

Caity Gildart

From: Irv Williams <irvwilliams@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, October 11, 2025 2:59 PM
To: Rate Change
Subject: Commercial vehicle rate change

Dear CBL Finance Committee,

Thanks for this opportunity to provide comments on the contemplated changes to commercial rates on the Peaks Ferry.

A few ideas:

If a vehicle does not fit inside of the painted lanes on the boat, it will not be transported . Trucks that overlap lanes effectively block two lanes at once, really reducing the opportunity to board for passenger vehicles and other trucks that stay within the lanes. There is commercial barge service available for these vehicles.

If this is not possible :

Charge by the foot (including overhang of lumber, bike racks, trailers) for all vehicles. If you continue to allow trucks that occupy two lanes, charge 2 x the rate.

Or:

Of the 16 or so sailings a day (W-Sun) have designated priority boarding. Sonme sailings would be CFO (commercial freight only - trucks, vans, cars with trailers, campers) and PCO (passenger cars under 20' only) . On CFO runs, allow cars on a space available basis) This way islanders could more easily predict which sailings would have the maximum number of spaces available, no one would turn the corner on Welch Street to see a logging truck in front of them!

Best of luck in deliberations,

Irv Williams
Peaks

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From: George Purtell <georgepurt@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2025 9:49 AM
To: Rate Change
Subject: Rate change

I read Jean Hoffman's post today on Nextdoor about the up coming meeting on Wednesday, November 19th.

She stated that the proposal would effect vehicles that are longer than 20 feet. I agree with everything that I read in her post. it sounds like a most reasonable approach.

I do have one question that you can hopefully discuss in the meeting.

Is length the only criteria that is being considered or is width being considered too? On the Machigonne a typical box truck occupies 2 spaces in length and 2 spaces in width, for a total of 4 vehicle spaces.

I dont know if width will typically be a factor with Battery Steel when the new ferry goes online. However, it is obvious that Battery Steel is a long way off. There have been many delays and there likely will be more. I think the width question needs to be addressed too.

I hope that my post is clear, I have a bad cold and I am fighting medicine head. Thank you for considering my input.

George Purtell
208 Central Ave

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From: Mark Rogus <mrogus.undefined@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2025 8:38 AM
To: Rate Change
Subject: Large Vehicle Fare Proposal

On behalf of the islanders I've spoken to, I support the proposal outlined in both the 11/19 and 11/12 meetings, **with one exception as detailed below.**

I propose reducing the "Off Peak" passholder fare from \$82.65 to \$46.00. This adjustment is based on the excess vehicle capacity during the non-summer season and the feedback from PI islanders that this scheme unfairly burdens residents and passholders who need to travel, particularly on Thursdays and Saturdays. These trips are mainly for healthcare, caring for aging parents or caretakers, and employment-related reasons. However, capacity is not a significant challenge during the winter season. The FINCOM and Board chairs have repeatedly stated that the vehicle tariff, in addition to the passholder premium, is not a substantial contributor to the deficit reduction goal. While spreading "demand" (eliminating "wacky Wednesday") is an important issue during the summer, it is relatively minor issue during the winter season.

Respectfully,

Mark Rogus

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Caity Gildart

From: Margo Lodge <sevenoakes33@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 4, 2025 4:13 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Peaks Island grocery store

I can't believe that the board is going to raise the fee for his truck 23,000 .
How many residents don't have cars and deserve a grocery store on the island.
It is just a disgrace that you would do that to a family like the Hannigans.
You also would be putting people out of jobs.
You need to rethink what you're doing to us.

Margo Lodge-Seven Oakes 2073140173

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Laurie Bowie

From: Jean Hoffman
Sent: Thursday, December 11, 2025 1:12 PM
To: Rate Change
Subject: FW: Proposed Comm Rates

From: Keith Hults <kmhults@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 20, 2025 8:57 PM
To: Jean Hoffman <JeanH@cascobaylines.com>
Subject: Proposed Comm Rates

Jean Thankyou ! for d personal delivery packet ; Proposed Commercial Vehicle Rate change . Sorry for delay .with reply . Just going over mail . This looks like a step in a fair direction and I'm encouraged to see this and very grateful for your considerate inclusion. Hopefully we can chat , my # 207 776 4181 , text a time good for you , will try to call, then , Initial details ; Chart orf Width vs Length probably will be tweaked . Years ago CBL would charge a truck based on GVW and also ask what the freight weight was .??! I do think this is Cost accounting which will become per square foot potential depending on run / peak time Congestion may be manipulated with off peak incentives . Thankyou , Looking forward Keith

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Laurie Bowie

From: Jean Hoffman
Sent: Thursday, December 11, 2025 11:02 AM
To: Rate Change
Subject: FW: CBL large vehicle rates

From: Tom Bergh <tommikco@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 29, 2025 5:35 PM
To: Jean Hoffman <JeanH@cascobaylines.com>
Subject: Re: CBL large vehicle rates

Got it, thanks.

On Sat, Nov 29, 2025 at 5:34 PM Jean Hoffman <JeanH@cascobaylines.com> wrote:

Thanks Tom, comments noted.

If you look at the proposal you will see how width will be addressed. Vehicles up to 8 ½ feet wide can fit another vehicle next to them. Wider than that is rate and requires permit, we propose a 50% surcharge on top of the length calculation for those.

Welcome you to join the meeting!

Hope you're well.

Jean

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From: Tom Bergh <tommikco@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, November 29, 2025 5:31 PM
To: Jean Hoffman <JeanH@cascobaylines.com>
Subject: Re: CBL large vehicle rates

Jean,

Thank you for update and chance to add in my 2 cents.

Agree boat deck square footage should be primary variable.

Am sure you all are aware of the general trailer width dimensions, that their fender design alone can add 6".

There's a width measurement that mandates a down the middle position, tho the wiser deck hands may sneak a little car in beside.

Have noted 12/12 FC meeting on calendar.

Thanks for your efforts n involvement, Jean.

Tb

On Sat, Nov 29, 2025 at 4:45 PM Jean Hoffman <JeanH@cascobaylines.com> wrote:

Hi Tom,

I'm reaching out to make sure are aware of further changes being discussed at CBL for large vehicles which may impact Maine Island Kayak as an island small business. The new rates will affect large vehicles, currently known as commercial rates.

The goal is to make rates more fair, charging by size taken up on the boat, and increase revenues, while supporting island and small businesses with opportunity to get the passholder discount rate with an annual pass for a standard sized 20' or below, truck.

Big changes are:

-commercial plate doesn't matter, standard American pick up with commercial plates same rate as same size truck with regular plates

-charges based on size (length) not weight, truck can be filled with granite rocks or pipes or pillows, no charge

-size measured from front to rear, including anything that sticks out (bike rack, lumber, kayak) plus trailers etc.

-standard size 20' truck eligible for passholder discount rate if passholder in the truck

-larger vehicle, whether a box truck or truck with trailer or Suburban/truck with bike/kayak rack longer than 20' in total, not eligible for passholder discount

-size matters, so flatbeds, etc will pay a lot more, weight doesn't matter

Rates for standard size truck remain as per last summer, if you have an annual pass or a 90 day pass with vehicle add on it's \$46 off peak all days, \$46 summer/peak Sun-Wed and \$83 summer Thurs-Sat.

Please feel free to reach out to me via email or text or phone with any questions or input. It's not final, still open for input. Welcome you to attend the Finance Committee workshop on 12/12 7:45am and online where this proposal will be discussed.

Jean

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Laurie Bowie

From: Jean Hoffman
Sent: Thursday, December 11, 2025 10:59 AM
To: Rate Change
Subject: FW: CBL: large vehicle rate and restructuring proposal

From: Meghan Casey <megcasey207@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 19, 2025 5:05 PM
To: Jean Hoffman <JeanH@cascobaylines.com>
Subject: Re: CBL: large vehicle rate and restructuring proposal

Hi Jean,

One more item--I wonder if it makes sense to set the 20 Feet or less rate at 21 feet, even if you up the rate by \$5 or so? I did some research and while most regular pickups are under 20 feet, some of the standard ones are not. Some Ford F150s (the state car of Maine 😊) can be 20.5 feet. or 20.7. Same with Chevys. I am not much of a truck person and though Chuck uses a truck for work all the time, he is not either. So we do not know that much. But it might be worth doing some research on what the length of standard-sized pickup trucks are before you get CBL into constant measuring and arguing next summer when one pickup costs \$46.00 and another costs 187.00 when they are both Ford F150s, though one a year older than the other.

Just a thought. It seems from my limited research that 21 feet covers just about all--excluding trailers/etc, which absolutely should be more expensive.

Meghan

On Tue, Nov 11, 2025 at 8:29 PM Meghan Casey <megcasey207@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Jean,
Sorry for the delay. I wanted to run this by Chuck before I responded.

Basically, Chuck thinks this proposal is good. Here are his comments:

1. Length vs. weight--YES! PLEASE! Length is more applicable to the car ferry than weight.
2. The 20-foot limit is good because most regular pickup trucks are under that length.
3. Chuck says that most contractors who go out daily for weeks or even a month or two at a time use regular pickup trucks, which would be under the 20 foot limit.(building an addition, or a long term electrical job). So they would buy 90 day passes and the cost to island homeowners would not be any more than it is currently
4. Something to consider: It is the case that there are some types of contractors need to bring trucks that will not fit under the 20 foot limit--flooring installers, plumbers, etc.These people would probably need to go out for a few days in a row....so adding \$212 + per day (from April-Oct) might mean a more significant cost to island homeowners having that work done. It would be great to figure some way to reduce that cost to island homeowners.

4a. Maybe, down the line, there could be a way islanders homeowners/renters could get a certain # of contractor passes/year (just a few--like 2 or 3) to allow larger contractors to travel for the pass-holder rate? The criteria for getting those passes could be that the homeowner/renter is eligible for, or maybe has, a residential pass.

That is Chuck's feedback for now. Thank you for asking him. I start school at 7:40AM every day so logging onto the meetings is not usually possible. And Chuck is working up in Richmond right now so attending would be hard for him. But either one of us is happy to speak by phone if you have questions after the meeting. Chuck--(207) 232-7499 and me (207) 233-6985.

One other thing--to help islanders who need work done on their homes--it would be great if CBL could advertise or somehow get the word out to island residents and contractors who come in to buy tickets, that, if their vehicle is 20 feet or under, they can buy a 90 day pass and receive lower vehicle rates. I know it will be on the CBL site, but some outreach beyond that might help.

The reason I suggest that: I know it is hard to have all employees on the same page, and that many of the ticket sellers are just teens (some my own students!), but when I was deciding whether to buy an annual pass or a 90 day pass this past June, I asked the guy working the ticket counter if I would get the vehicle discount on a 90 day pass and he said he didn't know. I decided to get the annual pass anyway (Carol was with me and urged that 😊), but I probably did not need the annual....no big deal, and again, believe me I know how hard it is to train teens! But I would feel bad if someone on a fixed income made that same mistake..

Thanks again. I hope the meeting goes well tomorrow.

Meghan

On Mon, Nov 10, 2025 at 2:15 PM Jean Hoffman <JeanH@cascobaylines.com> wrote:

Hi Meghan,

Where does the time go? I meant to reach out about getting together last summer after our various emails on CBL vehicle matters. I was struck by your report of friends of Chuck worrying about commercial rates going up and making it hard for the small builders and repair people that islanders depend on. Yours was one of several voices that contributed to the decision to pause consideration of commercial rate restructuring last April.

So, here we are now in November and picking it back up, with our new and fantastic general manager.

The CBL Finance Committee will hold its regular November meeting this Wed 07:45, live in the terminal with hybrid option, to discuss management's proposal for large vehicle rates. I would welcome your participation and input, either in person or via Webex (see below) or via written comments to ratechange@cascobaylines.com. Or, feel free to email or call me with thoughts. It would be great if Chuck or anyone he knows would like to review the proposal and provide feedback. There will be other meetings, this Wed is not a vote.

Please see attached: meeting agenda, and the large vehicle rate change proposal.

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Thank you, and feel free to pass this on and to reach out to me with either comments or questions at any time.

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From: Jean Hoffman
Sent: Thursday, December 11, 2025 10:54 AM
To: Rate Change
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From: Angela Faeth <angela@mapadventures.com>
Sent: Monday, December 1, 2025 9:10 AM
To: Jean Hoffman <JeanH@cascobaylines.com>
Subject: Re: CBL large vehicle rates

Hi Jean,

Thanks for passing this along. Our van is 16' 8" so we are well below the 20 plus rates.

I read the attachment you sent the plan looks like a good financial incentive to be fair to islanders.

I had a couple thoughts on the space taken up by over 20' vehicles. (I am sure you are painfully aware of these thoughts).

It doesn't address being bumped by a large vehicle and increasing the car waiting times and the pedestrians congestion that pushes cars backed up on the both sides. On the Peaks side, the lines back up on Island Ave create an unsafe corner for both pedestrians and vehicles.

On the Portland side I've seen cars backed up to the entrance of the parking garage making it hard for any car to turn from Commercial St. The management of the cars on the Portland side is at least managed by crew and CBL staff. The Peaks side feels like a free for all, chaotic mosh pit with no management except for the crew that are loading cars.

Keep up the good work,

Angela

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On Nov 30, 2025, at 7:45 PM, Jean Hoffman <JeanH@cascobaylines.com> wrote:

<Commercial_Vehicle_Rates Nov Finance v1.5.pdf>

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From: Jean Hoffman
Sent: Thursday, December 11, 2025 10:36 AM
To: Rate Change
Subject: FW: CBL: large vehicle rate and restructuring proposal

From: Heather Thompson <heather@juniperdesignbuild.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 12, 2025 11:37 AM
To: Jean Hoffman <JeanH@cascobaylines.com>
Subject: Re: CBL: large vehicle rate and restructuring proposal

Hi Jean,

Thank you for sending this information. I'm sorry I missed the meeting this morning.

Thank you for doing this work!
Heather

On Mon, Nov 10, 2025 at 1:53 PM Jean Hoffman <JeanH@cascobaylines.com> wrote:

Hi Heather

A reminder, as promised, of the CBL Finance Committee meeting this Wed 07:45, live in the terminal with hybrid option, to discuss large vehicle rates. I would welcome your participation and input, either in person or via Webex (see below) or via written comments to ratechange@cascobaylines.com

Note that there are extensive materials on the passenger vehicle rate change implemented in June 2025 at the bottom of the ratechange web page. Large or formerly known as commercial vehicles represent the last part of the vehicle rate change process.

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