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APRIL 1 TARIFF ADJUSTMENT ANNOUNCED

Reduction in reservation fees and no increase on vast majority of routes

VICTORIA - BC Ferries announced today that there will be no increase in the cost of ferry travel on April 1 for customers on the minor, northern and Horseshoe Bay – Langdale routes. In addition, the company is making it easier to book in advance by decreasing reservation fees. The cost of ferry travel did not increase last year, and for the second year in a row, BC Ferries is holding fares steady on 21 of its 24 routes.

Vehicle fares only on the Tsawwassen – Swartz Bay, Tsawwassen – Duke Point and Horseshoe Bay – Departure Bay routes will increase by 1.9 per cent on April 1. There will be no increase in passenger fares on these routes.

The company also announced a \$5 reduction in reservation fees, from \$15 to \$10 for customers who book seven days in advance on reservable routes. Reservations made less than seven days and up to one day prior will decrease from \$18.50 to \$17. Reservations booked day of travel will decrease from \$22 to \$21. With these reductions, customers who book reservations will pay the same or less than they do today for the total cost of ferry travel. Reservation change fees will also be reduced from \$9 to \$5. BC Ferries encourages customers to make reservations as it allows the company to manage operations more efficiently.

Here’s how the changes in reservation pricing on the Tsawwassen – Swartz Bay, Tsawwassen – Duke Point and Horseshoe Bay – Departure Bay routes will work when customers book reservations:

| | Current (with fuel rebate) | | | | April 1 (with fuel rebate) | | | | |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|------------|
| | Car <20ft | Adult | Res Fee | Total | Car <20ft | Adult | Res Fee | Total | Difference |
| 7 or more days in advance | \$54.80 | \$16.70 | \$15.00 | \$86.50 | \$55.80 | \$16.70 | \$10.00 | \$82.50 | -\$4.00 |
| Less than 7 days | \$54.80 | \$16.70 | \$18.50 | \$90.00 | \$55.80 | \$16.70 | \$17.00 | \$89.50 | -\$0.50 |
| Same day travel | \$54.80 | \$16.70 | \$22.00 | \$93.50 | \$55.80 | \$16.70 | \$21.00 | \$93.50 | \$0.00 |

In making the announcement, BC Ferries also advised that the buy-in level for Experience Cards will not increase on April 1. The cost of 10 assured loading tickets will increase from \$1450 to \$1550.

BC Ferries closely monitors the cost of fuel. The current fuel rebates of 2.9 per cent on the major and minor routes, and 1.9 per cent on the northern routes will remain in place at the present time.

While BC Ferries actively manages expenditures, tariff increases are necessary to cover operating costs and major capital replacement projects. The company needs to replace one ship per year on average in order to maintain safe, efficient and reliable service.

For full details on the April 1 tariff adjustment, visit bcferries.com.

Under contract to the Province of British Columbia, BC Ferries is the service provider responsible for the delivery of safe, efficient and dependable ferry service along coastal British Columbia.

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Backgrounder and Tariff Table attached

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APRIL 1, 2017 TARIFF ADJUSTMENTS

- No increase in the cost of ferry travel on April 1, 2017 for customers on the minor, northern and Horseshoe Bay – Langdale routes, and reservation fees will decrease.
- No increase in passenger fares on the Tsawwassen – Swartz Bay, Tsawwassen – Duke Point and Horseshoe Bay – Departure Bay routes.
- Only vehicle fares on the Tsawwassen – Swartz Bay, Tsawwassen – Duke Point and Horseshoe Bay – Departure Bay routes will increase by 1.9 per cent on April 1, 2017.
- \$5 reduction in reservation fees from \$15 to \$10, for customers who book seven or more days in advance, on reservable routes. Reservations made less than seven days and up to one day prior will decrease from \$18.50 to \$17. Reservations booked day of travel will decrease from \$22 to \$21. Customers who book reservations will virtually pay the same or less than they do today.
- Reservation change fees will be reduced from \$9 to \$5.
- Buy-in level for Experience Cards will not increase on April 1.
- The cost of 10 assured loading tickets will increase from \$1450 to \$1550.
- Reducing number of persons required for group rates from 16 to 10 persons.
- Rates for commercial vehicles that are thirteen foot wide or wider will increase from \$6.50 per foot to \$13.24 per foot, to reflect that they take up two lanes.
- Cancellation fees on northern routes will double to discourage customers from booking space they do not need, and to allow more customers access to the vehicle deck space. For private vehicles travelling between Prince Rupert and Haida Gwaii, the cancellation fee will increase from \$15 to \$30 within 30 days of travel. For private vehicles travelling between Port Hardy and Prince Rupert, the cancellation fee will increase from \$30 to \$60 within 30 days of travel. For commercial vehicles travelling on either of these northern routes, the cancellation fee will increase from \$100 to \$200 within five days of travel.

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**TARIFF less Fuel Rebate
Effective April 01, 2017**

| ROUTE | | PASSENGER - ADULT | | | | PASSENGER VEHICLE - up to 20' | | | | |
|-------|---|--|----------------------------|-----------------|----------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------|----------|---------|
| | | ROUTE DESCRIPTION | Current Tariff with rebate | April 1 st 2017 | | | Current Tariff with rebate | April 1 st 2017 | | |
| | | | | Tariff & rebate | Tariff | Rebate | | Tariff & rebate | Tariff | Rebate |
| 01 | | Tsawwassen - Swartz Bay | \$16.70 | \$16.70 | \$17.20 | -\$0.50 | \$54.80 | \$55.80 | \$57.50 | -\$1.70 |
| 02 | | Horseshoe Bay - Departure Bay | \$16.70 | \$16.70 | \$17.20 | -\$0.50 | \$54.80 | \$55.80 | \$57.50 | -\$1.70 |
| 30 | | Tsawwassen - Duke Point | \$16.70 | \$16.70 | \$17.20 | -\$0.50 | \$54.80 | \$55.80 | \$57.50 | -\$1.70 |
| 03 | * | Horseshoe Bay - Langdale | \$15.65 | \$15.65 | \$16.15 | -\$0.50 | \$52.40 | \$52.40 | \$54.00 | -\$1.60 |
| 04 | * | Swartz Bay - Fulford Harbour | \$12.20 | \$12.20 | \$12.60 | -\$0.40 | \$35.80 | \$35.80 | \$36.90 | -\$1.10 |
| 05 | * | Swartz Bay - Gulf Islands | \$13.05 | \$13.05 | \$13.45 | -\$0.40 | \$40.65 | \$40.65 | \$41.90 | -\$1.25 |
| 06 | * | Crofton - Vesuvius Bay | \$12.20 | \$12.20 | \$12.60 | -\$0.40 | \$35.80 | \$35.80 | \$36.90 | -\$1.10 |
| 07 | * | Earl's Cove - Saltery Bay | \$15.35 | \$15.35 | \$15.85 | -\$0.50 | \$51.05 | \$51.05 | \$52.60 | -\$1.55 |
| 08 | * | Horseshoe Bay - Snug Cove | \$11.95 | \$11.95 | \$12.35 | -\$0.40 | \$33.80 | \$33.80 | \$34.85 | -\$1.05 |
| 09 | | Gulf Islands to Tsawwassen | \$9.90 | \$9.90 | \$10.20 | -\$0.30 | \$25.90 | \$25.90 | \$26.70 | -\$0.80 |
| 91 | | Tsawwassen to Gulf Islands | \$19.20 | \$19.20 | \$19.80 | -\$0.60 | \$60.85 | \$60.85 | \$62.70 | -\$1.85 |
| 31 | | Inter-Southern Gulf Islands | \$6.55 | \$6.55 | \$6.75 | -\$0.20 | \$13.95 | \$13.95 | \$14.40 | -\$0.45 |
| 10 | | Port Hardy - Prince Rupert (Shoulder Season) | \$145.50 | \$145.50 | \$148.25 | -\$2.75 | \$336.00 | \$336.00 | \$342.50 | -\$6.50 |
| 11 | | Prince Rupert - Skidegate (Off Peak Season) | \$38.00 | \$38.00 | \$38.75 | -\$0.75 | \$165.00 | \$165.00 | \$168.25 | -\$3.25 |
| 17 | | Powell River (Westview) - Little River (Comox) | \$15.40 | \$15.40 | \$15.90 | -\$0.50 | \$48.25 | \$48.25 | \$49.70 | -\$1.45 |
| 18 | * | Powell River (Westview) - Texada Island | \$11.10 | \$11.10 | \$11.45 | -\$0.35 | \$26.15 | \$26.15 | \$26.95 | -\$0.80 |
| 19 | * | Nanaimo Harbour - Gabriola Island | \$11.10 | \$11.10 | \$11.45 | -\$0.35 | \$26.15 | \$26.15 | \$26.95 | -\$0.80 |
| 20 | * | Chemainus - Thetis Island - Kuper Island | \$10.55 | \$10.55 | \$10.90 | -\$0.35 | \$24.90 | \$24.90 | \$25.65 | -\$0.75 |
| 21 | * | Buckley Bay - Denman Island | \$10.15 | \$10.15 | \$10.50 | -\$0.35 | \$23.60 | \$23.60 | \$24.35 | -\$0.75 |
| 22 | * | Denman Island - Hornby Island | \$10.15 | \$10.15 | \$10.50 | -\$0.35 | \$23.60 | \$23.60 | \$24.35 | -\$0.75 |
| 23 | * | Campbell River - Quadra Island | \$10.15 | \$10.15 | \$10.50 | -\$0.35 | \$23.60 | \$23.60 | \$24.35 | -\$0.75 |
| 24 | * | Quadra Island - Cortes Island | \$11.95 | \$11.95 | \$12.35 | -\$0.40 | \$27.55 | \$27.55 | \$28.40 | -\$0.85 |
| 25 | * | Port McNeill - Alert Bay - Sointula | \$11.95 | \$11.95 | \$12.35 | -\$0.40 | \$27.55 | \$27.55 | \$28.40 | -\$0.85 |
| 26 | * | Skidegate - Alliford Bay | \$10.15 | \$10.15 | \$10.50 | -\$0.35 | \$23.60 | \$23.60 | \$24.35 | -\$0.75 |
| 12 | | Mill Bay - Brentwood Bay | \$7.75 | \$7.75 | \$8.00 | -\$0.25 | \$17.95 | \$17.95 | \$18.50 | -\$0.55 |
| 13 | | Langdale - Keats Island - Gambier Island | \$7.50 | \$7.50 | \$7.75 | -\$0.25 | - | - | - | - |

* fares include Round trip

Rates including Reservations

Vancouver to Vancouver Island

Current (with Rebate)

| Car <20ft | Adult | Reservation | Total | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|-------------|---------|---------|
| 7 or more days in advance | \$54.80 | \$16.70 | \$15.00 | \$86.50 |
| Less than 7 days to day before travel | \$54.80 | \$16.70 | \$18.50 | \$90.00 |
| Same Day travel | \$54.80 | \$16.70 | \$22.00 | \$93.50 |

For sale and travel from April 1st 2017 (with Rebate)

| Car <20ft | Adult | Reservation | Total | Difference | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|-------------|---------|------------|---------|
| 7 or more days in advance | \$55.80 | \$16.70 | \$10.00 | \$82.50 | -\$4.00 |
| Less than 7 days to day before travel | \$55.80 | \$16.70 | \$17.00 | \$89.50 | -\$0.50 |
| Same Day travel | \$55.80 | \$16.70 | \$21.00 | \$93.50 | \$0.00 |

Power River to Vancouver Island

Current (with Rebate)

| Car <20ft | Adult | Reservation | Total | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|-------------|---------|---------|
| 7 or more days in advance | \$48.25 | \$15.45 | \$15.00 | \$78.70 |
| Less than 7 days to day before travel | \$48.25 | \$15.45 | \$18.50 | \$82.20 |
| Same Day travel | \$48.25 | \$15.45 | \$22.00 | \$85.70 |

For sale and travel from April 1st 2017 (with Rebate)

| Car <20ft | Adult | Reservation | Total | Difference | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|-------------|---------|------------|---------|
| 7 or more days in advance | \$48.25 | \$15.45 | \$10.00 | \$73.70 | -\$5.00 |
| Less than 7 days to day before travel | \$48.25 | \$15.45 | \$17.00 | \$80.70 | -\$1.50 |
| Same Day travel | \$48.25 | \$15.45 | \$21.00 | \$84.70 | -\$1.00 |

Vancouver to Sunshine Coast (return)

Current (with Rebate)

| Car <20ft | Adult | Reservation | Total | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|-------------|---------|---------|
| 7 or more days in advance | \$52.45 | \$15.70 | \$15.00 | \$83.15 |
| Less than 7 days to day before travel | \$52.45 | \$15.70 | \$18.50 | \$86.65 |
| Same Day travel | \$52.45 | \$15.70 | \$22.00 | \$90.15 |

For sale and travel from April 1st 2017 (with Rebate)

| Car <20ft | Adult | Reservation | Total | Difference | |
|---------------------------------------|---------|-------------|---------|------------|---------|
| 7 or more days in advance | \$52.45 | \$15.70 | \$10.00 | \$78.15 | -\$5.00 |
| Less than 7 days to day before travel | \$52.45 | \$15.70 | \$17.00 | \$85.15 | -\$1.50 |
| Same Day travel | \$52.45 | \$15.70 | \$21.00 | \$89.15 | -\$1.00 |