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Dear Caitlin,

Happy Spring! We made it! In Maine, this season has another name - the "still winter" season. So far, it seems like the weather is cooperating - so much so that we were able to complete delayed work on the Bay Mist and two of our girls were ready to swap places on land! The Bay Mist is proceeding home and the Machigonne II was delivered to the shipyard for a routine dry dock and Coast Guard hull inspection on March 28th. [Alternate vehicle service is available.](#)

Spring weather also means spring cleaning and seasonal maintenance of all sorts. Do you read the Casco Bay Lines blog? One of our most popular posts ever was released last month featuring our Maintenance Manager, Bruce. Tough as steel and as nice as they come, he's the boat whisperer who been keeping our fleet coming and going safely for nine years! [Check it out.](#)

Birthdays



April Whitener
April 1st

Steven Ewing
April 2nd

Gary Cressey
April 30th

Jackie Harris
April 30th

Anniversaries (years of full-time employment)

New Peaks Island Vessel Update

An informational public meeting was held on March 23, 2019, to discuss capacity for the new vessel.

Representatives from Casco Bay Lines presented an update and the public had an opportunity to provide feedback and ask questions. Materials from that meeting can be found [here](#). On March 28, the Board voted to delay a vote on capacity guidelines for 60 days while the staff and other stakeholder groups prepare additional information.

Meanwhile, naval architects continue to move forward in the vessel design process with evaluation of various hull configurations and propulsion systems for the new Peaks Island vessel. The vessel design process is approximately 20% complete and will culminate in a proposed vessel design being presented to the public for public feedback before being presented to the Vessel Advisory Committee and the Board of Directors for their consideration.

The design process for the new vessel remains in the initial stages. Casco Bay Lines strongly encourages public participation at all stages. In addition to the March 23rd public meeting, and previous public meetings, there will be future opportunities for public input prior to the Board's



consideration of a proposed vessel design. Questions or feedback can be sent to PaulP@cascobaylines.com.

Jonathan Greven
3 years
4/11/2016

Michael Bryand
24 years
4/14/1995

Nick Mavodones
41 years
4/15/1978

Bruce Woodman
9 years
4/15/2010

Greg Jukins
8 years
4/18/2011

Patrick Donovan
9 years
4/19/2010

Parker Robinson
6 years
4/20/2013

Caitlin Gildart
13 years
4/29/2006

Machigonne Offline for Routine Dry Dock

The Machigonne II has been delivered to the shipyard for a routine dry dock and Coast Guard hull inspection. As you know, we have been anticipating this as part of the 2019 dry dock season. Depending upon weather and the schedule for repairs, it is anticipated she may be at the yard for approximately 5 to 6 weeks. During this period of time, as is the customary practice, Lionel Plante Associates will provide vehicle transportation to and from Peaks on a scheduled, yet limited, basis. We began our alternate vehicle service on March 28th. Please [click here](#) to view that schedule. Passenger service will operate on the regular sailing schedule.

Schedule/Rate Change

This is a reminder that the [Spring Sailing Schedule](#), along with the peak season rates, will go into effect on Saturday, April 13, 2019.

Join Us for Inter-Island Cruise on April 5th

Attention cruisers! Our 12th Annual Inter-Island Cruise is scheduled for April 5th. Come dine and dance the night away on Casco Bay with your fellow islanders and islanders-at-heart! Tickets are \$25 per person and can still be purchased at the CBL ticket window, [on the CBL website](#) or by calling Caity at 207-774-7873. Visit the [event page on Facebook](#) to share with friends and view a fun video from last year's festivities!

On the Horizon

Please remember that public input is always welcome. Below is the schedule of meetings for April.

- Executive Committee: Thur., April 4th 7:45 AM
- Finance Committee: Wed., April 24th 7:45 AM
- Board of Directors: Thur., April 25th 7:45 AM



Thank you!

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