



# The Beachcomber



## President's Message

Aloha Herron Islanders!

When I made my third trip to Washington for house hunting, I passed the Wauna Fire Station and noticed the sign with Smokey Bear saying "Fire Danger Low..." I jokingly asked the realtor I was riding with if it ever changed. He giggled and said, "no". That guy was full of baloney! This is my fourth summer here and the second drought. The rest of the country thinks the Pacific Northwest is practically a rain forest but I know for a fact it's drier here now than it is in the South. So much for stereotypes.

I'm sorry the Zoom link for the last Board meeting had such poor audio. We used a cordless phone on our end; we will try to get a better device for next time.

### Board Goals for FY 21/22

As promised, the Board of Directors have set ourselves some goals for the upcoming year. They are, in no particular order:

- **Create a committee for ferry concerns.** The short-term project will be researching the 2022 drydock to see if they can eliminate some of the surprises that came with the last one. Their long-term project will be researching the replacement of our ferry. Questions they will need to answer are: how many more years can we use the *Charlie Wells* before it will be more cost effective to replace it? How long will it take to contract and build a new ferry? What will it cost? What's the best way to save and pay for that cost? VP Dave Hancock and Member-at-Large Jim Davies are creating a charter for the committee and hope to have it complete and set in motion in the next month. They will be looking for volunteers; if this interests you or if you have a suggestion of who they can recruit, send them an email.
- **Technology upgrades.** We hope to find a way to make a cashless option for office business.

We've had some encouraging feedback from Key Bank recently so, hopefully, we will be able to make payments online soon. A cashless option for ferry fees is also a goal, although it will be trickier. Our internet connection will need great improvements before the ferry can accept credit/debit cards but we may be able to use hand-held scanners and bar codes for logging in members. We would also like to explore the possibility of installing live-feed cameras for mainland & island ferry loading areas and possibly the small boat docks. This would give the ferry crew and members a chance to see how many cars are in line and prepare for the next trip across. **We desperately need advisors who have experience with wireless technology, scanners, and live-feed cameras!**

- **Fire Safety improvements.** We have almost met this goal. We have maps of the island water valves, junctions, etc. posted at the Water Department and in the Community Center so we can access them in case of a catastrophe where the Fire Department cannot respond. We have also arranged for training with the fire trailer on September 11 at 2:00pm at the Community Center. We may have more training sessions later if necessary. *[cont. on page 3]*

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**Herron Island Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. The office is CLOSED Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday, and after 2:00 PM on Fridays before Board meetings.**

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**Emergency 911  
Ferry Cell phone (253) 691-1457**

*(Cell phone to be used for scheduling heavy loads, big vehicles or having something in tow, and for information regarding ferry services.)*

**Ferry Business**

- Call ahead if you are planning to use the ferry for a trailer, boat, or large vehicle!
- Only those guests with valid passes will be allowed on the ferry.
- Plan your arrival at the dock at least 5 minutes before the scheduled time of departure.
- Walks-ons are not to be on the dock or ramp when cars are being loaded. Watch crew for permission to board.
- Only service and delivery people may charge fares.

**WE HAVE EXPERIENCED GUESTS AND SERVICE PEOPLE EXPECTING TO COME OVER TO THE ISLAND WITHOUT GUEST PASSES. THIS VIOLATES THE ACCESS POLICY THAT WAS PUT IN PLACE FOR ALL OF OUR SECURITY. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOUR GUEST HAS A VALID GUEST PASS SIGNED BY YOU TO ENSURE THEY ARE ABLE TO RIDE THE FERRY. BLANK GUEST PASSES ARE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS AT THE OFFICE, BY MAIL, AND ON THE FERRY.**

**Nondiscrimination Statement**

**If you wish to file a Civil Rights complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint form, found online at:**

[http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint\\_filing\\_cust.html](http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html)

**or at any USDA office, or call (866) 632-9992 to request the form. You may also write a letter containing all of the information requested in the form.**

**Send your completed complaint form or letter to us by mail at:**

**U.S. Department of Agriculture  
Director, Office of Adjudication  
1400 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410**

**Or fax to (202) 690-7442 or email to**

[program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov).

Beachcomber news items must be submitted by 5:00 PM on the Wednesday after the monthly Board meeting on the second Saturday of the month. Items MUST be emailed in electronic format to [beachcomber@herronisland.org](mailto:beachcomber@herronisland.org). Include your name and phone number in case any questions arise. Paid advertisements are to be arranged with the HMC office PRIOR TO PUBLICATION.

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- **Rules updates.** We will be asking the Rules Committee for clarifications or updates on a few rules.
- **Road surveys.** We plan to have several sections of HMC roads surveyed every year until they are all done. There are places where HMC roads encroach on a member's property and some where members may have encroached on HMC rights-of-way. You will benefit from this if you have a dead or dying tree near the road; HMC will pay to remove it if it's on the right of way.

We can't promise to accomplish each of these goals, only to do our best to reach them.

Only one month of summer left, enjoy it while you can!

Scott Young, President  
HMC Board of Directors

## B. O. O. S. T. E. R. S.

### Band of Obviously Super, Terrifically Enthusiastic Recreation Supporters

Greetings to all,

Thank you to all who participated in the Herron Island's first Annual Festival of the Arts and to everyone who came out to enjoy the festivities. We had a great turnout. We would also like to give a huge shout out to Robin Kelly for organizing and energizing the art festival. It was awesome to see such great talent and hear such enthusiastic band members. We look forward to having the Annual Festival of the Arts again next year.

For those of you who missed the August Potluck/Meeting, Joyce Major has agreed to chair the festivities for Labor Day Weekend. A schedule of events will be posted on the Board at the top of Ferry Road, as well as Facebook, and a group email will go out to those who have signed up to receive notices. If you have not already been added to the list, please contact Robin Kelly at [robin.kelly712@gmail.com](mailto:robin.kelly712@gmail.com). Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the Labor Day Weekend activities, please contact Joyce Major at [joycemajor1@hotmail.com](mailto:joycemajor1@hotmail.com).

Our next scheduled outdoor Potluck will be Saturday, September 11, at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center followed by a Boosters business meeting. We hope everyone will stay for the meeting, but you are not obligated. We will be making plans for our next scheduled event, Oktoberfest, as well as discussing on-going and new projects to help maintain and enhance the amenities of the island. Everyone is encouraged to participate, as we would appreciate input and volunteers to help plan and coordinate everything.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Lisa McCormick

Boosters Officer

## **Island Manager Report August 14, 2021**

### **Administration**

Thank you!

Charlie Folk, he has obtained the Fire Dept phone app for other deckhands, this allows better connection vs using a radio pager that has been inconsistent for 911 emergency ferry runs

Dan Marten, solution provider, he is taking on diagnosis of water problems

Kevin Kircher, water truck, great job on roads

Carolyn and Tony in the office for all they do

Welcome back to Tracy Anspach who has again volunteered to chair the Parks Committee, please contact Tracy or Carolyn Anspach to volunteer with them for Parks

### **Safety on Ferry St while in queue**

Please do not attempt to trade spaces with other vehicles, instead, if there are people that will let someone go in front of them talk to the crew once down the hill. It is dangerous to attempt trading spaces up the hill. In addition, please do not save spaces for service providers, they may call the captain to discuss boarding, if needed. **Ferry Phone - 253-691-1457.**

### **Fire safety on Ferry St**

The crew has reported seeing cigarettes tossed from windows into the brush at the side of the Ferry St hill. They have stomped some of these out that were smoldering. They also pick them up as they can.

HMC requests that no one throw cigarettes onto surrounding grounds of Ferry St.

HMC has purchased fire hose equipment fire hose capable of connecting to the hydrant nearest the road and to the outlet at the bottom of the hill. This will allow the crew, or others to quickly act in the event of fire.

### **Road Grading**

HMC had roads on the mainland and island serviced in July. The island roads are holding up well, maintenance was performed in certain areas needing attention. The roads will be graded throughout in October after rains begin.

Two years ago, Pierce County granted use of the Pierce County right-of-way, that today is Lane 3 at the mainland loading area. For this to be granted HMC must keep up the condition of that lane by grading and applying gravel annually. Work was done there, and in Lane 4, along with the exit area near the mailboxes. Those areas needed attention due to potholes.

All of this and having two deckhands on Fri/Sat during summer has allowed HMC to pull traffic lines off N. Herron Rd. as desired by the county. Alternatives would have been to buy a lot uphill for overload and have traffic light system, those options would have been quite expensive.

### **Webmaster**

Thank you to HMC's new webmaster, Josh Roppo, who also has a busy day job. He is taking on the updating of the website, he will work with me to continue to update, and to post relevant information for the board meetings.

This may take a little time to get up to date, please be patient and communicate questions to me, if needed, thank you.

### **HMC Work in progress**

HMC/Key Bank – review of website-based payment systems as potential for online payments, October review

HMC has applied for a Blue Cross/Blue Shield settlement in a class-action lawsuit that may ultimately provide a payout due to unfair market competition.

2020 Audit review pending

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### **High Speed internet**

HMC is reviewing potential Pierce County high-speed internet grant. Please participate in the Washington High Speed internet study program. The state Department of Commerce is collecting information to help them assess where internet is needed, goal for state-wide coverage is 2024. Please participate in this speed test link. You can also sign up for newsletter information on the project.

GO TO this link:

[Washington State Annual Broadband Speed Test - Washington State Department of Commerce](#)

### **County Abatement Process for current HMC derelict properties**

A letter will be sent to owner(s), then there is a 14-day appeal period. If appealed, the owner may be permitted to clean it within a certain timeframe.

If not appealed, it then goes to Pierce County Superior Court where it takes approximately a year for this process due to backlog.

Once the abatement is granted by Superior Court, Code Enforcement will begin the abatement process. They hire third parties and manage them. HMC works with the county for ferry access, which is paid by the county.

Informative link to Pierce County Code Enforcement

<https://www.piercecountywa.gov/1571/Code-Enforcement>

### **Has your water meter cover been damaged, or worse, your antenna damaged?**

HMC will replace these at your expense, to keep the water system functioning properly, just email or call the office.

Please ensure when mowing or when work is happening around the meter box to avoid damaging it. Example of costs; a new lid is \$100; a new antenna is \$500.

**Volunteer Positions Still Open** Please contact Jane Wooster at [hmcmanager@herronisland.org](mailto:hmcmanager@herronisland.org) for to find out more. Thank you!

**Ad Hoc Volunteers** – please consider providing your name, contact and area of repair or task interest so you can be contacted as needed, the Island Manager will contact you for odd jobs that arise.

**HMC Urgent Need- review of water department billing program:** HMC seeks an Excel “super-user” (programming may be involved) to look at the current water billing program and advise viability of continued use.

**Legal Liaison:** There are 9 delinquencies; 7 with the attorney’s office

### **Departments/Committees**

**Parks:** Tracy Anspach

**Policies:** Mike Gage

**Roads/Water Maintenance:** Dan Marten

**Emergency Preparedness:** Ken Higgins

**Rules:** Mike Fassio, 1 pending

**Small Boat Docks:** Sherri Anderson

## Herron Island Emergency Preparedness



### Summertime = Fire Season

It is getting to be that time of year with little rain and dryer grasses and trees.

Walk your property and clean up downed/broken tree limbs and keep your grass mowed to help prevent the spread of wildfire on the island.

Create that 30' clean zone around your house.

### Protect your home.

- Keep your roof and gutters clean of debris.
- Cover crawl spaces, soffits and eave vents with 1/8 **metal** mesh to keep out embers.
- Decks, Keep the gaps between deck boards clean of debris. Embers smolder longer.
- Do not store combustible material below them.

### Wildfire Smoke

#### At Home:

- To limit your time outdoors, stock up on necessities like food, medications, and other items you may need for your family.
- A high-efficiency HEPA filter used in your air cleaner or HVAC system can help keep your indoor air clean.
- You can also make a filter fan to help clean your indoor air. All you need is a box fan, furnace filter (MERV-13 or better), and a bungee cord or tape. [Step-by-step instructions here.](#)
- Designate a room in your home to be a “clean room.” This room should have as few windows or doors as possible, or they should be closed, to keep smoke out. Use an indoor air cleaner or filter fan to make the room even cleaner. [Find out more here.](#)
- If you have an air conditioner, close the fresh air intake if available so you can keep smoky air out of your home.

### Welcome, New Islanders!

HMC welcomes new Members to Herron Island:

- Wai Jen & Poyi Cheung
- Stephen, Colleen,  
Matthew Philbrook,  
& Virginia Andrews
- Kristin & Billy Wallace



### Are You on the List?

HMC now has 453 Member email addresses on the notification list. If you want to get notice of the online Beachcomber, or get the latest on windstorms, power outages, water line breakages, or other news, please send an email to [office@herronisland.org](mailto:office@herronisland.org) and request that your email address be added. Will be used for HMC purposes only.



### Board Member Email Addresses

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[Secretary@herronisland.org](mailto:Secretary@herronisland.org)

[BoardMember@herronisland.org](mailto:BoardMember@herronisland.org)

Please use these email addresses for all future communications to Board Members. They can be accessed on our website ([herronisland.org](http://herronisland.org)) under the HMC Board tab. Please submit your questions, comments, and suggestions to

[MemberInput@herronisland.org](mailto:MemberInput@herronisland.org)

## Boarding the Ferry Safely

It is the busy season for Herron Islanders and their guests. Please do your part to make it a safe one.

As you begin down the ramps pay particular attention so that you do not have any mishaps on the ramp rails or when turning to load on an outside lane. The crew will point to the lane you should be in and guide by indicating if you need to move a little left, or right. The ultimate responsibility for safely loading your vehicle is in your hands.

Please review the last page of the ferry schedule for additional rules. These are required for all passengers. More notably are:

- Guest passes not completely filled out will not be taken causing the holder to wait for boarding, potentially on the next ferry run.
- One car on the ramp at a time.
- Do not leave ramp until motioned onboard by the crew
- Speed limit on the ramps and ferry is 5 mph.
- Turn off the engine and set parking brake once loaded.
- Do not start the engine until guided by the crew.
- Turn off all vehicle lights while on the pier, ramp, or ferry; loading or unloading. Lights make it difficult for the crew to see.



The ferry is governed by the United States Coast Guard and the Master of the Vessel (the Captain) is in charge at all times. If you are not paying attention to the rules and guidance in the policies, or the signs on the ferry the crew will direct you to pay attention. There is no time to challenge the crew, if you wish to report a problem please email the Island Manager at [hmcmanager@herronisland.org](mailto:hmcmanager@herronisland.org).

The ferry crew's instructions must be followed at all times. In the captain's sole discretion, driver's or passenger's behavior may prevent him or her from boarding the ferry or cause him or her to be removed from the ferry. The captain may choose to contact the Sheriff's Department for assistance.

Drivers may not use cell phones while loading or unloading. Alcohol, cigarettes, vapes, and similar products may not be used on the ramps or on board the ferry. Vehicle drivers and passengers must remain inside their vehicle while vehicles are loading or unloading from the ferry. They must return to their vehicles prior to docking. The same rule applies to motorcycle riders and passengers.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.



## It's Tansy Time!

Summer is here, bringing with it warmer days, a beautiful array of new flowers, and... weeds.

One especially wicked noxious weed, *Tansy Ragwort*, has made Herron Island its home. Each plant produces 150,000 + seeds and colonizes rapidly. The effort and cooperation made by Herron Island property owners in the control of Tansy Ragwort has steadily increased, and we are making progress!

Field Inspectors from the **Pierce County Noxious Weed Control Board** will **begin making routine inspections on the Island towards the end of June.**

If Tansy Ragwort plants are discovered on your property, please eradicate them as soon as possible. For any questions concerning Tansy Ragwort, control methods, a list of herbicide spray professionals, or compliance with the Noxious Weed Laws, please call the County office at 253-798-7263; or leave a message with the Pierce County Field Inspector at 253-798-6844.

There is a homemade and environmentally friendly way to eradicate Tansy yourself by mixing the following ingredients and spraying the tansy growth. You'll see results in a matter of hours!

1 Gallon Vinegar  
2 cups Epson Salt  
1/4 Cup Dawn Dish Soap

Just mix and keep some in a small spray bottle. Spray in the morning after the dew has evaporated. Walk away and after dinner the weeds are gone. It will kill anything you spray it on.

# New to Herron Island?



Welcome! We encourage you to meet your neighbors and get involved in island events and activities. Purchase a copy of the HI Boosters Directory (\$5) from Robin Kelly at [d\\_kelly@centurylink.net](mailto:d_kelly@centurylink.net) and find your neighbors close by. Stop and say hello when you're out and about. The folks around here are very friendly and will always wave even if they don't know you.

Your neighbors can help you with obtaining off-island services such as trash collection, propane servicing, or obtaining a mailbox on the mainland. Did you know that being a walk-on passenger to the mainland to collect your mail is free of charge?. The ferry crew calls that a "turnaround". No charge for "turnarounds" as long as you don't leave the mainland parking lot.

Make sure you get your email address included on the island broadcast email list to receive important information about island issues. The office staff can help you with that. Send an email to them at [office@herronisland.org](mailto:office@herronisland.org) and request to be included on the list.

Want to follow the ferry in real time? There's a GPS app for your laptop or mobile device that shows you where the ferry is and whether or not they are shuttling. Go to [www.vesselfinder.com](http://www.vesselfinder.com) and search for Charlie Wells in the find vessel box.

## Hauling a Trailer or Boat?

Call ahead to the ferry phone, 253-691-1457, and talk with Captain to ensure tides and load coincide.

Making this call does not indicate a reservation. The Ferry Access Policy states:

“HMC requires that a confirmed notification be made to the captain in advance to transport any combination (in-tow) of any length, and/or single vehicles longer than 25 feet. The notification must be confirmed by the captain. The captain’s phone number is 253-691-1457. The captain cannot guarantee that you will be able to board the ferry at the time requested.”

With heavy increases of trailers and large vehicles to Herron Island it is necessary for the crew to manage the loading as they see fit and shuttle to accommodate as needed. Note, getting to the ferry early for your crossing with a towed trailer/boat is your best chance of getting on the ferry run you hope to be on.

For service providers, they must get to the ferry early to get on the run they need. Many times these providers drive up at the last minute and end up waiting, or leaving. Please ensure they have instructions from you, they call ahead to the captain and have a ferry pass that is filled out.



FOR  
SALE

## Members Hiring Realtors on Herron Island

Any member hiring a realtor to sell their property must be aware of the risk of placing a real estate sign anywhere near a water meter. When placing signage for properties that are for sale, it is very important to be aware of where there may be underground utilities. During the recent ditch clearing, we noted two incidences where realtors have placed signage within inches of water and electrical lines. For example, if a water line is damaged, it would require turning the water off at the water main and impacting several properties until the damage has been addressed. If a significant repair is needed this may mean that people will not have water service for days. The best choice would be to call 811 (utility locators) before you dig. Members will be held liable for any damage to HMC water meters or surrounding pipe.

**Effective April 1, 2021**

SUMMER FERRY SCHEDULE - APRIL 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30													
MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
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\*\*\* ferry will not operate during these times to allow for mandatory crew breaks. This includes shuttle runs.

**HOLIDAY SCHEDULES - SUMMER**  
 Memorial Day, Independence Day and Labor Day run on the Sunday schedule.

WINTER FERRY SCHEDULE - OCTOBER 1 THROUGH MARCH 31													
MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY		SUNDAY	
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**HOLIDAY SCHEDULES - WINTER**

Thanksgiving	8:30am - 9:00am	11:30am - noon	6:30pm - 7:00pm				
Christmas Day	8:30am - 9:00am		6:30pm - 7:00pm				
New Years Day	8:30am - 9:00am	11:30am - noon	6:30pm - 7:00pm				

**NOTE: Check for low tide ferry cancellations. They are posted on the HMC website.**  
 Confirmed call must be made with the Captain when towing or a vehicle exceeds 25 feet prior to arrival.

Ferry Cell Phone: 253-691-1457

Ferry Rates		
Ferry User Fees	Member	Guest
Vehicle (up through 20') & Driver	\$8.00	\$20.00
Passengers & Walk-Ons		
Age 12 and Over	\$3.00	\$3.00
Age 5 - 11	\$1.00	\$1.00
Under Age 5	Free	Free
Vehicle Length Fares		
21' through 30'	\$16.00	\$32.00
31' through 40'	\$24.00	\$48.00
41' through 50'	\$32.00	\$64.00
51' through 60"	\$40.00	\$80.00
Special Runs	\$200.00	\$200.00
911 Medical Runs	Free	Free

Basic Ferry Safety Rules
Smoking is not permitted.
Smoking marijuana is not permitted.
Open alcoholic beverages are prohibited (RCW 46.61.519)
Passengers must remain behind the safety lines in place across each end of the ferry.
Passengers must remain in vehicles or passenger cabin while ferry is loading/unloading vehicles.
Passengers under the age of 13 must be under adult supervision at all times. Passengers ages 13-17 who are unaccompanied by an adult must remain in the cabin until a crewmember tells them they may leave.
Propane tanks must be shut off and sealed prior to boarding.
Gasoline is allowed in CG/UL-approved portable containers no more than six (6) gallons in size with no signs of deterioration that could affect sity integrity. Containers must be properly secured for transit ad cannot exceed a total volume of twelve (12) gallons on any one trip.

Access Policy Main Points
Member vehicles must have a valid HMC Sticker. (If sticker is invalid guest rates apply.)
Guests must provide a completed guest pass to the deckhand/purser, filled out and signed by a Member, to be admitted onto the ferry.
Roundtrip payment is required on the mainland side by cash or check.
Charges to Members can only be authorized for utility, service or delivery services.
Call must be made in advance and confirmed by the ferry Captain to transport any combination (in-tow) of any length and/or single vehicles longer that 25 feet.
Maximum gross weight is 40,000 pds.
Maximum vehicle length is 60 feet.

Loading/Unloading Procedures
Speed limit on the ramps and boat is 5 MPH.
Follow all directions given by crew.
Turn off engine and set parking break and once loaded.
Do not start engine until directed by the crew.
Turn off all vehicle lights while on the pier, ramp or ferry during loading and/or unloading.
To load vehicles proceed to the concrete pier when light turns green. Proceed one vehicle at a time down the wooden ramp and wait at bottom until directed by crew to drive onto the ferry. Follow instructions of crew where and when to park.
To exit the ferry restart your engine and release parking break only when directed by crew. Exit ferry as directed by crew.
Foot passengers may not board when light is green. Passengers are to remain in cabin when ferry is docking or at dock.

Boarding/Shuttling
Ferry crew may begin boarding 10 minutes prior to scheduled departure.
Vehicles/passengers must arrive no later than five minutes before the scheduled departure time to ensure a place either on the current run or a shuttle.
Vehicles/passengers arriving after the five minute cutoff time are not assured a place either on the current run or shuttle.
If additional vehicles/passengers arrive after the cutoff and prior to the final shuttle departure they will only be accommodated as space permits on the shuttle. Any remaining vehicles must wait until the next scheduled run.
The ferry may not make shuttle runs if the ferry crew reach legal work hour limits. Some shuttles may not be made to assure the ferry crew gets required breaks.

Holiday Restrictions
Combinations (in-tow) of any length and/or single vehicles longer than 25 feet will not be transported after noon, the Thursday before Memorial and Labor Day holiday weekends. Restriction dates will be posted for the Independence Day holiday.

Ferry Cell Phone
<b>253-691-1457</b>
Call the ferry to schedule heavy loads, when towing vehicles and any vehicle longer than 25 feet. Confirmed reservation is required by the ferry Captain prior to loading.

Member Responsibility
Members are responsible for their quests actions at all times and to assure a completely filled out guest pass is issued to their guest prior to the guest arriving at the ferry.

## 2021 HMC Scheduled Ferry Low Tide Cancellations and Adjustments

### April 2021

Thu 4/01	3:30-4:00 cancelled
Fri 4/02	3:30-5:00 cancelled <b>ADD 5:30-6:00 PM RUN</b>
Tue 4/27	12:00-12:30 cancelled
Wed 4/28	12:00-12:30 cancelled
Thu 4/29	No shuttle after 12:30 run. 3:30 delayed to 3:40
Fri 4/30	3:30-4:00 cancelled

### May 2021

Sat 5/01	3:30-5:00 cancelled <b>ADD 12:30-1:00 PM RUN</b>
Sun 5/02	4:30-5:00 cancelled <b>ADD 12:30-1:00 PM RUN</b>
Thu 5/13	No shuttles after 12:30
Fri 5/14	2:30-3:00 cancelled
Sun 5/16	3:30-4:00 cancelled
Tue 5/25	12:00-12:30 cancelled <b>ADD 9:30-10:00 AM RUN</b>
Wed 5/26	12:00-12:30 cancelled
Thu 5/27	12:00-12:30 cancelled <b>ADD 2:30-3:00 PM RUN</b>
Fri 5/28	12:00-3:00 cancelled <b>ADD 9:30-10:00 AM RUN</b> <b>ADD 5:30-6:00 PM RUN</b>
Sat 5/29	3:30-4:00 cancelled
Sun 5/30	3:30-5:00 cancelled
Mon 5/31	3:30-5:00 cancelled <b>ADD 12:30-1:00 PM RUN</b>

#### Memorial Day Holiday Ferry Restrictions

Vehicles towing anything (combinations of any length) and single vehicles longer than 25 feet will **NOT** be transported **AFTER** the 12:00 noon-12:30 pm run, Thursday May 27, 2021 through the end of the day Monday, May 31, 2021.

**Note:** Monday, May 31 the ferry will operate on the holiday schedule which is the same as the summer weekend schedule.

### June 2021

Wed 6/09	No service 10:15-11:15
Thu 6/10	12:00-12:30 cancelled
Fri 6/11	12:00-12:30 cancelled <b>ADD 9:30-10:00 AM RUN</b>
Sat 6/12	No shuttles after 12:30
Sun 6/13	3:30 leaves at 3:45
Mon 6/14	3:30-4:00 cancelled
Tue 6/15	3:30-4:00 cancelled
Tue 6/22	No shuttles after 09:00
Wed 6/23	9:30-12:30 cancelled <b>ADD 2:30-3:00 PM RUN</b>
Thu 6/24	12:00-12:30 cancelled
Fri 6/25	12:00-12:30 cancelled <b>ADD 9:30-10:00 AM RUN</b>
Sat 6/26	11:30-12:00 cancelled
Sun 6/27	3:30 leaves at 3:50
Mon 6/28	3:30-4:00 cancelled

#### General Information

- **NO SERVICE/NO SHUTTLE** means the tides are too low to safely operate the ferry for the listed time. Shuttles will not run during this time.
- Check [www.herronisland.org](http://www.herronisland.org) for schedule updates.
- **Add** means runs added out of normal schedule.

### July 2021

Wed 7/07	No shuttle after 10:00
Thu 7/08	12:00-12:30 cancelled
Fri 7/09	12:00-12:30 cancelled <b>ADD 9:30-10:00 AM RUN</b>
Sat 7/10	11:30-12:00 cancelled
Sun 7/11	No shuttle after 12:00
Mon 7/12	No shuttle after 12:30
Tue 7/13	03:30 leaves at 03:40
Tue 7/20	08:30-09:00 cancelled <b>ADD 11:00-11:30 AM RUN</b>
Wed 7/21	08:30-10:00 cancelled <b>ADD 11:00-11:30 AM RUN</b>
Thu 7/22	No shuttle after 09:00, 12:00 leaves at 12:45
Fri 7/23	12:00-12:30 cancelled <b>ADD 1:30-2:00 PM RUN</b>
Sat 7/24	10:30-12:00 cancelled <b>ADD 2:30-3:00 PM RUN</b>
Sun 7/25	11:30-12:00 cancelled
Mon 7/26	No shuttle after 12:30

#### July 4<sup>th</sup> Holiday Ferry Restrictions

Vehicles towing anything (combinations of any length) and single vehicles longer than 25 feet will **NOT** be transported **AFTER** the 12:00 noon-12:30 pm run, Thursday July 1, 2021 through the end of the day Sunday July 4, 2021.

**Note:** Sunday, July 4 the ferry will operate on the holiday schedule which is the same as the summer weekend schedule.

### August 2021

Sat 8/07	10:30-12:00 cancelled <b>ADD 2:30-3:00 PM RUN</b>
Sun 8/08	11:30-12:00 cancelled <b>ADD 2:30-3:00 PM RUN</b>
Mon 8/09	12:00-12:30 cancelled
Wed 8/18	08:30-09:00 cancelled
Thu 8/19	08:30-09:00 cancelled <b>ADD 11:00-11:30 AM RUN</b>
Fri 8/20	No shuttle after 09:00
Sat 8/21	10:30-12:00 cancelled <b>ADD 2:30-3:00 PM RUN</b>
Sun 8/22	11:30-12:00 cancelled <b>ADD 2:30-3:00 PM RUN</b>
Mon 8/23	No shuttle after 12:30

#### Labor Day Holiday Ferry Restrictions

Vehicles towing anything (combinations of any length) and single vehicles longer than 25 feet will **NOT** be transported **AFTER** the 12:00 noon-12:30 pm run, Thursday September 2, 2021 through the end of the day Monday, September 6, 2021.

**Note:** Monday, September 6, the ferry will operate on the holiday schedule which is the same as the summer weekend schedule.