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COASTAL INSPIRATION RETURNS TO SERVICE JUNE 30

VICTORIA – BC Ferries just announced that the Coastal Inspiration has been undergoing sea trials today and will return to service tomorrow morning on the Duke Point – Tsawwassen route. Full summer schedules will be in effect on all major routes including the Horseshoe Bay – Langdale and Horseshoe Bay – Departure Bay routes as of June 30.

“I want to thank our customers for their patience during the recent service outages and apologize for any disruptions to their travel plans,” said Mark Collins, BC Ferries’ President and CEO. “Our engineers have been working around the clock on Coastal Inspiration and I’m glad we are able to return the ship to service at the start of the Canada Day long weekend. We’ve got lots of extra staff on our ships and at our terminals to assist customers this weekend, as well as extended hours at our call centre.”

Coastal Inspiration’s refit was extended due to unexpected faults that emerged following the installation of a new propeller hub and a rebuild of a gearbox. BC Ferries is now preparing the ship for re-entry into service at 5:15 am tomorrow morning with its scheduled sailing from Duke Point. The return of the Coastal Inspiration allows BC Ferries to redeploy the Queen of Coquitlam to Langdale to operate as the second vessel on the Horseshoe Bay – Langdale route and for the Coastal Renaissance to redeploy to Departure Bay to serve on the Horseshoe Bay – Departure Bay route for the summer.

Full schedule details are available at bcferries.com, and customers can call BC Ferries for information at 1-888-223-3779. For the most up to date travel information, follow @BCFerries on Twitter.

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