



Welcome to the West Coast Ferries Forum.

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Terms of Service

By using this website, you accept all aspects of *ProBoards* Terms of Service. This can be viewed on the *ProBoards* webpage (www.proboards.com). A link to the ToS is provided towards the bottom.

Collection of Information

We collect personally identifiable information such as IP addresses and e-mail addresses when posts are submitted by our visitors and members. We consider all information that is collected on this website to be our information. We take reasonable measures to protect the information you share with us from unauthorized access or disclosure.

Cookies

Cookies are utilized to store usernames and passwords. When logging into this board, the user has the option to set the length of time for the cookie, or to let the cookie last indefinitely.

Distribution of Information

We may share information when alerted to suspicious activities and/or unlawful activity on this forum, or when permitted or required by law.

Public Forum

Please remember that any information that is disclosed on this website becomes public information. You should exercise caution when deciding to disclose personal or business information.

Data Security

Your personally identifiable information is kept secure. Only authorized staff members who have agreed to keep information secure and confidential have access to this information.

Membership

Membership is required to post, create threads, gain access to certain boards and to participate in polls.

We appreciate new members and the different experiences and viewpoints that they bring. They help to make our website more diverse and interesting. We ask that you consider your first posts as being similar to someone joining an established group conversation that is already in progress. Introduce yourself and step back to determine the style and culture of the discussions that you will be joining in on. Please do not rush in unannounced posting twenty items in the first day without thought to the established discussions. Pick your spots, allow others to get to know you, and make a smooth entrance.

Members who no longer participate will continue to have their past contributions remain visible on this website.

Accounts that reach 120 days of inactivity are subject to deletion.

Foul Language

Please keep your language clean. Filters are in place to scan all posts prior to their appearance on this website.

Spam

Anyone registering accounts for this purpose will be removed from this site immediately. If we deem necessary, information will be forwarded to the offending ISP to face consequences from their service provider directly.

Staff will fully investigate any accounts that are responsible for sending slanderous, hateful or demeaning messages via the private message system.

Accounts that are accessing this website via a proxy server and appear suspicious may have their account or post(s) deleted or modified.

Please note that we record and archive all posts that are deleted on this website.

Personal Attacks

Debating is encouraged and arguments will happen. However, please do not get carried away by insulting or slandering other members. Belittling other members and starting flame wars is not good for discussion, nor is it fun for others to read.

Members and guests are advised to use some restraint when accusing others of posting wrong information or facts. Please take a moment to consider what the other person has intended to say, and whether you have interpreted their post correctly. For obvious typo's or brain-slips, most of the members will still be able to figure out what the poster meant to say, so we can go on in our discussion without being sidetracked.

Attacks on Staff

Individuals responsible for such an attack will be given an automatic seven (7) day ban. If these attacks continue, consequences will vary depending on the situation all the way up to a permanent removal.

Advertising

Advertisement of one's website or forum is not good for discussion and thus any posts made doing this will be deleted. If you wish to advertise, please use your signature or avatar. Please note that this rule does not apply to a personal photo site.

Mini-Moderating

Please remember that staff actively monitor all boards and any spam will be deleted. However, if you see a post that causes you concern, please click on the Report to Staff option located below the body of the post.

Technical Issues

While staff cannot be held responsible for any technical problems that might occur while viewing the website, staff will do their best to notify members in the event of a known outage. If you are experiencing issues from third-party software (non-*ProBoards* based), please contact your software vendor.

Staff will only troubleshoot *ProBoards* software and server issues.

New topics

To allow easier reading for our many members and guests, please utilize existing topics when adding any information that relates to, or is similar to discussion in progress. If the information you wish to add does not fit in with the current discussion, please create a new topic and title it appropriately. Any new topics created that mirror current discussion will be locked and discussion will be re-directed to the original topic in discussion.

Grammar

To the best of your ability, please use good English in your posts. We are not English teachers, but we will delete posts that do not make sense or are overly difficult to understand.

Off-topic Discussion

We are all guilty of straying off topic at one time or another, but please try your best to remain on topic. Posts with little or no connection to the thread may be deleted. If this becomes a reoccurring issue, the warning system will be activated and will appear on your account.

Hotlinking

Hotlinking is when you post an image from another website directly onto our website. This is against the Terms of Service, and all posts containing these images will be deleted. Instead, we suggest that a URL to that picture be provided. Photos linked from your own website or a photo-sharing site are allowed and encouraged.

Images

Maximum dimensions - 800 x 600 pixels on threads, 700 x 200 pixels for signatures.

In order to share and post pictures to this website, you must sign up with an image hosting company such as *Photobucket*, *Imageshack* or *Sitesled*. Photobucket is best for those who do not have their own website.

In order to share your image, see the code below:

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[img]PLACE THE PHOTO URL HERE[/img]
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Oversized images make threads hard to read forcing viewers to constantly scroll to the right to finish each line. On this website, staff enforce a limit of 800 x 600 pixels on threads and 700 x 200 pixels for signatures. Any photo that is exceeding these dimensions will be removed.

Obscene, hateful or sexually oriented images will not be tolerated on this website.

Please refrain from using flashing images.

Group Trips

After much discussion, staff have decided that group trips and all planning and discussion thereof will now be by invitation only. While this website continues to provide a place for the public to learn and discuss ferry related topics, we understand that it has also helped create a sub-group of people who enjoy getting together for group trips. The group-trip board is set up to accommodate this group of members to ensure a measure of privacy, control and safety for these events.

To access our group trips board, members must be a positive contributor to the forum with a minimum of one-hundred (100) posts and have participated as a member for at least three (3) months. If you meet this requirement, please send an e-mail to contactwcff@gmail.com. In your e-mail provide your name, e-mail address and username with the message titled Group Trips Request. Staff will notify you via e-mail regarding the status of your request, however it may take two to five days for a response. Upon approval, you will be given access to our group-trip board.

In order to maintain security, all individuals that have access to this board must post at least once in a thirty (30) day period. Accounts that are inactive in the group trips board at thirty (30) days, unless without prior approval, will be removed from accessing information on upcoming trips.

All information contained within the group trips board is strictly confidential.

When a member proposes a trip, all members wishing to participate must make it known in the topic the trip is posted to.

If you previously expressed interest, please let others know if you are not going to be in attendance.

You must provide or arrange for your own transportation.

As a member of the traveling public, members must conduct themselves appropriately. Any member acting in an inappropriate manner may not be eligible for participation in future group trips.

Forum Flagship

For rules pertaining to Forum Flagship nominations, please see our Forum Flagship sub-board.

Member Ranks

Your rank is determined by the number of posts that you have accumulated.

0-49: Oiler (New Member)

50-99: Deckhand

100-249: Chief Steward

250-499: Chief Officer

500-999: Chief Engineer

1,000-2,499: Captain

2,500-4,999: Senior Captain

5,000-7,499: Senior Chief Engineer

7,500-9,999: High Captain

10,000 +: Veteran

Custom Titles

Custom titles are found underneath the star ranking on a members profile.

Custom titles are available to staff and members who have accumulated 2,000 posts or more. Once you reach this amount, you will be sent a private message by staff to inform you of this available option.

Disclaimer

West Coast Ferries Forum and/or its staff do not warrant the accuracy of any post displayed on this website, and cannot be held responsible for its contents. The posts displayed express the views of the author, and not necessarily the views of the website.

We reserve the right to change, modify, add or remove portions of this website and/or these conditions of use at any time without prior notice.

By using this website, you have accepted and agreed to follow this document in its entirety.

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