



What's New at CTC?

SAFE ACCESS TO THE FERRY

2018 In Review

Annual Parking Permits

Annual parking permits have been issued for applications received to date. Unfortunately, we were unable to issue permits for the Cousins Island lot to all who applied. Please remember to affix your 2019 permit to your vehicle right away.

New Employees in 2018

In 2018 we added several employees—some of whom were temporary or seasonal. We are pleased that the following people joined our company in 2018.

- Elizabeth Capone—deckhand.
- Newton—deckhand.
- Arlene Dyer—driver.
- John Flaherty—parking lot attendant.
- Chuck Graham—deckhand.
- Rock Helpin—driver.
- Fred Martindale—driver.
- David Lloyd-Rees—barge deckhand.
- Trent Lloyd-Rees—deckhand.
- Lucas Phipps—deckhand.

Thanks to all!

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CTC's gross income is on track to exceed 2017 due to higher ferry and parking revenue. Ferry ridership is expected to surpass the prior year again.

Some highlights...

-We continued to provide free rescue services to the Town of Chebeague Island. In 2018 we made dozens of patient transports. Many of these occurred off hours - often in the middle of the night. We also provided free transport to the Sheriff's Department—day or night.

--Safety continued to be a priority. In addition to our regular drills, the boat crew held "all hands" drills focusing on handling emergencies on the ferry.

In celebration of a successful year, the third person who calls the CTC office after 9 AM on 1/2/2019 and says "What a Year!" will receive a free guest ticket book.

We purchased 3 "new buses". Our 4 old buses were sold at auction and we purchased a 2013 Blue Bird and a 2015 International. We also replaced our small bus with a slightly newer one—mostly because of the extensive rust on the old bus. As a result, in 2018 we have seen significantly reduced maintenance costs and improved reliability from our buses.

Lastly, we started construction on a new ferry—a long term goal. The ferry is very similar to the Islander with some notable safety and passenger comfort upgrades. She is being constructed by Washburn & Dougherty, the boatyard that gave us the Islander. We look forward to her delivery to the island in the spring of 2019.

Happy New Year to All!

Name That Ferry!

We received 228 suggestions (with some duplicates) for a name for the new ferry!

The CTC Board met on 12/20 and narrowed the choices down to 5.

- Ambrose Hamilton
- Hamilton
- Islander II
- Chebeaguer
- Independence

The next step is to conduct a community-wide survey to choose the winner. By January 1st we will put surveys on the Islander, at the Office, and online where you can vote.

The survey will end on January 18th. One entry per person, please.

Employee Birthdays

Alan Small—1/8
Happy Birthday, Alan!

CTC's top concern is safety—for our crew and our passengers.

For quite some time CTC has been exploring possible ways to improve safety both on the boat and in access to the boat. In that effort, we have consulted other ferry companies and the Passenger Vessel Association. Additionally, we have tested wheelchairs and raised our concerns with the Town of Chebeague.

There are falls on the ramps each year. Luckily, no serious injuries have occurred to date.

Especially at risk are those needing assistance on the ramps at low tides. The steep ramp at less than half-tide poses special challenges, particularly in inclement weather. While our crew stands ready to help, their safety, as well as that of those they are transporting, has become a serious concern. As a result, crew assistance may no longer be routinely provided at lower tides.

Many ferry services have resolved the access issue by extending ramps to reduce the incline at low tide. The Town is in the process of evaluating improvements to the landings and one option, which CTC endorses, is providing longer ramps.

CTC will continue to work with the Town to address this safety concern that affects us all.