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**ALL HOLIDAY SAILINGS TO PROCEED DESPITE DUKE POINT CLOSURE**  
**Departure Bay expected to be very busy at peak periods**

VICTORIA – BC Ferries announced today that no sailings on either the Duke Point - Tsawwassen route or the Departure Bay - Horseshoe Bay route will be cancelled over the holiday season due to the hard landing incident at Duke Point yesterday. A service plan has been developed to provide all sailings as previously scheduled.

BC Ferries' engineers have assessed the damage to both the vessel and the terminal and have determined that the Coastal Inspiration will be out of service for approximately one month and the Duke Point terminal will be unavailable for several months. The company is undertaking a full investigation, but initial findings indicate that an electronic malfunction was the root cause of the hard landing.

Customers are advised that long-term parking at Departure Bay will be limited, and people are encouraged to use public transit or drop-off services as much as possible. For those who require parking, additional Robbins parking lots in Nanaimo are available at the Bastion parkade (236 Bastion Street) and the bus depot/Howard Johnson (#1 Terminal Avenue).

With two routes operating out of Departure Bay, the terminal is expected to be much busier than normal. Therefore, BC Ferries suggests that customers allow extra time at the terminal prior to travelling. BC Ferries will provide additional traffic control personnel on Stewart Avenue for organizing vehicles bound for each of the two routes.

BC Ferries appreciates the patience of its customers during this temporary service adjustment and looks forward to resumption of regular mid-island service as soon as possible.

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