

## **OPERATIONS UPDATE**

**06/26/25**

### **DRYDOCKS**

Aucocisco – The Aucocisco returned from the shipyard on Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. She was launched that morning, sea trialed and got underway late during the morning the head back to Portland. Unfortunately, the trip took a bit longer than usual due to a faulty injector on her port main engine. The injector was replaced upon arrival in Portland. The injector, which was brand new and had recently been installed, was apparently defective when installed and was covered under warranty. She has been placed back into regular service, as needed.

### **VESSELS**

All vessels are operational.

Battery Steele – Nick Bishop and Nick Mavodones visited the shipyard on June 17<sup>th</sup>. The yard continues to make progress on a variety of work throughout the vessel. A considerable amount of progress has been made on painting. A large number of bench seats have been fabricated. The consoles for the wheelhouse have been fabricated. The installation of tempered water piping is ongoing. Elevator has commenced and is being done by Pine State Elevator personnel. Installation of joinery tracks and insulation is ongoing. The propulsion motors and cabinets, and fire suppression system components have been moved inside the hull and staged. Unfortunately, there have been recent instances of work commencing without final approval and resulting in significant rework on behalf of the shipyard. These instances along with slow progress on other items have resulted in the shipyard revising its current schedule to reflect the boat being delivered to Portland by the end of January in 2026. As originally planned, final commissioning with the shore charger will take place the following month.

### **DOWN TIME**

Nothing to report.

### **TIMELINESS**

Due to freight and tide issues, the Maquoit ran about 30 minutes late on its inbound departures on June 10<sup>th</sup>

### **SAFETY**

One shoreside employee is currently working in a light duty capacity.

### **STAFFING**

Vessel and shoreside operations are fully staffed. Unfortunately, we recently lost a couple of seasonal deckhands who were offered internships. In both instances, the employees had applied for the internship months ago and assumed they would not be offered the positions. Consequently, we've hired replacements who are in the process of being trained. We have

hired someone to fill the long vacant Administrative Assistant position. He will be starting shortly after the Fourth of July.

#### CUSTOMER COMMENTS

We received a recent customer complaint concerning the loading of vehicles on the Machigonne. A reply was sent to the customer. Captains were notified of this concern.

#### DOWN BAY REPLACEMENT VESSEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Vessel Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. The main topic of this meeting was a presentation on the propulsion analysis. Considerable time was spent discussing the various propulsion options and the criteria to be used for evaluating each option. Committee Chair Donovan will provide an update during the Board meeting.

#### DOWN BAY SCHEDULE

This topic was discussed by the Operations Committee at its June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ridership data associated with the possible schedule modifications outlined at the Committee's May meeting were presented. Chair Donovan will provide an update during the Board meeting.

#### CASCO BAY FERRY TERMINAL

The blue and white cross walk between Gate 5 and the pedestrian island has been repainted. Given that the other white striping on the pavement was in pretty good condition, it was decided to hold off on having that repainted until next spring.

#### MAINEDOT WHARF UPDATE

Construction work continues at both Chebeague Island and Great Diamond Island. The contractor's focus is on the replacement of decking at both piers, as well as work associated with bracing and structural members, mainly on Great Diamond. Staff and crew have been coordinating closely with MaineDOT and their contractor Bancroft. We are currently working through scheduled vehicle trips to and from Chebeague during the summer to avoid any delays in loading or unloading vehicles or freight. Bancroft is working to improve their process to avoid impacting that traffic. The initial schedule did not contemplate the contractor working through the summer months; however, MaineDOT approved the change in schedule. Consequently, we are working closely with Bancroft and MaineDOT to minimize impacts to our operation. To date, our crews and Bancroft's onsite team have been working well together. Bancroft is also scheduled to make some concrete repairs at Peaks Island. The actual schedule for this work is unknown; however, Bancroft is hopeful a crew can be freed up to complete this work in late July or early August. The work at Peaks should not impact District operations.