

Welcome to the Herron Island Ferry the "Charlie Wells"

Our crews follow United States Coast Guard (USCG) regulations as well as our own in operating this ferry. For safe and enjoyable crossings please familiarize yourself with the following:

Access Policy

- Vehicles must have a valid HMC sticker or a guest pass completed and signed by the member to be admitted onto the ferry.
- Round-trip payment by cash, check, or ticket is required on the mainland side.
- Charges to members can only be authorized for utility, service or delivery personnel/vehicles.
- Arrangements must be made *in advance* to transport any combination (in-tow) of any length, and/or single vehicles longer than 25 feet.
- To transport travel trailers and motor homes to the island the member or guest must present a copy of a current RV Certificate (HMC Form 13) to the deckhand/purser. HMC Form 13 is available from the office.
- Maximum gross weight is 40,000 pounds and maximum vehicle length is 60 feet.

Boarding/Shuttling

- The crew may begin boarding passengers/vehicles 5-10 minutes prior to departure. Passengers/vehicles should arrive no later than 10 minutes before the scheduled departure time.
- Shuttling operations shall be used when all vehicles cannot be accommodated on a particular run. The ferry shall shuttle until such backlog has been eliminated. If a backlog remains after the last scheduled run before a break in the schedule, or at the end of the day, the ferry shall continue to shuttle to accommodate all vehicles that were in line at the time of the last scheduled run, as determined by the Captain. No shuttles will be made for late arrivals. The Captain's decision is final in this regard.
- **Holiday restriction:** Combinations (in-tow) of any length and/or single vehicles longer than 25 feet will not be transported after NOON, the Thursday of Memorial Day and Labor Day holiday weekends. Restriction dates will be posted for Independence Day holiday. Call or visit the office for details.

This flyer contains only a portion of the HMC Access Policy.
For complete information contact the HMC office.

Loading/Unloading Procedures

- The speed limit on the pier and dock is 5 MPH.
- Cell phone use is prohibited during ferry loading and/or unloading.
- Turn off all vehicle lights while on the ferry, ramp, or pier during loading and/or unloading.
- When the traffic light turns green, proceed across the concrete pier to the beginning of the wooden ramp.
- When clear of other traffic, one car at a time may proceed to the end of the wooden ramp then stop and await further directions from a crewmember.
- A crewmember will direct you where to park.
- **Set your parking brake and shut off your engine.**
- Remain in your vehicle until the ramp gate is closed and return to your vehicle once the ferry begins maneuvering to dock.
- When exiting the ferry do not restart your engine until directed to do so by a crewmember.
- Foot passengers shall not board during loading/unloading of vehicles and shall remain in or return to the ferry cabin once the ferry begins maneuvering to dock until directed to disembark by a crewmember.

Safety Rules

- Smoking is not permitted.
- Open alcoholic beverages are prohibited RCW 46.61.519.
- Gasoline is allowed only in the internal tank of a vehicle or boat, or in a maximum of two (2) Coast Guard approved outboard motor fuel tanks with the capacity of up to 6 gallons each.
- Propane tanks must be shut off and sealed prior to boarding.
- Passengers must remain behind the safety lines in place across each end of the ferry.
- 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.

Ferry Rates

Ferry User Fees	Member	Guest
Vehicle (up through 20') & Driver	\$ 8.00	\$ 16.00
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' - 30'	\$ 16.00	\$ 32.00
31' - 40'	\$ 24.00	\$ 48.00
41' - 50'	\$ 32.00	\$ 64.00
51' - 60'	\$ 40.00	\$ 80.00
Special Runs	\$175.00	\$175.00
Medical Runs off the island	Free	Free

FERRY CELL PHONE (253) 691-1457

Call this number for information regarding ferry services; to schedule *heavy loads* and/or to make arrangements for *any combination (in-tow) of any length* and any single vehicles longer than 25 feet.

Advance scheduling is required.

