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Foot Ferry Collision Disrupts Annapolis/Bremerton Service

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BREMERTON – At approximately 6 a.m. on Friday, March 29, the Admiral Pete collided with M/V Chimacum in Bremerton when the Pete was pulling away from the A-float. The 122-passenger Pete serves the Annapolis-Bremerton route during commute hours and the Port Orchard/Bremerton route during the middle of the day.

There were no passengers aboard the foot ferry at the time of the incident, according to Kitsap Harbor Tours, which operates Admiral Pete under a contract with Kitsap Transit. The Pete’s crew was not injured, but the vessel sustained damage on its Starboard aft corner.

USCG and Kitsap Harbor Tours are conducting an investigation into the incident. Kitsap Transit will not be commenting further until the investigation is concluded and all facts are in hand. For information about the Chimacum, contact Washington State Ferries.

Kitsap Harbor Tours has informed Kitsap Transit that the Pete will not be available until the US Coast Guard (USCG) has cleared it to return to service. As a result, Kitsap Transit is cancelling Annapolis-Bremerton foot ferry service until further notice because there is no back-up vessel available. The 49-passenger Admiral Jack is going out of service for maintenance.

During this service disruption, Kitsap Transit has taken measures to reduce the impact on our customers:

- Until further notice, the Carlisle II will operate the Port Orchard-Bremerton route on a “drop and go” basis during commute hours. The Carlisle II will operate at full capacity (143 passengers) with the addition of a deckhand.
- Customers who use the Annapolis Park & Ride can ride the #81 Annapolis Commuter bus to connect to the Port Orchard dock and vice versa during the affected commute hours. The #81 also serves the Armory Park & Ride.
- Customers who are connecting to the Bremerton/Seattle Fast Ferry should plan ahead and get to the Port Orchard ferry dock 20 minutes earlier to ensure they make their connection.
- Download and use the DoubleMap mobile app to track the location of Kitsap Transit’s ferries and estimated arrival times. Visit kitsaptransit.com/TrackMyRide for details on DoubleMap.