



# What's New at CTC?

## CTC Staff in the Spotlight

Todd Rich



Todd joined CTC recently as a fill-in captain. He grew up in Yarmouth and attended Yarmouth High School. After graduating from USM with a business degree, Todd taught junior high math at a private boarding school in CT. During summers in college and while teaching, Todd worked at Casco Bay Lines—working his way up to Captain. One year, Todd decided he would rather be on the water than teach school, so he started working full time at CBL. He worked there for a total of 12 years before taking his current job at SHP Management in Yarmouth—a property management firm. He works in their finance area and is also busy working towards his Masters Degree. Todd and his wife Brooke (a registered nurse) recently moved with their two small sons Gavin (5) and Owen (5 months) to Cousins Island. Todd says he loves running boats, meeting people, and getting to know both Chebeague and Cousins!

Welcome aboard, Todd!

### Cancellations

When adverse weather conditions force CTC to consider cancelling a ferry and/or bus trip, the following policy applies:

◊ As soon as the decision is made, the information will be posted to the CTC website and the voice message on the main number 846-3700. CTC intends to make the decision and post it at least 60 minutes before the scheduled trip whenever possible.

◊ Route One parking customers should park on Cousins Island if the bus has been cancelled but the ferry is still running. Vehicle should be returned to Route One as soon as possible.

◊ If the weather takes a sudden turn for the worse, CTC may be unable to observe the 60 minute rule when passenger or employee safety is a concern.

◊ Customers wishing to receive a cancellation update via email or text should register on the CTC website.

### For Your Safety

*Please be patient and remain seated on the ferry while the crew clears the float and ramp during storms.*

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## Transit District?

You may have read in the Forecaster that a bill has been submitted to the legislature that would allow the Town of Chebeague to create a transit district. The bill is based upon the current transit district law which applies only to land transportation. The Chebeague bill is very similar to the current law, but adds waterborne transportation as a transportation method.

Typically, ferry transit districts are created by special law, and this bill is no exception. It is a special law giving just the Town of Chebeague Island the authority to create a transit district. It does not require us to create a district – only allows it if the Town should decide to do so in the future.

The main impetus for creating a transit district would be to access federal funding for a new ferry. As the CTC Board considers the best option for the future of our ferries, having such access could be a significant benefit.

Thanks to the Selectmen, the CTC Board, the Town of Yarmouth, and several private citizens for working on drafting legislation that was acceptable to all parties. A special thanks to Representative Steve Moriarty who is sponsoring the bill. Representative Janice Cooper and Senator Richard Woodbury have also been helpful in working with all parties to reach a satisfactory result. We'll keep you posted on the bill's progress.

## Safety on the Islander

Our Maintenance Director, Kevin Wentworth, was very busy in 2012. One of his priorities was to make improvements that would enhance safety. A partial list of his accomplishments on the Islander includes:

- replacing wheelhouse stairs with a safer design.
- adding additional safety handles to wheelhouse entry.
- adding stern landing lights.
- adding two-way listen back PS system to improve communication with deckhands.
- adding non-skid coating to all decks.
- adding safety lines to wheelhouse exterior exit door.
- adding wireless weather station to Islander.
- purchasing deckhand reflective safety vests for use during inclement weather.
- adding a number of safety signs for the upper deck.