



CHEBEAGUE TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

June 2022

# News from CTC!

## Preparing for Summer!

### Summer Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9am - 4pm

### Service Limitations from Route One

Like many other businesses, CTC has been impacted in many ways from the Covid-19 pandemic. One of the biggest impacts has been the increased difficulty in hiring employees, especially bus drivers. We are fortunate that we have an extremely dedicated group of drivers who know how important our service is to the community. Because of this, to date, we have only had to cancel a single trip due to lack of staffing resulting from the pandemic—something we are extremely proud of.

Because of the limited number of bus drivers, we have some drivers who are licensed only to operate our small bus. While this is not ideal (we are doing our very best to have all our drivers licensed to drive the big buses ASAP), we are grateful that we can keep the service running! With the small bus being used more frequently, it is more important than ever for people to make sure that, if they have large amounts of freight or passengers, that they drop off at Cousins Island prior to parking at Route One. We also ask that people have patience if second trips are necessary. Most importantly, please thank our employees who have continued to show up and provide this essential service for our community!

*Thank you!*

### Happy Birthday!

Jack Uminski—6/4

Peter Blake—6/12

John Wilkinson—6/12

The good weather seems to have finally arrived and so have many of our seasonal residents. Welcome back!

This summer, CTC will continue to operate with many of the procedures in place during the past two years. Tickets must be purchased in advance, either at our online store ([www.ctcferry.org](http://www.ctcferry.org)) or by calling our office. Tickets will be collected prior to boarding the ferry. You must have a ticket or have purchased a ticket prior to boarding. Please wait at the top of the ramp for the crew to welcome you to board.

But some things never change. Summer on Chebeague means Passengers AND Freight. When you have a large amount of freight or luggage, please **either use Casco Bay Lines' very convenient freight service** ([www.cascobaylines.com](http://www.cascobaylines.com)) or deliver your freight and passengers directly to the Cousins Island wharf in your own vehicle before parking at the Route 1 lot and catching the bus. Our busses have extremely limited room for freight and, due to bus driver shortages, we often must utilize a small bus with limited capacity for passengers and cargo. (See the notice to the left.) Remember, DOT and USCG requirements restrict hazardous materials we can carry. *Absolutely no gasoline or*

*propane can be carried on either the bus or ferry.* For questions on other prohibited cargo, please call our office.

We welcome pets on our busses and ferries. Please remember they are required to have tickets, too! Also, please make sure dogs remain under control, on a leash and not on the seats on **either the buses or the ferries.** We've had some close calls with excited dogs nearly **knocking over small children... not** something anyone wants to happen!

Our bus drivers and captains are expected to leave on schedule. Please plan accordingly to arrive with plenty of time for unloading and parking. Use caution when driving to the Stone Wharf, our parking lots and to the pier on Cousins Island. These are all very congested places with lots of pedestrians, children, and traffic.

Once on the pier, please stand back from the ramp to allow disembarking passengers room to get by. The boat crew will load freight and call people with bicycles down first.

We are excited to see everyone! We wish everyone a safe and happy summer!

## Fee Changes Effective June 15, 2022

We continue to do our very best at CTC to keep the cost of the service as low as possible. Since the early 2000s, our fare costs have remained well below inflation, effectively meaning that it is cheaper to ride the ferry now than it was in 20 years ago. We recently have seen large operational cost increases. This includes big labor and material costs hikes, along with huge fuel cost increases. Unfortunately, this rising cost of running our operations makes it necessary to implement a few fare increases. Beginning June 15, the cost of a Resident/Parking permit holder 10 ride pass (green book) will be \$42, and the cost of a ten-ride pass (red book) will be \$63. Additionally, the cost of daily parking at Cousins Island will be \$25. All other fares remain unchanged.

### Independence

available for Charter!

We are excited to be able to once again to offer our vessel for charter! Whether you have an event to celebrate, a destination to get to, or a group that would enjoy a cruise around the bay, **we'd love to have you aboard!** See our website [www.ctcferry.org](http://www.ctcferry.org)

or contact our office for details.

### Help Wanted!

CTC is looking to fill the following positions immediately!

Part-time and fill-in bus drivers. Candidates must have a valid Class B CDL with a passenger endorsement. Shifts are available that will accommodate Island residents.

CTC offers competitive pay and benefits. If you are interested, contact our office, or apply online. If you know someone who might be interested, please help us spread the word. We are only as good as the crew we have working with us. Come join this great team!

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