

# CASCO BAY LINES ENEWSLETTER



October 2024

Hello Caitlin,

Welcome to the October edition of the Casco Bay Lines newsletter! We recently had the honor of giving the Federal Transit Administration's Acting Administrator a tour of Battery Steele as progress is well underway. During the meeting we also heard an exciting update on green initiatives in ferry travel -- more below.

We're grateful for all of our passengers who make Casco Bay Lines the incredible transit system it is today and every day. As a token of our thanks, we're introducing a brand-new CBL merchandise collection. Carry a piece of the Bay with you on every adventure -- check out the shop below!

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## Reminder: Winter Schedule Begins October 15

Our winter schedule and Off-Peak season rates take effect on Tuesday, October 15, with seasonal adjustments to our ferry services. The schedule is [available here on our website](#).

As the days grow shorter and temperatures drop, we remain dedicated to keeping you connected across Casco Bay. To stay informed about any schedule changes, subscribe to our text alert system by texting CBLAlerts to 41411 or visiting our website.

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## A Visit from the Federal Transit Administration

On September 16th, Casco Bay Lines updated the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on progress being made to Battery Steele during an event featuring the FTA's Acting Administrator, Veronica Vanterpool. The 164-foot [Battery Steele](#), which will use hybrid diesel-electric propulsion systems to reduce emissions and maintenance needs while increasing system efficiency, is one of the first hybrid, commuter vessels of its kind to be built in a Northeast shipyard.

### Birthdays



Lloyd Jones  
October 2

Paul Pottle  
October 7

Christopher Colby  
October 8

### Anniversaries



Gary Cressey  
35 years  
10/01/1989

Owen Cargile  
1 year  
10/07/2023



*In order of appearance: CBL & FTA Staff in Pilot House during June visit; Electric Propulsion Motor; Name and Hailing Port*

Vanterpool held a press conference aboard the Maine State Ferry Service's new vessel spotlighting green initiatives within ferry systems across the country and [announcing new grants](#) aimed at supporting similar sustainability efforts. In attendance were representatives from Maine DOT, the State of Rhode Island, and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority showing widespread support for these environmentally friendly projects.

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## New, Vintage-inspired Merch Available!

We are thrilled to introduce a brand-new collection of CBL merchandise, with items available for purchase [online](#) and at our terminal.



Each custom design celebrates our history and community -- with something for every age! From stainless steel water bottles and felt pennants to snapback hats, take the heart of the Bay with you wherever you go. Thanks to our partnership with Benoit's Design Co., merch can even be shipped right to your door. We hope you enjoy -- [click here](#) to shop!





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