

OPERATIONS UPDATE

05/08/25

VESSEL UPDATE

DRYDOCKS

Aucocisco – Work on the Aucocisco is running slightly behind; however, progressing at a good pace. We now expect her to be ready to depart the shipyard no later than May 21st or 22nd.

VESSELS

Bay Mist – The Coast Guard will conduct its annual in the water inspection on the Bay Mist on May 19th. With charter season ramping up, she is already beginning to get plenty of use.

Machigonne - The Coast Guard will conduct its annual in the water inspection on the Machigonne on May 21st. As is the practice each year, she will be out of service for the 9:30 AM, 10:45 AM and 12:15 PM Portland departures on that date. Lionel Plante Associates will provide vehicle while the inspection is taking place. It is anticipated she will go back into service on the 2:15 M trip; however, if the inspection ends early, she may go into service on the 12:15 PM trip.

DOWN TIME

Nothing to report.

TIMELINESS

Nothing to report.

SAFETY

One vessel and one shoreside employee are currently working in a light duty capacity.

STAFFING

Vessel and shoreside operations are fully staffed. Returning seasonal employees have started to return. New seasonal hires are beginning training. Some newly hired seasonal staff will begin training next week; other new hires will begin to rotate in over the next few weeks.

CUSTOMER COMMENTS

None since the last meeting.

DOWN BAY REPLACEMENT VESSEL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Bristol Harbor Group continues to work on the propulsion study. The next Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 20th.

DOWN BAY SCHEDULE

The Board adopted the Committee recommendation to eliminate the 5:30 AM Portland departure to Diamond Cove and Long during the upcoming Summer Sailing Schedule. Discussions concerning the Fall and Winter Down Bay Sailing Schedules will begin at this month's Operations Committee meeting.

TERMINAL AND WHARVES

CASCO BAY FERRY TERMINAL

The residential boarding shelter and tent, located northeast of Gate 5, will be installed soon. Our cleaning contractor is providing a deep clean, to include graffiti removal, in the Terminal restrooms during evening hours this week. They will also be doing a deeper cleaning in the Terminal waiting area.

MAINEDOT WHARF UPDATE

All borings necessary to support upcoming work at Cliff Island have been completed. The MaineDOT contractor, Bancroft, continues to work on decking and structural member work at Chebeague Island and Great Diamond Island. It is still expected that this work will continue through the month of June. One of our captains inquired if it might be possible to install additional lighting at Great Diamond. Paul Pottle coordinated with MaineDOT to see if this request could be fulfilled. Fortunately, they were supportive of the request. Coordination between our vessel crews and the contractor continues to go well.