * Horseshoe Bay - Langdale | 0.30 | 0.15 | 1.10 | 0.55 | 0.11 | 0.15 | |
| 04 | * Swartz Bay - Fulford Harbour | 0.50 | 0.25 | 1.50 | 0.75 | 0.14 | 0.16 | |
| 05 | * Swartz Bay - Gulf Islands | 0.50 | 0.25 | 1.70 | 0.85 | 0.15 | 0.16 | |
| 06 | * Vesuvius Bay - Crofton | 0.50 | 0.25 | 1.50 | 0.75 | 0.14 | 0.16 | |
| 07 | * Saltery Bay - Earl's Cove | 0.65 | 0.30 | 2.20 | 1.10 | 0.21 | 0.29 | |
| 08 | * Horseshoe Bay - Snug Cove | 0.50 | 0.25 | 1.45 | 0.70 | 0.13 | 0.15 | |
| 09 | Gulf Islands to Tsawwassen (Off Peak) | 0.40 | 0.20 | 1.10 | 0.85 | 0.16 | 0.20 | |
| 09 | Gulf Islands to Tsawwassen (Regular) | 0.40 | 0.20 | 1.65 | 0.85 | 0.16 | 0.20 | |
| 91 | Tsawwassen to Gulf Islands (Off Peak) | 0.80 | 0.40 | 2.60 | 1.50 | 0.28 | 0.35 | |
| 91 | Tsawwassen to Gulf Islands (Regular) | 0.80 | 0.40 | 3.05 | 1.50 | 0.28 | 0.35 | |
| 31 | Inter-Southern Gulf Islands | 0.25 | 0.10 | 0.55 | 0.25 | 0.08 | 0.09 | |
| 17 | Comox - Powell River | 0.65 | 0.30 | 2.05 | 1.00 | 0.15 | 0.21 | |
| 18 | * Powell River - Texada Island | 0.45 | 0.20 | 1.10 | 0.55 | 0.12 | 0.14 | |
| 19 | * Gabriola Island - Nanaimo | 0.45 | 0.20 | 1.10 | 0.55 | 0.12 | 0.14 | |
| 20 | * Thetis Island - Kuper Island - Chemainus | 0.45 | 0.20 | 1.10 | 0.55 | 0.12 | 0.14 | |
| 21 | * Buckley Bay - Denman Island | 0.40 | 0.20 | 1.00 | 0.50 | 0.10 | 0.10 | |
| 22 | * Denman Island - Hornby Island | 0.40 | 0.20 | 1.00 | 0.50 | 0.10 | 0.10 | |
| 23 | * Campbell River - Quadra Island | 0.40 | 0.20 | 1.00 | 0.50 | 0.11 | 0.13 | |
| 24 | * Quadra Island - Cortes Island | 0.50 | 0.25 | 1.15 | 0.55 | 0.15 | 0.19 | |
| 25 | * Alert Bay - Sointula - Port McNeill | 0.50 | 0.25 | 1.15 | 0.55 | 0.15 | 0.19 | |
| 26 | * Skidegate - Alliford Bay | 0.40 | 0.20 | 1.00 | 0.50 | 0.11 | 0.13 | |
| 12 | Mill Bay - Brentwood Bay | 0.30 | 0.15 | 0.75 | 0.35 | 0.07 | 0.08 | |
| 13 | Langdale - Keats Island - Gambier Island | 0.30 | 0.15 | - | - | - | - | |

*Surcharge covers return trip

Fuel Surcharge - Effective December 12 2011

- Fuel surcharges listed above are calculated from rack fares;
- 5% Fuel Surcharge applies to the Major Routes;
- 5% Fuel Surcharge applies to the Minor Routes;
- 2.5% Fuel Surcharge applies to Route 3;

* The Passenger Vehicle fuel surcharge values listed above are for vehicles up to 20 feet only.

EXEMPTIONS:

Children under 5 years of age
Bicycles, Stowage, Canoe/Kayak