

From the Island Manager:

“What’s Happening to Our Ferry?”

The ferry left Sunday morning for drydock at the Vigor Marine shipyard in Tacoma (formerly Marine Industries NW). I could hear it from my house (new mufflers are a priority to replace!) in West Tacoma, and sped up to Pt Defiance to see if we could spot it. We did, but it’s just a little dot in the first photo.



Tuesday morning I went to meet with the crew and meet the marine surveyor. John, Steve, Donnie and Kevin were all hard at work cleaning the superstructure and the engine room, and preparing for painting some of it. Tacoma Diesel has begun work on the engines. John is guiding the marine surveyor around the boat today. This surveyor has examined the Charlie Wells several times previously. His job is to examine the entire boat for condition issues, make recommendations for repair or servicing, and come back later to confirm these things have been covered. The final survey report will be submitted to our insurance broker. Copies are in the office, of course.

The Coast Guard will conduct its “out of water” inspection on Friday at 0900. Stay tuned for updates.



Vigor Marine personnel cleaning off the hull on Tuesday morning.



View of the busy Vigor Marine shipyard from the deck of the Charlie Wells. The refrigeration ship in the background has been cut in half, adding 40 feet to the center section, and 20 feet to the bow. Amazing!



Few of you have ever had this view of the Charlie Wells!