



News from CTC!

What to expect when travelling with CTC

Summer Office Hours

Monday - Friday
9am - 4pm

Weekday School Boats Start 9/1

CTC will begin its service to carry school children on 9/1—the first day of school. The morning boat will leave Chebeague at 7:05 AM. The afternoon boat will leave Cousins Island at 3:05 PM. The service is weekdays only and will run during school holidays and school cancellation days (weather permitting). The CTC bus does not meet the school boats.

While many of our seasonal passengers know the drill by heart (parking lot, baggage, bus, unloading, float, tickets, ferry, arrival), some first-time travelers (as well as those returning after an absence) might find this a useful reminder about this curious routine.

Route 1/Bus service—This satellite lot is where seasonal or short-term visitors to Chebeague park and is serviced by a shuttle bus to the Cousins Island Wharf. CTC busses leave one half-hour prior to the scheduled ferry departure time. Passengers should arrive at least 15 minutes before the bus departs to allow time to purchase parking tickets and load freight on the bus. Our drivers are there to help facilitate loading and unloading of freight. They are not baggage handlers and may not lift anything over 50 pounds. Capacity for luggage and freight on our buses is very limited, especially during peak travel times. Travelers with multiple bags or freight are encouraged to use Casco Bay Lines' excellent service to Chebeague, or arrive early enough to deposit gear at the wharf on Cousins Island and return to park at Route 1.

Cousins Island lot—Our "lower lot" is strictly reserved for year-round parking pass holders with *very limited* day

parking available on a space-available basis. Day parkers must leave the lot before 5:30 p.m. or they will be towed.

At the Wharf—Once the bus has parked, passengers should unload their belongings and carry items to the float. Carts are available. Please don't block the travel lane on the wharf with freight or large groups. Arriving passengers will need space to exit. Our boat crew will load your freight on the ferry. Form a line along the wharf railing and wait for a deckhand to start ticket collection for boarding. Our ferries have capacities in excess of 100 passengers, so we rarely have to make two trips.

On the Ferry—Tickets must be purchased in advance, either at our online store or through our office. Passengers with tickets in hand may board the ferry upon the deckhand's instructions. Online purchases will be confirmed by the deckhand before boarding. Whether you've lived here and used our ferry for 90 years, or this is your first time travelling with us, the expectation is the same... you need a ticket before boarding. (We no longer collect tickets while underway.) The faster we can board, the sooner you will reach your destination!

Why are masks required when boarding the ferry?

With mandates requiring masks no longer in effect in many situations, our ferry and bus crews have been getting a lot of questions (and, unfortunately, some hostility) about our mask policies. Why we are requiring masks when boarding the ferry, when inside the ferry, and aboard the bus?

Federal law continues to require all people, regardless of vaccination status, to wear masks on public transportation and at transportation hubs. Refusing to comply constitutes a violation of the law. Once onboard the ferry, when in open spaces such as the bow, stern and upper deck, people may remove their masks. When disembarking, however, passengers must again wear masks. Please contact our office with questions about these policies.

Job Opportunities

CTC has openings for part time **bus drivers** and **parking lot attendants!** Contact our office for more details and to apply.

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Did you Know...

- CTC is one of a very few privately-run ferry companies in the US. Except for emergency grants such as the PPP loans, we do not qualify for most transportation assistance and receive no subsidies from any local, state or federal government. Most ferry companies receive up to 50% of funding for operations from federal and state grants and up to 100% for capital projects, such as new boat construction!
- CTC continues to provide emergency transport on and off of the Island at no cost to the Town or patients, just as we've done for decades. The cost to CTC to provide this service to our community averages around \$25,000 per year.
- CTC works with the Chebeague Island Council to provide free transportation to people receiving on-going medical treatment, such as physical therapy or chemotherapy. Please contact the Council for more information.
- CTC provides free parking and ferry transportation when funerals or memorial services are held on Chebeague or elsewhere for someone who is to be interred on Chebeague.

September Employee Birthdays!

Ed Leonard—9/6
Christine Englund—9/27