



CHEBEAGUE TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

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# News from CTC!

## Looking back at 2021

### Winter Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9am - 4pm

Friday 9am - 12:30pm

### Annual Parking Permits

Annual parking permits have been issued for applications received to date. After receiving a record number of applications this year – 191 in total, we were unable to issue permits for the Cousins Island lot to all who applied. We can accommodate one car for each year-round island household. Households with two commuters who travel at least 4 times per week were issued second permits. Unfortunately, that brought us to the capacity of the lot. We wish that we had space to issue permits to all who applied! Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work together as a community to share this parking lot that is so important to all of us.

### EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS

Alan Small - 1/8

Happy Birthday Alan!

After an extremely difficult year in 2020, CTC had an encouraging rebound in 2021. The final numbers are not in yet, but as of the end of the year we have carried just over 120,000 passengers. That is about 50,000 more passengers than 2020, but still down around 20% from 2019 (pre-COVID) ridership levels. Financially, thanks to the increase in operational revenue paired with federal and state grants and a few very generous donors in the community, we find ourselves in healthy financial position. As we (hopefully!) begin to come out of the pandemic, this will enable us to continue to provide reliable, safe service while keeping rates as affordable as possible.

### Some other highlights in 2021:

We had our best barging year ever! Barging revenue was up 26% over 2020, which was also a very strong year. Besides our regular service from Cousins to Chebeague, we also barged from Yankee Marina to Bustins, Lower Goose and Haskell Islands. This new business is welcome and we will work to expand it.

The Independence successfully completed her first charters! We're excited to have two boats at our disposal again allowing us to offer charter service for weddings and other special events. Watch for some scheduled public

cruises next summer!

We continued to provide emergency transport off the Island at no cost to the Town or patients. Our crew transports dozens of patients, frequently during hours outside of our normal schedule. We also transport law enforcement to the Island when needed, again at no cost to the Town.

Despite the pandemic limiting travel in the first half of the year, our boat crew participated in industry events, including two virtual Passenger Vessel Association conferences. These conferences are vital, allowing us to keep up with new regulations along with best safety practices. Senior Captain Beth Putnam and GM Matt Ridgway also participated in a mass casualty drill with the Coast Guard at the base in South Portland - the first of hopefully many drills we will be working on with the Coast Guard.

None of this would be possible without the continued support of the great community we serve. Thanks for helping us come back strong in 2021 and we wish everyone a happy and healthy 2022!

# Happy New Year!

### New Employees in 2021

We were fortunate to have some great new employees join us in 2021. We welcomed the following people to our company in the past year:

Bob Bauder - Driver

Peter Blake - Lot Attendant

J. Holt - Captain

Ed Leonard - Deckhand

Bill McKenzie - Deckhand

Brendan O'Brien - Captain

Doug Wallace - Lot attendant

### Retiring Employees

In addition to welcoming these new employees, we had a few long time CTC employees retire this year:

Paul Chesley - Driver

Chuck Graham - Deckhand

Ted McKeen - Driver/Lot attendant

Linnea Schwarz - Lot attendant

We wish all our retiring staff the best in their future endeavors!

**It's our employees who make this company work.** As we start the New Year, please thank your crew. They make sure we all get back and forth safely every day!

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