

OPERATIONS UPDATE

10/22/25

VESSEL UPDATE

DRYDOCKS

No vessels are currently at the shipyard. Proposals for the Wabanaki's upcoming drydock and associated shipyard services have been opened. We received two proposals. The successful proposer was Portland Shipyard. She will be at the yard from early December until early February. The Maquoit's drydock will follow during the latter part of next February.

VESSELS

There is nothing to report.

BATTERY STEELE

Shipyard work continues progressing well with increased workforce. Staff visits frequently, inspectors are on-site 4-5 days weekly, and the Coast Guard inspects several times per week.

Significant progress has been made on loadout, with most equipment and electrical components installed. System tie-in and connection work is underway but still has considerable time remaining. The Novec fire suppression system is complete, hydraulic steering is installed in both lazarettes with connections running to the engine room and Pilot House. Insulation, painting, cabling, and piping work continues. Some areas are fully complete with benches and finish joinery being installed.

Despite increased manpower and improved production, vessel delivery will slip from late January to mid-late March 2026. The shipyard is refining the schedule based on contractor progress and pre-commissioning activities. Coast Guard may consolidate inspections due to availability constraints, but Senesco is working to minimize any schedule impact.

DOWN TIME

There is nothing to report.

TIMELINESS

Due to the volume of freight and transport of a large truck, the 8:00 AM Maquoit trip on Tuesday (10/14) ran considerably late on its return back to Portland.

SAFETY

One shoreside employee and two deckhands are currently working in a light duty capacity. An additional deckhand is also out due to a recent injury.

STAFFING

We are currently fully staffed. Several seasonal employees remain available and are covering open shifts as necessary. Interviews underway for new Assistant Director of Marine Operations to take Mike Bryand's spot.

CUSTOMER COMMENTS

Customer complaints have included cleanliness of the waiting area at Peaks and some freight related issues including how freight was packed on a cart. Compliments have included how nice, professional, and helpful the crew and staff are.

DOWN BAY REPLACEMENT VESSEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bristol Harbor Group continues their work on this project. A Vessel Advisory Committee meeting was held on September 23rd. The Preliminary Design Report should be finished and ready for review and potential action by the Committee in early November. Chair Donovan will provide an update on the status of this project during the upcoming Board meeting.

DOWN BAY SCHEDULE

The recommended changes that were reviewed by the Board have been implemented and the new Winter Sailing Schedule is available in print and online.

TERMINAL AND WHARVES

CASCO BAY FERRY TERMINAL

Stemmann's representative visited the week of October 13th for pre-commissioning work on the charger, joined by our electrical contractors. The visit was successful—final connections were made, systems were checked, and both our maintenance and electrical teams gained valuable familiarity with operations and future maintenance needs.

The unit performed as designed. Final commissioning will occur upon vessel arrival to verify connections and power transfer.

MAINEDOT WHARF UPDATE

Bancroft, MaineDOT's contractor, has been completing concrete repairs on Peaks Island and should finish by week's end or early next week. The project took longer than expected due to additional repairs and tidal challenges.

They'll move to Chebeague next for 4-5 weeks to complete deck replacement and install fender and float piles. The early November in-water work window will allow pile installation.

Following Chebeague, they'll spend about a week on cleanup at GDI and a couple days on punch list items at Cliff.

These activities won't impact our operations or schedule. We're coordinating vehicle moves with Bancroft to minimize disruptions.

MaineDOT is also advancing two additional projects. The first involves repainting Peaks Island's transfer bridge tower and refurbishing the mechanical system. DOT revised their preliminary PDR based on CBL staff comments.

The second project is a complete replacement of Cliff Island pier. Design work is underway, and DOT is exploring temporary facilities to maintain island service during demolition and reconstruction. Preliminary PDR documents have been shared with staff for review.

Both projects have public information available on DOT's website for community feedback. The link to that site is:

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/415913f8cfcf4fc5a5cc3039a8fe6dd4>