

Hat Island Ferry: Another Holiday

Operations, Loading & Departure, and Baggage Rules

Purpose: These rules are designed to ensure the orderly operation of the vessel, the safety of both passengers & crew, and equal access to the ferry for all island residents.

General Disclaimer: *The Hat Island Ferry: Another Holiday* is a federally licensed vessel operating under the parameters of CFR 46 and further regulated by the Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission, the State Department of Revenue, and the United States Coast Guard. It is the legal responsibility of the crew to ensure the vessel is operated within these regulations. Property owners are responsible for their guests being properly informed of these rules.

Operations:

Vessel Master is charged with the responsibility to enforce the rules approved by the HIC Board of Directors, and, as such:

Has final authority to determine what cargo is allowed aboard the vessel

Has final authority to determine if the weather is safe for running *Another Holiday*

Has the authority to deny passage if they determine a passenger presents a danger to other passengers or refuses to follow crew instruction.

**Another Holiday* falls under federal U.S. Coast Guard regulations. Therefore, illicit substances are prohibited aboard the vessel per CFR 49.

*Smoking is not allowed anywhere on the vessel

*Passengers are asked to remain seated while underway and until docking operations are complete.

*Children below the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

*Pets must be in an approved pet carrier or muzzled before boarding and remain so until off the vessel. A full-face muzzle must be used. Strap muzzles are not acceptable.

*Uncrated pets must ride on the aft deck unless they have received approval from the captain to sit on the bow.

Loading and Departure: The ferry is the only means of transportation for a large percentage of our owners. They rely on the ferry to arrive and depart on the published timetable. To ensure the ferry stays on schedule, the following rules have been established:

*All passengers are asked to arrive no later than 20 minutes prior to departure.

*There is no assigned seating on the ferry. Seats are made available on a first-come, first-served basis. Exceptions are made for those traveling under the American Disabilities Act as well as those with uncrated pets. The captain has final authority on passenger loading.

*All passengers and cargo must be onboard the vessel at least 10 minutes prior to the scheduled departure.

*The ferry departs at its published departure time. Departure means the crew has begun the process of departing by closing the boarding ramp at the scheduled departure time.

*For the safety of the crew, vessel, and passengers, once the process of departure has begun, it will continue uninterrupted.

Baggage: The maximum amount of cargo per passenger is 10 cubic feet.

* If an item does not fit within the space above or below your seat, it will not be allowed onboard unless it has been preapproved through the hiferry@hatisland.com email address or by contacting the office.

* Preapproval is dependent on item specifications and ridership.

** Freight Fees will apply for any cargo that exceeds your allotted space.

* Transportation of unaccompanied items is not permitted.

* Gasoline, diesel, and other flammable liquids are not allowed. Used gas-powered equipment is also prohibited.

* Batteries must be stored in a container with a lid.

* Garbage must be in 13-gallon bags and doubled up. Leaking/torn bags and loose garbage will not be accepted.