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# CASCO BAY LINES ENEWSLETTER



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## Greetings!

The month of March brings with it the start of spring, and I think it's safe to say we're all eager for some warmer weather and longer days! March also marks one year since we first updated our operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We can't thank you enough for your support throughout this past year, and for your continued commitment to keeping the Casco Bay Lines community healthy and safe! We will continue to share any updates and information related to our operations during COVID-19 [here on our website](#) and ask that you please review before traveling with us.

## Birthdays

Greg Jukins  
March 6

Gene Willard  
March 26

Greg Mitchell  
March 28

## Anniversaries

(years of full-time  
employment)

Patrick Nixon  
21 Years  
March 10, 2000

Rob Anderson  
21 Years  
March 15, 2000

Stephen Whitney  
8 Years  
March 16, 2013

Thomas Petsinger  
14 Years

## New Peaks Island Vessel Update

Following a vote of the Board of Directors last month, construction of a new ferry to service Peaks Island will soon begin. Using innovative battery technology, the ferry will be powered by a diesel-electric hybrid propulsion system in lieu of a conventional diesel mechanical propulsion system, making Casco Bay Lines one of the first public passenger ferry systems in the United States to fully utilize such technology and eliminating up to 800 metric tons of CO2 emissions annually.

The brand-new vessel will also increase the number of vehicles that can be carried to and from Peaks Island from an average of 10 per trip to 16, enhance passenger safety through an improved vessel layout, allow for side loading at the Portland terminal, and feature modern fixtures and finishes.

The contract for vessel construction will be awarded to a shipyard following a competitive bidding process. It is our hope to have the new vessel in operation by the end of 2022. More information is available [here on our website](#).

## Terminal Renovation Project Update

Pardon our appearance! Construction is picking up on site as we work to complete as much of the Phase II/Phase III renovations as possible during the off-season. Barriers and temporary car ferry staging lanes are in place to allow for excavation in the parking lot and around Gate 4.

March 17, 2007

Jeffrey Legere  
14 Years  
March 17, 2007

Nick Bishop  
1 Year  
March 20, 2020

Additionally, crews will soon begin driving piles as part of marine improvements. This work is extremely loud, and our staff will be alerting those in the immediate proximity to ensure continued safety while passengers and vehicles are loading/unloading amidst the noise. Please continue to abide by all construction signage in place. Further information is available [here on our website](#).

**Thank You!**

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