



# News from CTC!



## FREE BOAT DAYS!

December 4th

December 11th

CTC will continue the holiday tradition of showing our appreciation to our passengers and community by once again offering free boat days in December. Thanks for all the continuing support and happy holidays to everyone.

## EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS

Bo Ramsey 12/3

Bill McKenzie 12/31

*Happy Birthday!*

## Winter Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9am - 4pm

Friday 9am - 12:30pm

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## Holiday Schedule

### Christmas and New Year's Day

Bus Leaves Route One	Ferry Leaves Chebeague	Ferry Leaves Cousins
7:45 AM	8:00 AM	8:15 AM
9:45 AM	10:00 AM	10:15 AM
11:45 AM	NOON	12:15 PM
4:30 PM	4:45 PM	5:00 PM
6:00 PM	6:15 PM	6:30 PM

## Where is the Independence?

Where's our nice new boat, some of you are wondering? The CTC crew took the Independence back to Washburn and Doughty on October 25th for some long-planned warranty work. She was hauled out on the W&D railway on November 10th and is now indoors where the warranty work will be completed along with her required two-year Coast Guard hull inspection and routine maintenance.

Fortunately, we have a fantastic second ferry ready to put in service... the Islander! If everything goes according to plan, we should see the Independence home before Christmas. At that time, we will be hauling out the Islander in Yarmouth for her hull inspection and some significant planned maintenance that, after almost 37 years, she

certainly deserves!

Having two ferries allows CTC to continue uninterrupted operations and to ensure that both boats are properly maintained, allowing us to provide the reliable service that Chebeaguers have come to expect.

### 'Tis the season... of lost and found!

Winter is the time where the boat and bus crews start finding personal belongings left in abundance. Small things like hats and mittens will be kept on the ferry or at Rt. 1 for a couple of weeks before they are brought to the office. After a month, CTC will donate usable items and throw out what is not usable. We simply do not have storage space for everything that is left with us.

Please remember to check and make sure you have taken all of your personal items with you!

## Service

### Cancellations

While CTC recognizes that many people rely on our service to get to school, work, or other vital travel, the safety of our passengers and employees is paramount. We always try to provide as much notice of service interruptions as possible but there are times where the safety of our passengers and employees warrants cancelling trips on short notice. Please review our policies below. To receive important service announcements from CTC, please sign up on our website at [chebeaguetrans.com](http://chebeaguetrans.com) on the cancellations page.

**Bus Service:** If school is cancelled in Yarmouth, the first bus of the day is automatically cancelled. There will not be a notice of this trip's cancellation. All other trip cancellations will be communicated as soon as possible.

**Ferry Service:** When deciding to cancel a boat trip, we will consider not only the ability of the boat to run in the storm, but also our passengers' ability to safely board and exit the boat. Therefore, conditions where the wharves, ramps, and/or floats are unsafe will result in a trip cancellation. This would include high winds making the floats rock dangerously (usually at Cousins), storm surges that put the top of the Stone Wharf under water, and excessive ice and/or snow on ramps, floats, or wharves.

Until the channel at Chebeague is dredged, CTC will cancel ferry trips during extreme low tides to avoid ferry grounding. Notice of these cancellations are posted well in advance in the monthly calendar and on our website.