

From the Boat Advisory Committee:

The BAC has been busy this winter with several items:

- re-signing Captain Abe for the new season
- releasing a long overdue update to the captain/crew handbook
- analyzing the ridership data for the 2017 season to look for cost savings
- developing the 2018 season schedule
- increasing some fares for the 2018 season

The analysis of the ridership data for the 2017 season showed low ridership until the week before July 4th. Given this information, we decided to move forward the start date of the off-season to May 11th and to move forward the start date of the regular season to June 15th.

Outside of regular hours, the cost of a single round trip to the island can be as high as \$500 because the island is required to pay captain and crew for a minimum of four hours of work. Since the island is already paying for trash runs on Tuesdays during the off-season, we are adding a formal passenger run to/from the island. We have also raised the cost of a special outside regular hours to \$300 and may have to raise this higher in future years. Last year, we had only two such runs.

Finally we are raising some fares to off-set the increase in the island's ferry subsidy: single, round-trip, and dog fares were all increased by a dollar. However, we are leaving the cost of 10 trip books the same as last year.

Looking forward to seeing you out on the water!

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