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BC FERRIES TO OPERATE MID ISLAND ROUTE VIA DEPARTURE BAY Vessel Hard Landing at Duke Point has Closed Terminal until Further Notice

VICTORIA – Effective immediately, BC Ferries will operate its Tsawwassen mid-island sailings from Departure Bay in Nanaimo instead of Duke Point. This change to the route will continue until further notice.

At 2:50 pm today, the Coastal Inspiration experienced a hard landing upon arrival at Duke Point terminal. The terminal berth sustained significant damage and the vessel's port side doors were also damaged. The vessel will be pulled from service and replaced by another vessel. There were two minor injuries to passengers and one minor injury to a crew member on board the vessel, as a result of the hard landing at Duke Point.

BC Ferries is investigating the cause of the hard landing.

The following regular mid-island – Tsawwassen schedule will be in effect starting tomorrow, Wed., December 21:

Leave Departure Bay	Leave Tsawwassen
5:15 am Daily except Sun & Dec 25 & Jan 1	5:15 am Daily except Sun & Dec 25 & Jan 1
7:45 am Daily except Sun & Dec 25 & Jan 1	7:45 am Daily except Sun & Dec 25 & Jan 1
10:15 am Daily	10:15 am Daily
12:45 pm Daily	12:45 pm Daily
3:15 pm Daily	3:15 pm Daily
5:45 pm Daily	5:45 pm Daily
8:15 pm Daily except Sat & Dec 25 & Jan 1	8:15 pm Daily except Sat & Dec 25 & Jan 1
10:45 pm Daily except Sat & Dec 25 & Jan 1	10:45 pm Daily except Sat & Dec 25 & Jan 1

Regularly scheduled service, including the extra holiday sailings, will be in effect on the Departure Bay – Horseshoe Bay route.

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