



Chebeague Transportation Company Guidelines for Handling Freight

Packaging

Your belongings and freight may be handled several times during your trip to Chebeague. In order to make the most of available space on the boat (especially during weekends and holidays during the summer) it is a good idea to pack your belongings in stackable containers, such as banana boxes. Plastic bags are not a good idea for transporting on the ferry. If you are buying groceries at a local store, the store might be willing to provide banana boxes if you explain you are going to the island. It is very helpful if freight is labeled with the owner's name as well. Be sure to put plenty of protection around fragile items.

Count Your Freight

To be sure you leave the boat with all your belongings, count the number of freight containers you have before loading them.

Beware of Peak Times

As much as possible, passengers should try to limit freight during peak times. Summer weekend and holidays are usually peak travel times with lots of people and freight to load on the boat. If you have other freight coming to the island, such as furniture, plants, etc. please try to schedule them during the week.

Freight on Busses

CTC busses have limited space for transporting freight. Priority must be given to transporting customers and their personal belongings. CTC bus drivers will work to accommodate as much freight as practical. Our busses are restricted by State of Maine law on the type of freight they can carry. **CTC busses cannot carry any gasoline, propane fuel, or vessel/vehicle batteries.** The bus driver will inform passengers on the best place to store their items for the bus trip to and from Cousins Island. The busses store items in the underneath luggage compartments and in the back of the bus.

Freight on Vessels

CTC passenger vessels also have limited space for transporting freight. CTC crews on passenger vessels will work to accommodate as much freight as practical. Passenger vessels are restricted by the Coast Guard on the type and amount of freight they can carry. Since passengers who travel to Chebeague after noon tend to have the most personal freight, it is best to bring freight in the morning. Commercial freight or bulky personal freight delivered after the noon boat may not be able to be brought to Chebeague if the freight area is crowded.

Transporting Gasoline and Propane on Vessels

CTC passengers who bring a machine that has a gasoline tank need not empty the tank prior to boarding. Motor bikes, lawn mowers, trimmers, chain saws, etc. are examples of the type of freight that may contain gas during transport. However, per Coast Guard regulations, passengers are not permitted to transport gasoline cans filled with gas on the ferry.

Containers of liquefied natural gas or propane may be carried onboard CTC vessels if the following conditions are met: 1) Container is D.O.T. or I.C.C. approved, 2) Container is limited to twenty (20) pounds, 3) Captain is verbally notified of its presence, 4) Containers are stowed on the rear or forward deck on the Islander. Containers may be stowed only on the forward deck on the Pied Piper, and 5) Containers do not impede access to fire-fighting equipment or hamper access to exits.

Freight on the Barge

The CTC Barge can transport nearly any type of freight. If you have too much freight or you have freight that is not allowed on the passenger boat, contact CTC for our barging schedule and arrange to have your freight transported during a barging trip.