

3 Public Transportation

Bustins offers public transportation to the island by providing its own ferry service to and from South Freeport and by offering delivery service of both people and goods from the ferry to your cottage door.

Ferry Boat: the *Lilly B.*

After many years of subcontracting ferry service, the island made the decision in 1999 to purchase and maintain its own vessel. Designed by naval architect and islander Al Spalding and built by Bradley Simmons, the *Lilly B.* was put into service on April 22, 2000. She was named for Lilly Brewer, a longtime island caretaker (along with her husband Ralph) during the 1950's and 1960's.

The *Lilly B.* carries 44 passengers and operates on a fixed schedule between Memorial Day and Columbus Day. You can obtain a current schedule from the boat crew or by visiting the BIVC website (www.bivc.net). The schedule is also included in the Spring issue of "the Store Porch" newsletter. Boat fares and freight fees are evaluated every winter and are recommended by the Boat Committee and approved by the Board of Overseers. They are posted on the boat, near the Public Dock, and on the website.

Islanders can also arrange "specials" — additional runs between regularly scheduled runs or at other times — for a fee by arrangement with the Captain. Call the boat's cell number to inquire.

- ë The *Lilly B.* is a public ferry service and, as such, is available to all islanders and non-islanders who wish to travel to and from the mainland. The ferry is not allowed to carry propane or gasoline as baggage.

Public Dock

The Public Dock and float are located on the south end of the island, to the right of the Ships Inn Museum and down a short path to the water. They serve the island ferry (*Lilly B.*), and also provide a place for boat owners to tie their dinghies for private transport to their moorings. Rules for use are posted on the ramp.

- ë Dinghies should be tied at the rear of the float only, leaving the sides and front available for the ferry and for other boats to pick up and drop off passengers and gear. Note that when the ferry is arriving and leaving, dogs must be on a leash; bicycles are never allowed on the ramp or float.

Island Truck

The island truck is operated by a Board-appointed driver and is available to meet boats (regular ferry runs, specials, or private boats) in order to transport islanders and their luggage between the Public Dock and their cottages or vice versa, and as a hauling service for moving materials, such as lumber or furniture. The truck is also a taxi service for islanders



who want to attend events or visit neighbors but cannot get to them on their own due to disability.

Services are available for a fee (there may be a minimal fee for taxi services for the disabled). To request service, call the Truck Driver. The truck automatically meets all regularly-scheduled ferry arrivals at the Public Dock, so it is not necessary to call ahead for that service.

Public Landing Ramp

The Public Landing Ramp is located on the north end of the island, near the golf course and next to the Transfer Station. It offers access for barges and is usable only between half and high tides.

Steamer Dock

The Steamer Dock is located on the west end of the island and is used for delivery and storage of the propane tanks, as well as for other large cargo that islanders may wish to have delivered or to deliver themselves. Because the Steamer Dock has no float, its use is dependent on the tides.

The Steamer Dock is also a favorite location for swimming, fishing, and watching sunsets at the end of the day.



- ë The Steamer Dock is not available for tying up boats. Please avoid going near the propane tanks when on the Steamer Dock.

Marinas

Boat owners have the choice of two convenient marinas in South Freeport: Strouts Point Wharf Company (207-865-3899) and Brewer South Freeport Marine (207-865-3181). Both marinas are adjacent to the Freeport Public Wharf where the *Lilly B.* loads passengers. They offer their customers slips and moorings, boat repairs, parking, bathroom facilities with showers, fuel, and ice. Brewer additionally offers shuttle service to Freeport center. Bustins has no relationship with either marina; arrangements for slips and services must be made directly by customers.

Mainland Parking

Finding parking on the mainland is a problem for many islanders. The Board of Overseers is aware of the problem and is continually working with Freeport to monitor and improve parking options.

Islanders who moor their boats at one of the South Freeport marinas automatically receive one on-site parking space. Their renters, guests, or additional family can arrange to pay for a parking space by the day, week, or season.

The Town of Freeport offers free parking for Freeport and Bustins residents behind The French School of Maine on South Freeport Road, a short walk from the Freeport Public Wharf. In addition, the French School graciously offers use of their parking spaces during the summer when school is not in session. Parking is available on a first-come first-served basis. Drivers should be careful to park only in designated spots.

- ë Note that this parking is for residents only, and is not available for renters or guests.

It is recommended that islanders and their renters or guests not leave vehicles parked on the streets of South Freeport.