



# Casco Bay Lines

## New Vessel Advisory Committee

### Status — April 2011

## New Vessel

The people of the Casco Bay will be receiving a new boat early next year paid for through the Economic Recovery Act of the federal government. Because we had a “shovel ready” project, we qualified as part of the 2010 economic stimulus package. The design was based on the recent plans developed for the Aucocisco III with some significant changes. The vessel is being built by Blount Marine of Warren RI and will be delivered early Spring 2012. This will be a significant and positive addition to the fleet replacing the aging Island Romance that will be retired when the boat arrives.

In December of last year, a group of island residents and CBL staff was pulled together to provide input on recommended changes that could make the ferry more comfortable and efficient. We met 6-7 times and worked with the marine design company as well as the shipyard that will be constructing the vessel to make a number of changes- some big- some not big- but all positive changes that we think will make this the most efficient and comfortable vessel in the fleet!

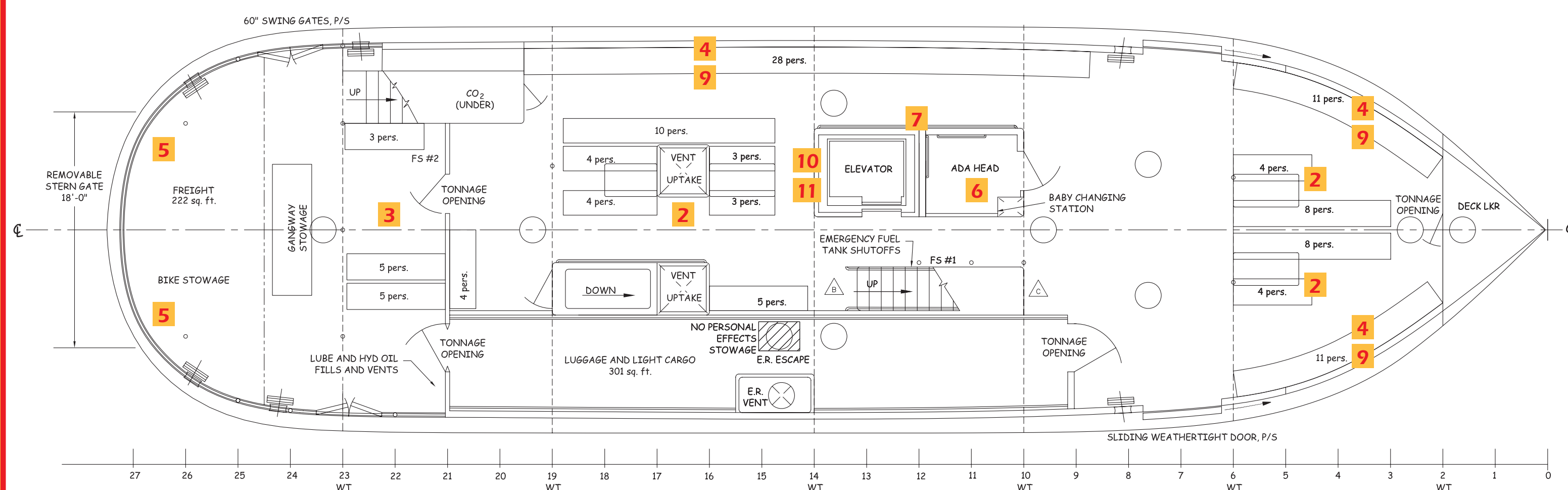
So, where do we stand- what changes were considered/made?

First some general comments. As you can see, the basic design will make this a “sister-ship” to the Aucocisco III, our newest vessel. However, notice that a separate indoor freight area has been added to facilitate carts and passengers. This vessel will be able to carry more carts allowing freight and passengers to “stay together” even during the busy summer months. The interior cabin goes to the edge of the outside walls—no narrow outside aisle with bumped knees and strapped carts. There is more outdoor seating aft, and in the front of the boat as well as the elevator was brought inside.

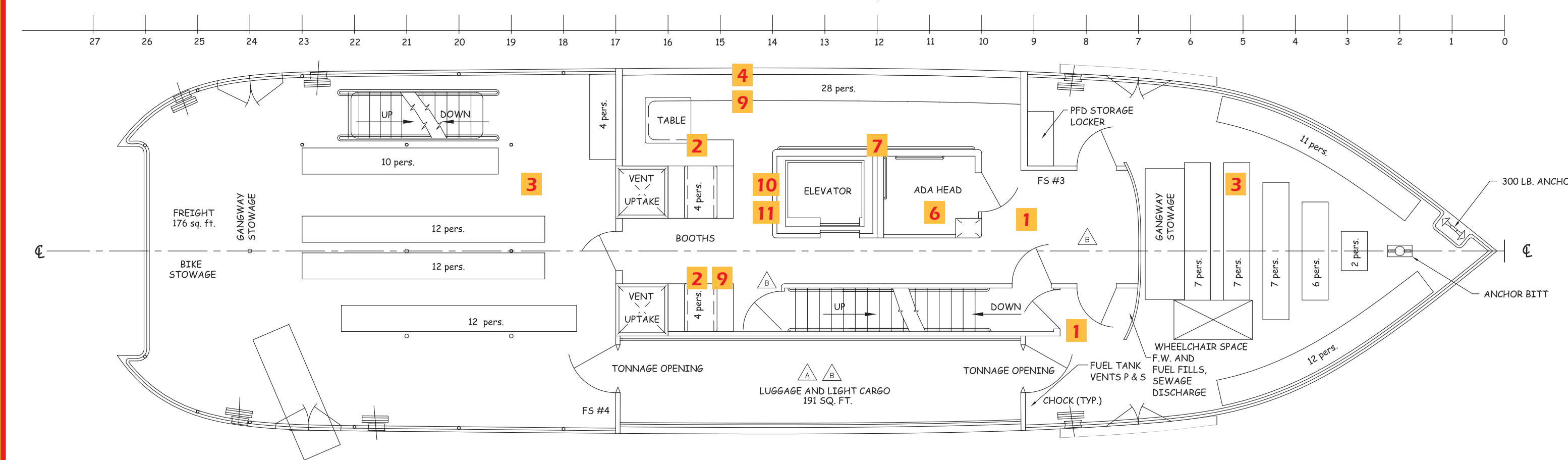
What were some of the changes recommended by the committee? (Follow the numbers on the chart to the left)

(Some pending final Coast Guard Approval)

### PLAN VIEW, MAIN DECK



### PLAN VIEW, SECOND DECK



#### New Vessel Advisory Committee

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#### 1. Passenger Flow

Significant time and effort went into re-working the passenger flow in the interior cabins. Directions on the stairs were changed and doors were re-located to enhance the ability for passengers to easily walk on and off the vessel- freight too! Doors were widened and re-positioned to promote passenger flow. A lot of work here- the flow is much improved from the original design.

#### 2. Tables

Ever popular with the residents. We doubled the number to 6 finding innovative ways to tuck them in or have them drop down from adjacent walls.

#### 3. Seating

No more cold metal seats! Contour backs and seats will be constructed of a material that will be thicker and more comfortable than what is on the Aucocisco III. There will be more outdoor seating aft.

#### 4. Reading lights

Added where appropriate to enhance reading comfort.

#### 5. Stern gates

Easier to lift on and off to facilitate passenger loading and unloading on the transfer bridge when the boat is used for runs to Peaks.

#### 6. Bathrooms

Use of pipe covers and rubberized flooring to facilitate cleaning and make the appearance less “industrial”.

#### 7. Coat hooks

Added throughout the boat for coats and hanging dry cleaning/light clothes bags.

#### 8. WiFi

Added antennas on each deck to improve reception throughout the boat.

#### 9. Electrical receptacles

Added a number of outlets for passengers to use to charge mobile electronic devices while underway.

#### 10. Reading Material racks

Stationed to make sharing of reading material easy.

#### 11. Display boards

Located to maximize visibility and usefulness.

#### Next steps

##### Naming project:

So we are currently a boat without a name. The committee and the CBITD Board recognize that this vessel will be in our fleet for 30+ years. As such we thought it appropriate to reach out to our island school children and ask if they would like to research and write up a recommendation for a name that would be acceptable to the Board. A sub-committee of our group will be working to make this happen over the next 30-45 days.

##### Web Site updates:

We have created a page on our web site to track the construction of the new vessel. Please feel free to stop in often for updates and pictures as the vessel becomes a reality over the next year. The page can be accessed at [www.cascobaylines.com/about\\_us/new\\_vessel.htm](http://www.cascobaylines.com/about_us/new_vessel.htm). We will keep you updated through the year.