



PUBLIC SAFETY NOTICE

BC Ferries Spring and Summer 2017 Operations

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BC Ferries, in partnership with Canadian Coast Guard and Transport Canada's Office of Boating Safety, wishes to advise commercial and pleasure craft operators that the upcoming spring and summer ferry sailing schedules will increase marine traffic over many BC Ferries routes along the British Columbia coast.

BC Ferries would like to bring particular attention to the fact that sailing dates, times and routes may change with little or no notice due to operational requirements or sudden and significant changes due to operational incidents, weather and traffic demand.

Mariners transiting waters in the immediate area of BC Ferries terminals shall use caution and ensure that they do not impede ferries approaching or departing berths pursuant to the Canadian Shipping Act, Collision Regulations and the ordinary practice of good seamanship. Additionally, mariners should exercise caution and be aware of increased BC Ferries spring and summer traffic in the area of Active Pass.

Information regarding BC Ferry sailings can be found at the following websites:

<http://www.bcferrries.com/>

<http://www.bcferrries.com/schedules/>

BC Ferry vessels standby on VHF marine radio channel 16 (calling channel) and the appropriate VHF vessel traffic channel for their area; these channels are: *Victoria VHF 11; Victoria Traffic for Vancouver Harbour and Howe Sound, VHF 12; and Victoria Traffic for the former Comox Area of Responsibility, VHF 71.*

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