



What's New at CTC?

Restrictions on travel to Chebeague Island

Over the last few months there have been concerns raised by Harmony Hill neighborhood residents regarding access to the Cousins Island wharf.

In response to traffic complaints, on July 10th the Town of Yarmouth stationed a police officer at the intersection of Pogy Shore Way and Wharf Road. The officer was stopping traffic from driving down to the wharf, enforcing restrictions contained in the so-called "Over the Hill" ordinance.

Access to and from Chebeague Island is restricted by two legal agreements. The first is a 1999 court judgment that deals primarily with barging and the Cousins Island parking lot operations. The second is a 2008 agreement between the towns of Chebeague Island and Yarmouth. (Much of this agreement restricts the operations of CTC, which was not a party to the agreement).

Recognizing increased conflict regarding access to Chebeague for passengers and vehicles (including barging), the Joint Standing Committee with two members from the Yarmouth Town Council and two members from the Chebeague Board of Selectmen met in late July to discuss the recent issues. A second meeting will be held in the near future.

The Chebeague representatives are Susan Campbell and Bill Calthorpe.

The Chebeague representatives have asked for input from the CTC board prior to the next meeting. As discussions between the two towns on the restrictions move forward, the CTC board believes it also is appropriate that those who are affected by the restrictions – be they Chebeague residents, those doing business on the island, or visitors – be familiar with the rules currently in place.

The following is a summary of our operating restrictions. CTC encourages our customers to observe the current restrictions.

Ferry Transportation (Agreement between Towns - 2008)

The ferry cannot arrive at Cousins before 6:30AM. The last scheduled trip from Cousins can be no later than 10:45PM and must leave Cousins by 11PM.

Total trips (scheduled and unscheduled) may not exceed 71 per week or 11 per day. Emergency Trips are not counted as scheduled or unscheduled.

The published schedule may change no more than 4 times per year.

Unscheduled ferry landings may occur when a scheduled ferry trip has too many passengers waiting to be transported on one trip and must return to Cousins to pick up remaining passengers.

If the primary vessel (Islander) is out of service and a smaller replacement vessel is used, CTC may make unscheduled trips in order to transport the number of passengers who would normally be transported by the Islander.

If the Islander is permanently replaced, the size of the new vessel cannot exceed the Islander's size and passenger capacity.

Cousins Island Wharf (Agreement between Towns - 2008)

Commercial vehicles may make deliveries to the Cousins Island dock on non-holiday weekdays between the hours of 7:00AM and 12:15PM provided that only non-dual wheeled vehicles make such deliveries. Non-dual wheeled vehicles shall not be used for the purpose of transporting *multiple* loads or providing for a *scheduled* delivery service for commercial entities. Deliveries of prescription medication and deliveries of meals through the Meals on Wheels program are exempt from this provision. Delivery of fuel for powering the CTC passenger vessels and barge powering vessel shall also be exempt.



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“Over the Hill Ordinance” Vehicular access to Wharf Road beyond the intersection of Wharf Road and the right of way to the Blanchard Parking Lot is prohibited from Friday at 3:00PM to Monday at 6:00 AM each weekend during the period beginning May 15th and ending September 30th each year. When a holiday during that period falls on a Monday, the period of restricted access extends thorough Tuesday at 6:00 AM. (Agreement noted that it was the intent of the Town of Yarmouth to review the traffic regulations after the construction of the improvements to the Wharf Road (completed in 2009) and a period of observation to determine the behavior of traffic patterns and Wharf Road access and to modify, repeal or limit traffic access rules to the extent practical and reasonable.)

Parking in Blanchard Lot (Court Order - 1999)

CTC is enjoined from parking in excess of 165 motor vehicles on the Blanchard lot. (15 of the 165 spaces are reserved for residents of the Town of Yarmouth).

Stopping, standing, parking, staging of any motor vehicle on the right-of-way is prohibited. The CTC bus shall not stop, stand, park, turn around, back up, load and/or unload at any time on the right-of-way.

The parking lot shall be screened to ordinary view at all times from abutting properties by natural objects, plantings, or fences which shall be harmonious with the immediate environs. Fences must be well constructed at a minimum height of 6 feet.

CTC cannot use the lot or the right-of-way for commercial activity including storage or passage of commercial equipment or loading or unloading of watercraft there from or for any other commercial purpose, with the exception of barging as detailed later in this document.

Barging (Court Order - 1999)

The origin of the barge landing at the Pogy shore and the destination of the barge leaving Pogy shore shall be Chebeague Island only.

The hours of barging and delivery of vehicles or equipment shall be limited to between 7:00AM and 5:00PM. No staging is allowed before 7:00AM. All vehicles and equipment to be barged or which have been barged shall leave the lot by 5:00 PM. No vehicle may arrive to the lot for loading more than ½ hour prior to the barge’s scheduled departure.

The barging season shall be April 1 through November 30 and shall be limited to a maximum of 82 days per season.

During the peak season (6/1 – 9/30) barging will be restricted to 3 days per week – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (excluding holidays). In the event the barge cannot operate on a scheduled day (e.g. weather, mechanical breakdown), barging may occur on Monday or Friday. Trips are limited to 10 in one week.

During the period of 4/1 – 5/31 and 10/1 – 11/30 (“shoulder season”), barging shall be restricted to Monday through Friday, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. Trips are limited to 12 in one week.

No more than one barge shall be used and shall be no larger than 43’ x 24’.

The barging of “exceptional equipment” shall be limited to 6 round trips per year, which shall occur during the shoulder season. Exceptional equipment shall include vehicles with 10 or more wheels or more than 2 axles, tractor-trailer trucks, well-diggers, equipment and vehicles on a flat bed trailer, ready mix concrete trucks, and house trailers, etc.

Barging of solid waste is prohibited

Staging for barging is restricted to the northeasterly side of parking lot.

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Winter Fares

Ferry fares will be reduced on October 1st. Fares will be posted on the CTC website and on the ferry. Winter fares will not increase this year.