



Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority

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STEAMSHIP AUTHORITY

Tuesday, August 18, 2026 – 9:30 AM

**Second Floor Meeting Room
SSA Hyannis Terminal
141 School Street
Hyannis, MA 02601**

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AGENDA

Item No. 1. Port Council's Report on Their August 4, 2026, Meeting

Item No. 2. Treasurer/Comptroller's Report

This report will be presented by the Treasurer/Comptroller, Mark K. Rozum, and will include the following:

- a) Results of Operations – Business Summary for the Month of June 2026

Item No. 3. General Manager's Report

This report will be presented by General Manager Alex Kryska, and will include the following:

- a) Safety and Quality Management System (SQMS) Update
- b) Engineering and Maintenance Project Updates
- c) Woods Hole Terminal Reconstruction Project Status
- d) Reservation System Replacement Project Status

Item No. 4. Procurement

- a) Request for Authorization to Execute Change Order No. 87 for Contract No. 09B-2012, “Contract for Final Design and Construction Administration Services” with BIA.studio, LLC
- b) Request for Authorization to Approve PO00039756 with BIA.studio, LLC for Engineering and Design Services for Oak Bluffs and Hyannis Bollard Installations
- c) Request for Authorization to Contract with Foth Infrastructure and Environment, LLC for “Engineering Services Related to Vineyard Haven Terminal Pier Repairs Phase II”
- d) Request for Authorization to Purchase “Main Engine Overhaul Services for the *M/V Martha’s Vineyard*” from Marine Systems Inc.
- e) Request for Authorization to Award Contract No. 09-2026, “Dry Dock and Overhaul Services for the *M/V Sankaty*”

Item No. 5. Old/New Business

- a) Update on Capital Projects Steering Committee
- b) Update on Offshore Tug & Transportation Licensing Agreement
- c) Policy Regarding Passenger Fares for Veterans
- d) Policy Regarding Honor Guard Travel
- e) Update Regarding Off-Island Medical Transportation
- f) Update on Board Goals
- g) Update on General Manager Work Plan
- h) **Consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Tisbury and Oak Bluffs Fire Departments**

Item No. 6. Public Comment

MEETING IN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO FOLLOW (See Next Page)

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EXECUTIVE SESSION MEETING AGENDA

Item No. 1. Litigation

- a) Eben Elias et al. vs. Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority; Civil Action No. 2572CV00492

Item No. 2. Security

- a) Discussion on the deployment of security personnel or devices and the related strategies thereto

Item No. 3. Real Estate

- a) To consider the purchase, lease or value of real property in Falmouth, Massachusetts

Business Summary June 2026

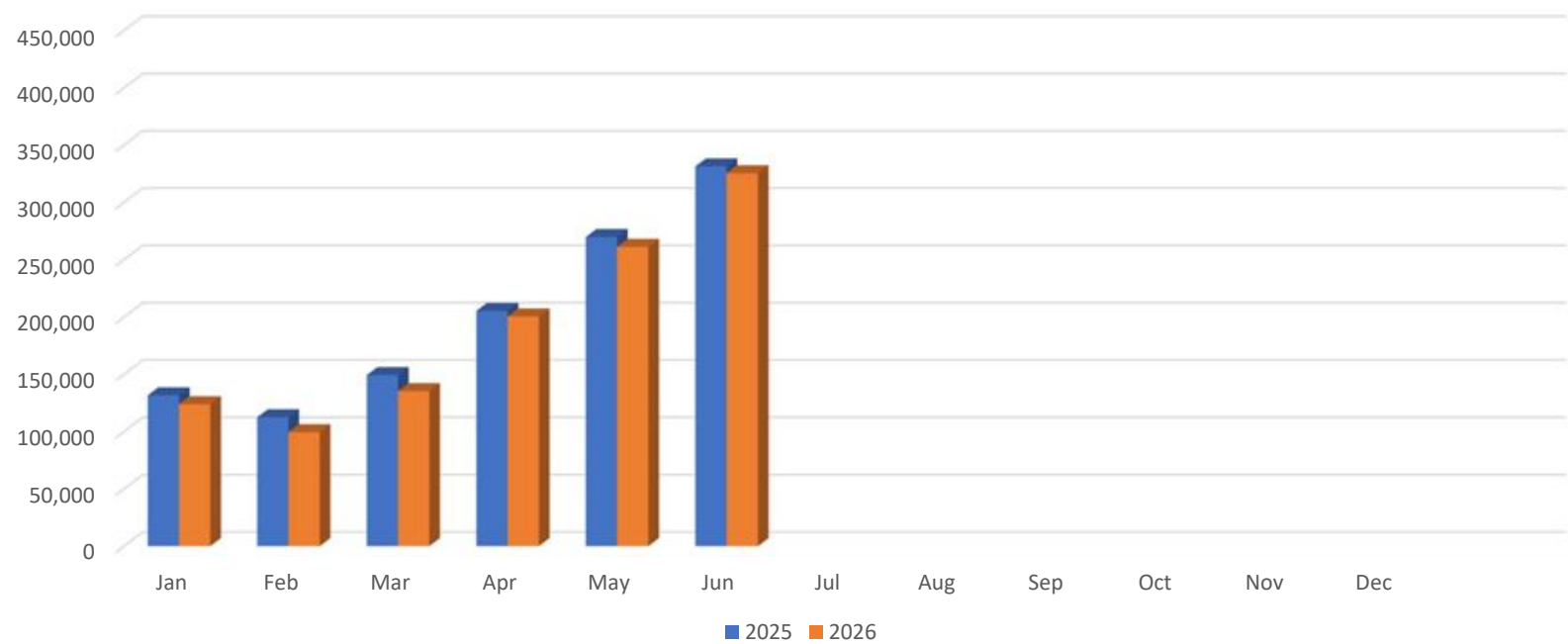
WOODS HOLE, MARTHA'S VINEYARD AND NANTUCKET STEAMSHIP
AUTHORITY

Board Meeting – August 18, 2026

Passengers Carried – June 2026 vs. 2025

		Monthly Variance	Montly % Difference			YTD Variance	YTD % Difference
Martha's Vineyard Route	▼	-9,480	-3.5%		▼	-55,368	-5.5%
Nantucket Regular Ferry	▲	1,473	6.2%		▲	3,912	3.8%
Nantucket Fast Ferry	▲	2,033	5.7%		▼	-2,800	-2.9%
Nantucket Route Subtotal	▲	3,506	5.9%		▲	1,112	0.6%
Total Passengers	▼	-5,974	-1.8%		▼	-54,256	-4.5%

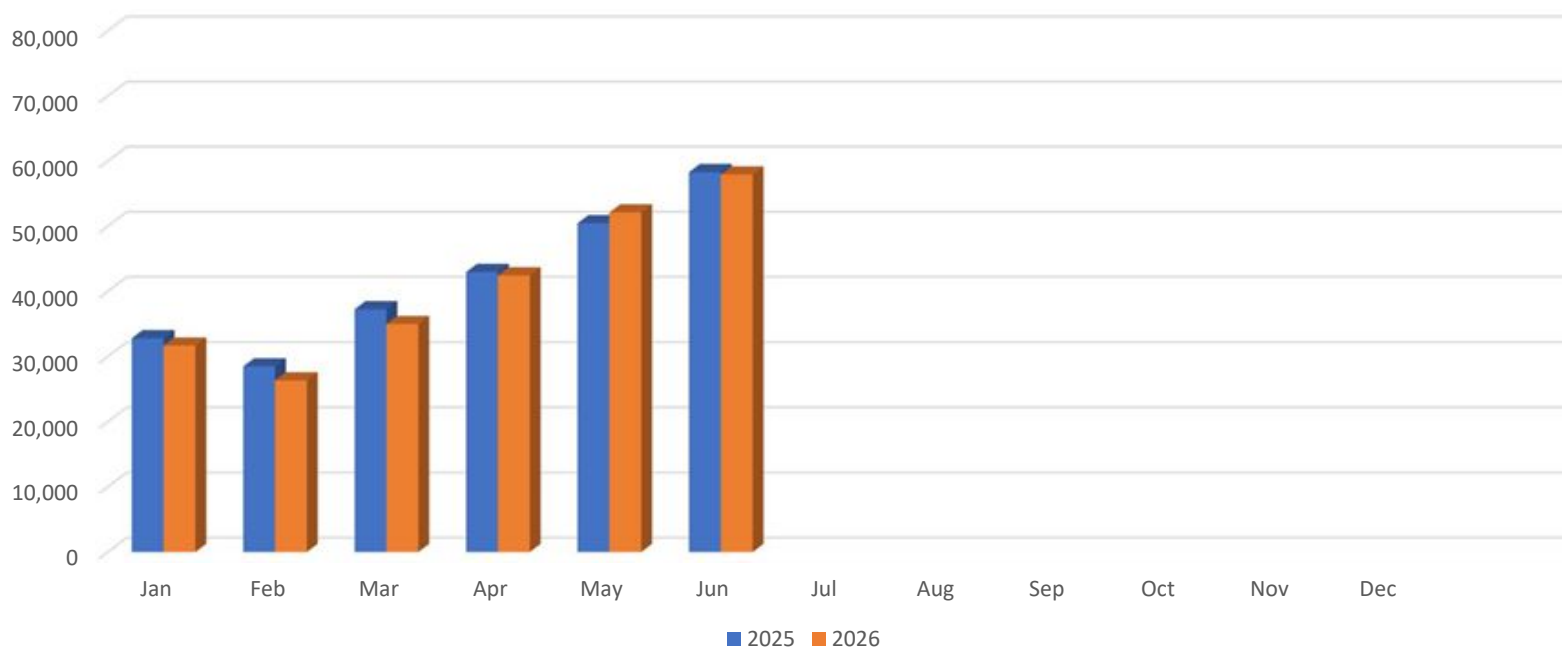
Passengers Carried 2025 - 2026



Vehicles Less than 20 ft. Carried – June 2026 vs. 2025

		Monthly Variance vs. 2025	Monthly % Difference vs. 2025			YTD Variance vs. 2025	YTD % Difference vs. 2025
Martha's Vineyard Route							
Standard Fare Autos	▼	-1,185	-4.0%		▼	-4,022	-4.7%
Standard Fare Trucks	▼	-111	-2.6%		▼	-1,239	-5.6%
Excursion Fare Autos	▲	445	3.6%		▼	-466	-0.6%
Excursion Fare Trucks	▲	89	2.6%		▼	-793	-3.3%
Total – Martha's Vineyard	▼	-762	-1.5%		▼	-6,520	-3.1%
Nantucket Route							
Standard Fare Autos	▲	108	2.0%		▲	394	2.7%
Standard Fare Trucks	▼	-16	-1.7%		▲	282	5.2%
Excursion Fare Autos	▲	196	15.2%		▲	735	6.4%
Excursion Fare Trucks	▲	111	16.7%		▲	335	6.0%
Total – Nantucket	▲	399	4.8%		▲	1,746	4.7%
Total Vehicles Less Than 20'	▼	-363	-0.6%		▼	-4,774	-1.9%

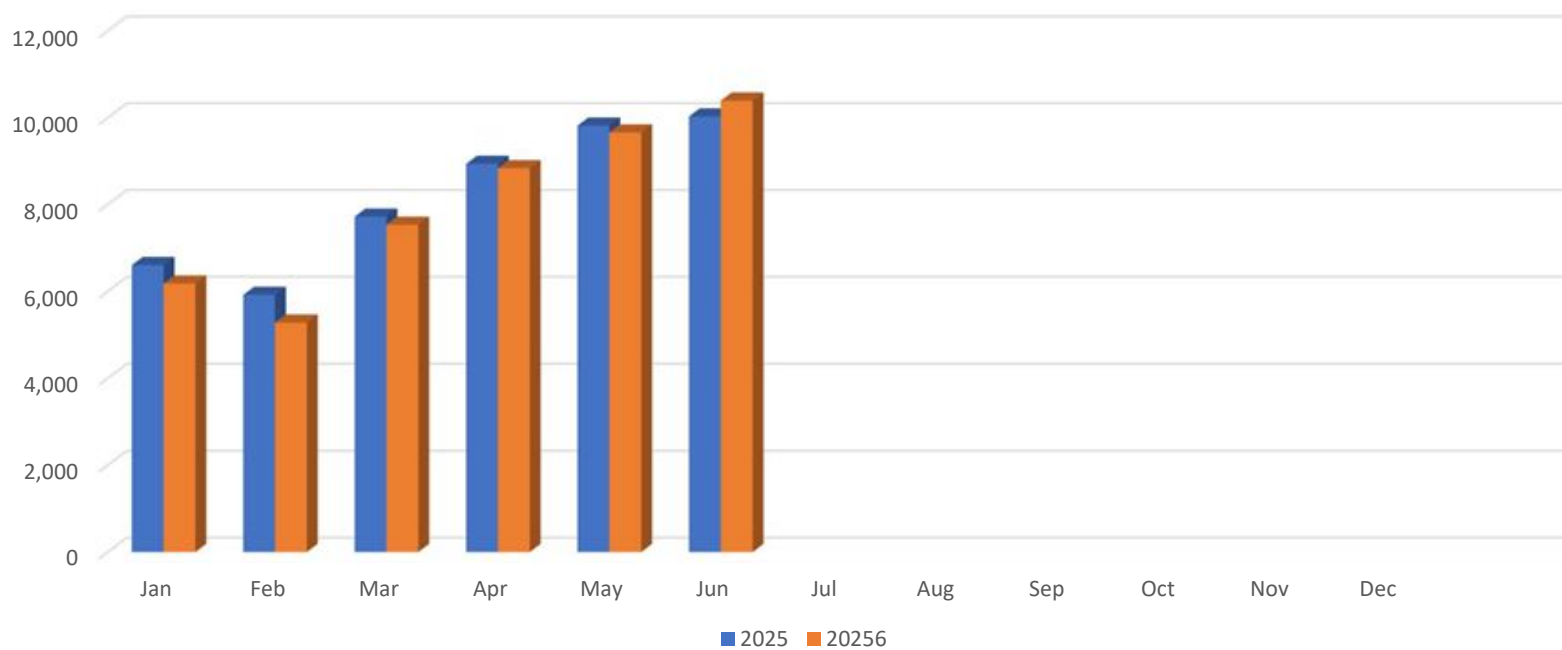
Vehicles Less than 20 Feet Carried 2025 - 2026



Freight Trucks (Trucks 20 ft and over) Carried June 2026 vs. 2025

		Monthly Variance vs. 2025	Monthly % Difference vs. 2025			YTD Variance vs. 2025	YTD % Difference vs. 2025
Martha's Vineyard Route	▲	204	3.3%		▼	-1,201	-3.9%
Nantucket Route	▲	160	4.1%		▲	53	0.3%
Total Trucks	▲	364	3.6%		▼	-1,148	-2.3%

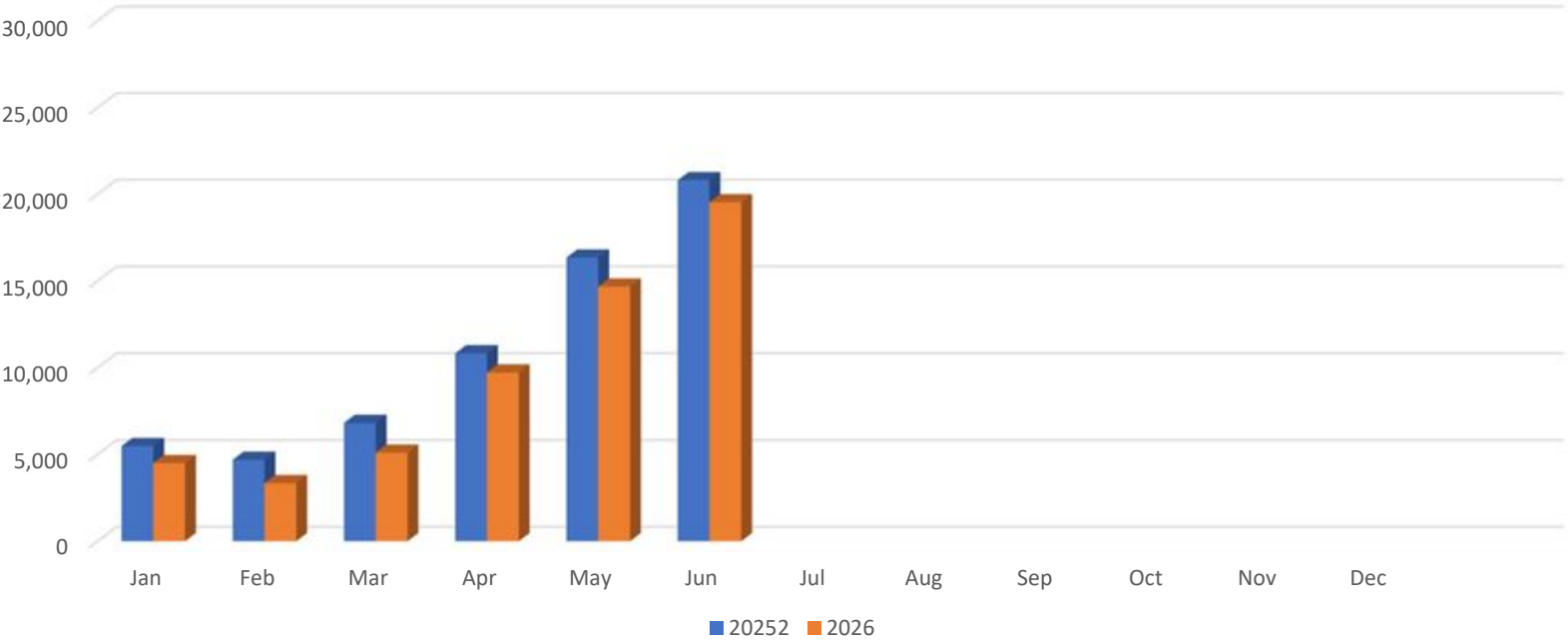
Trucks (20 Feet & Over) Carried 2025 - 2026



Cars Parked – June 2026 vs. 2025

		Monthly Variance vs. 2025	Monthly % Difference vs. 2025			Y-T-D Variance vs. 2025	Y-T-D % Difference vs. 2025
Martha's Vineyard Route	▼	-1,128	-6.8%		▼	-7,272	-13.5%
Nantucket Route	▼	-144	-3.5%		▼	-816	-7.4%
Total Cars Parked	▼	-1,272	-6.1%		▼	-8,088	-12.5%

Cars Parked 2025 - 2026



Trip Summary Report – June 2026

	Scheduled		Cancelled for						
MV Route	Budgeted	Available	Mechanical	Weather	Traffic	Schedule	Crew	Unscheduled	Total
June	1,626	36	10	6	4	0	0	2	1,644
YTD	7,980	52	28	181	358	0	5	8	7,468
YTD %			0.35%	2.25%	4.46%	0.00%	0.06%		
NT Route	Budgeted	Available	Mechanical	Weather	Traffic	Schedule	Crew	Unscheduled	Total
June	840	0	0	2	1	0	0	3	840
YTD	3,502	4	42	61	35	0	2	28	3,394
YTD %			1.20%	1.74%	1.00%	0.00%	0.06%		
Total	Budgeted	Available	Mechanical	Weather	Traffic	Schedule	Crew	Unscheduled	Total
June	2,466	36	10	8	5	0	0	5	2,484
YTD	11,482	56	70	242	393	0	7	36	10,862
YTD %			0.61%	2.10%	3.41%	0.00%	0.06%		
2025			0.41%	1.81%	2.77%	0.84%	0.10%		
2026 Oak Bluffs Trip Diversions - YTD 60									
2025 Oak Bluffs Trip Diversions - YTD 77									

Financial Snapshot

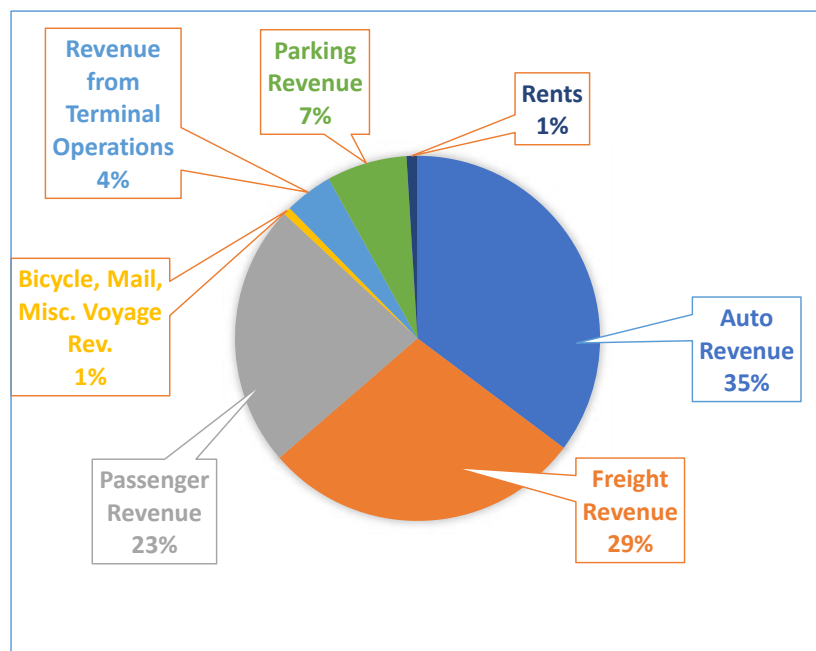
	June	2026 Actual vs. Budget			YTD	2026 Actual vs. Budget	
Revenues & Income							
Operating Revenues	\$19,021,175	-\$180,773	▼		\$63,800,397	-\$1,325,461	▼
Other Income	298,877	-88,707	▼		5,204,222	-756,740	▼
Total Revenue	19,320,052	-269,480	▼		69,004,619	-2,082,201	▼
Expenses & Deductions							
Operating Expenses	13,923,412	-118,142	▼		75,935,829	-2,340,914	▼
Income Deductions	162,109	-86,978	▼		1,184,297	-72,140	▼
Total Expenses	\$14,085,521	-\$205,120	▼		\$77,120,126	-\$2,413,054	▼
Net Operating Income/Loss	\$5,234,531	-\$64,360	▼		-\$8,115,507	\$330,853	▲

Operating Revenues – June 2026 vs. Budget

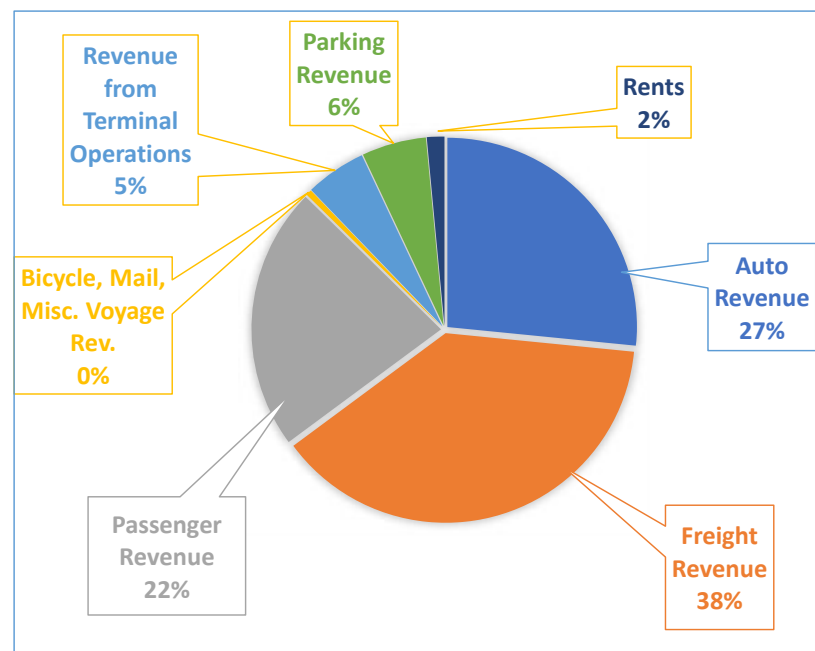
		Monthly Variance vs. Budget	Monthly % Difference vs. Budget			YTD Variance vs. Budget	YTD % Difference vs. Budget
Waterline Revenues							
Automobile Revenue	▼	-\$262,023	-3.8%		▼	-\$757,970	-4.3%
Freight Revenue	▲	190,699	3.7%		▼	-220,969	-0.9%
Passenger Revenue	▼	-101,323	-2.2%		▼	-995,198	-6.5%
Misc. Voyage Revenue	▼	-692	-0.5%		▼	-15,799	-4.8%
Term. Oper. Revenue	▲	132,122	19.4%		▲	698,370	26.8%
Parking Revenue	▼	-173,802	-11.4%		▼	-254,583	-6.8%
Rent Revenue	▲	34,246	22.6%		▲	220,688	30.0%
Total Operating Revenue	▼	-\$180,773	-0.9%		▼	-\$1,325,461	-2.0%
Total Other Income	▼	-\$88,707	-22.9%		▼	-\$756,740	-12.7%
Total Operating & Other	▼	-\$269,480	-1.4%		▼	-\$2,082,201	-2.9%

Operating Revenues - 2026

June



January – June

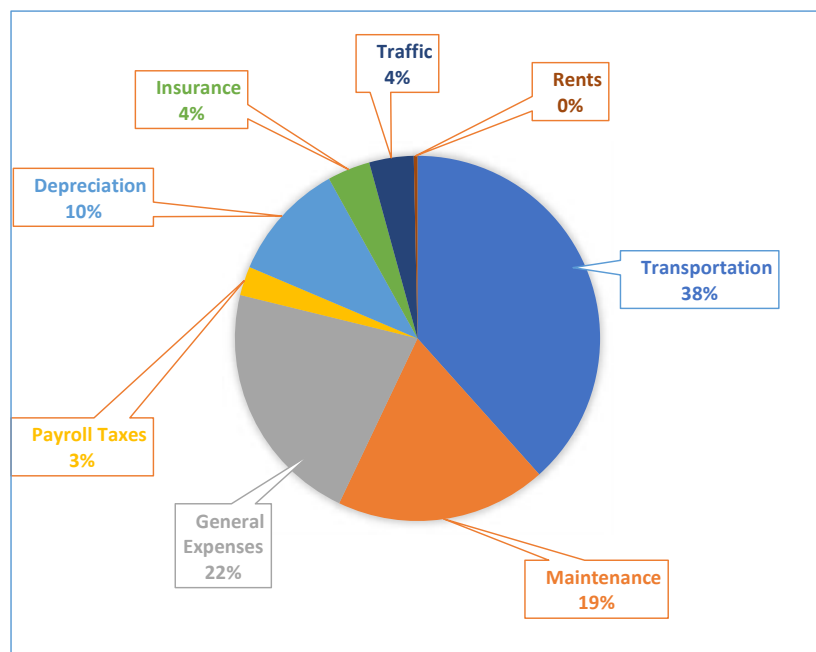


Operating Expenses – June 2026 vs. Budget

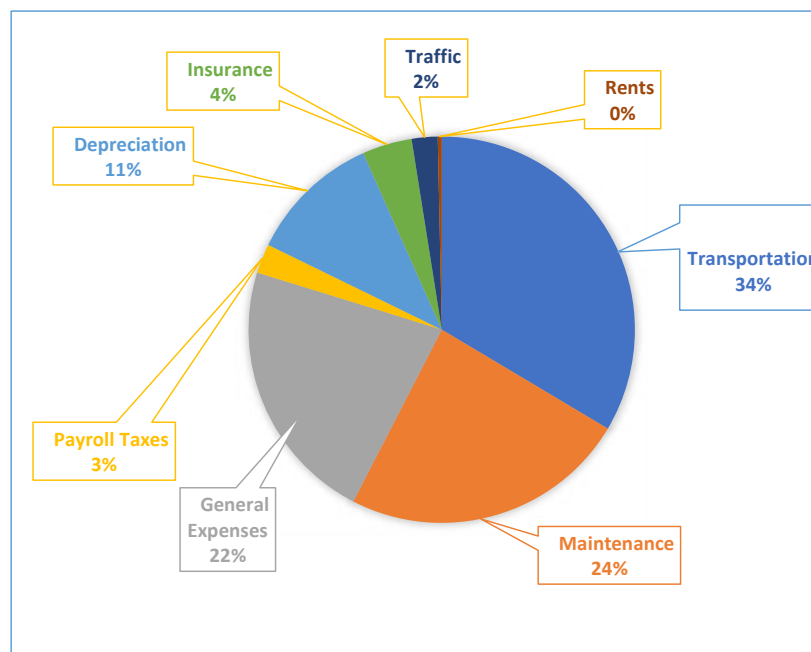
		Monthly Variance vs. Budget	Monthly % Difference vs. Budget			YTD Variance vs. Budget	YTD % Difference vs. Budget
Operating Expenses							
Maintenance	▼	-\$172,393	-6.2%		▼	-\$1,062,248	-5.5%
Depreciation & Amortization	▼	-33,260	-2.2%		▼	-467,700	-5.3%
Vessel Operations	▼	-66,002	-1.8%		▼	-123,978	-0.7%
Terminal Operations	▲	435	0.0%		▲	792,068	10.0%
Traffic Expense	▲	127,971	30.4%		▼	-76,478	-4.4%
General Expense	▲	30,182	1.0%		▼	-1,277,046	-7.0%
Insurance	▲	17,838	3.5%		▲	94,336	3.1%
Rents Expense	▼	-8,442	-15.5%		▼	-122,941	-32.9%
Payroll Taxes	▼	-14,470	-3.9%		▼	-96,927	-5.0%
Total Operating Expenses	▼	-\$118,142	-0.8%		▼	-\$2,340,914	-3.0%
Total Other Expenses	▼	-\$86,978	-34.9%		▼	-\$72,140	-5.7%
Total Operating & Other	▼	-\$205,120	-1.4%		▼	-\$2,413,054	-3.0%

Operating Expenses - 2026

June



January – June



Cash Status Summary

	June 30, 2026	
	Balance	Variance
Operations Funds	\$32,070,134	- \$3,150,497
SPECIAL PURPOSE FUNDS		
Sinking Fund	\$16,650,891	- \$219,279
Replacement Fund	\$7,260,959	\$5,577,409
Reserve Fund	\$4,737,913	\$530,463
Bond Redemption Fund	\$201,065	- \$18,985
Capital Improvement Fund	\$22,060	-\$111,940

2026 vs 2025 Advanced Bookings - Reservations

	Martha's Vineyard Route				Nantucket Route		
	2025	2026	% Change		2025	2026	% Change
August	55,596	55,179	- 0.8%		12,485	12,894	3.3%
September	23,569	25,155	6.7%		7,799	8,106	3.9%
October 1-15	6,252	6,347	1.5%		2,881	2,788	-3.2%
Total	85,417	86,681	1.5%		23,165	23,788	2.7%

Traffic Statistics as of 7/31/25 and 7/31/26

2026 vs 2025 Advanced Bookings - Deckspace

	Martha's Vineyard Route				Nantucket Route		
	2025	2026	% Change		2025	2026	% Change
August	70,122	69,920	- 0.3%		21,722	22,306	2.7%
September	35,941	38,336	6.7%		15,325	15,962	4.2%
October 1-15	11,949	12,229	2.3%		6,429	6,465	0.6%
Total	118,012	120,485	2.1%		43,476	44,733	2.9%
Traffic Statistics as of 7/31/25 and 7/31/26							

Passengers Carried – July 2026 vs. 2025

		Monthly Variance	Montly % Difference			YTD Variance	YTD % Difference
Martha's Vineyard Route	▼	-7,413	-2.2%		▼	-62,779	-4.7%
Nantucket Regular Ferry	▲	2,495	7.5%		▲	6,407	4.7%
Nantucket Fast Ferry	▲	2,600	5.9%		▲	-200	0.1%
Nantucket Route Subtotal	▲	5,095	6.6%		▲	6,207	2.2%
Total Passengers	▼	-2,318	-0.6%		▼	-56,572	-3.5%

Vehicles Carried – 2026 vs. 2025

		Monthly Variance vs. 2026	Monthly % Difference vs. 2026			YTD Variance vs. 2026	YTD % Difference vs. 2026
Martha's Vineyard Route							
Standard Fare Autos	▼	-563	-1.5%		▼	-4,585	-3.7%
Standard Fare Trucks	▲	65	1.4%		▼	-1,174	-4.4%
Excursion Fare Autos	▼	-192	-1.8%		▼	-658	-0.7%
Excursion Fare Trucks	▼	-197	-6.4%		▼	-990	-3.7%
20 Feet & Over Trucks	▼	-43	-0.7%		▼	-1,244	-3.4%
Total – Martha's Vineyard	▼	-930	-1.5%		▼	-8,651	-2.8%
Nantucket Route							
Standard Fare Autos	▲	24	0.4%		▲	418	2.0%
Standard Fare Trucks	▼	-79	-6.8%		▲	203	3.1%
Excursion Fare Autos	▲	121	9.3%		▲	856	6.7%
Excursion Fare Trucks	▲	85	12.9%		▲	420	6.7%
20 Feet & Over Trucks	▲	199	5.1%		▲	252	1.1%
Total – Nantucket	▲	350	2.5%		▲	2,149	3.1%
Total Vehicles	▼	-580	-0.8%		▼	-6,502	-1.7%



SQMS Update

WOODS HOLE, MARTHA'S VINEYARD AND NANTUCKET STEAMSHIP AUTHORITY

Board Meeting 08-18-2026

Internal Audit 2026

May 18th - 21st, 2026.

Audit Details:

- Sample Audit
- All vessels in operation
- All shoreside functions
- Total Findings
 - 14

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MAJOR NC (2)	MINOR NC (7)	OSERVATION (4)	OFI (1)
Vessel USCG Master Key	Event Reporting NC/CA	SQMS Feedback	SQMS Process for a functional review and approval process
	Management Review	Mate Training	
	Vessel Drill Schedule	Master's Handover notes	
Learning Management System (LMS) Training	Uncontrolled Manuals		
	Job Hazard Analysis		
	Deck Intrinsic Radios	Vessel Memorandum	
	Open 2025 Internal Audit Findings	Vessel Memorandum	

Legend

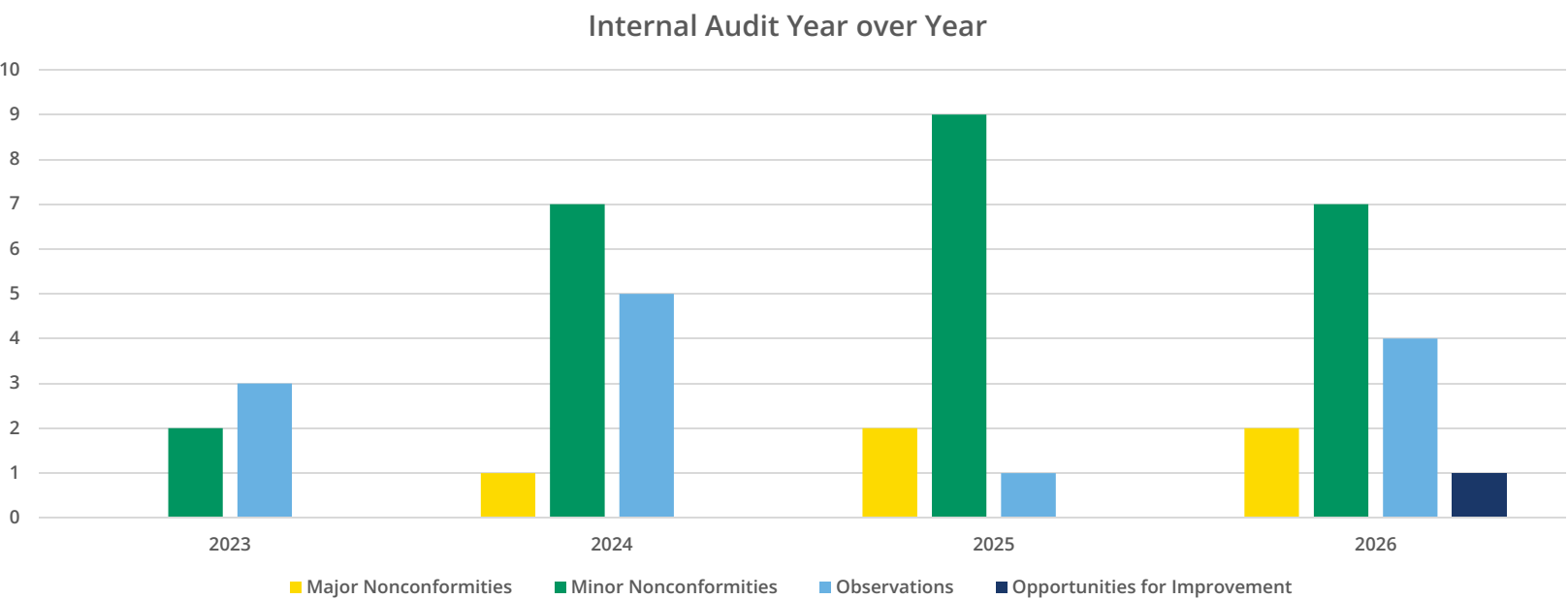
NC - Nonconformity

CA - Corrective Action

OFI - Opportunity for improvement

USCG - Unites States Coast Guard

Internal Audit Year over Year



Upcoming RINA Audits

International Safety Management (ISM)

- **Recognized Organization**
RINA
 - 31 August 2026

International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9001

- **Recognized Organization**
RINA
 - TBA Fall 2026
 - Recertification Audit
 - Audit Plan TBA

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- ISM Audits will include:
 - Document of Compliance (DOC)
Company Annual Audit
 - MONOMOY, Interim Audit
 - IYANOUGH, Intermediate Audit
 - WOODS HOLE, Intermediate Audit
 - ISLAND HOME, Intermediate Audit

**WOODS HOLE, MARTHA'S VINEYARD AND NANTUCKET STEAMSHIP AUTHORITY**

RINA Contract Review (Projected)

RINA Contract 13-2022 (dated 9.30.2022)

ISO Complete – 3yr contract

ISM Ongoing – 5yr contract

- ISM DOC renewal 2028
- ISM SMC Intermediates 2027/2028

*Costs in bold are future forecasts for 2026. Travel Costs have not been forecasted.

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Service	Locations	Interim Audit Cost (960)	Initial Audit Cost (1200)	Intermediate Audit Cost (960)	Total Awarded	Remaining Budget	Total Contract Award	Total Remaining
ISM	MV Martha's Vineyard	960	1200	960.00	\$ 43,200.00	\$ (10,560.00)	\$ 94,360.00	\$ (6,993.42)
ISM	MV Nantucket	960	1200	960.00				
ISM	NV Island Home	960	1200	960				
ISM	MV Katama	960	1200	SOLD				
ISM	MV Woods Hole	960	1200	960				
ISM	MV Gay Head	960	1200	SOLD				
ISM	MV Eagle	960	1200	960.00				
ISM	MV Sankaty	960	1200					
ISM	MV Monomoy	960						
ISM	MV Aquinnah	960	1200					
ISM	MV Iyanough	960	1200	960				
ISM	MV Barnstable	960	1200					
ISM	MV Governor	960	1200					
Service	Locations	Initial 4200	Annual 3,400	Renewal 4,200	Total Awarded	Remaining Budget		
ISM	Admin Building	4200	10,200		\$ 18,600.00	\$ (4,200.00)		
10,000.00 USD for Travel Costs over span of Agreement including Miles,Lodging and food vessels					Total Awarded	Remaining Budget		
Service	Locations	Interim Audit Cost	Initial Audit Cost	Intermediate Audit Cost	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 7,766.58		
Travel - ISM	MV Martha's Vineyard	87.86	45.38	394.79				
Travel - ISM	DOC	1724.63	2519.81					
Travel - ISM	MV Nantucket	87.86	37.13	879.37				
Travel - ISM	NV Island Home	53.63	45.3					
Travel - ISM	MV Katama	90.75	41.3	SOLD				
Travel - ISM	MV Woods Hole	47.44	45.3					
Travel - ISM	MV Gay Head	105.04	2984.39	SOLD				
Travel - ISM	MV Eagle	94.88	806.88	181.5				
Travel - ISM	MV Sankaty	53.63	45.3					
Travel - ISM	MV Monomoy							
Travel - ISM	MV Aquinnah	162.88	781.35					
Travel - ISM	MV Iyanough	43.32	45.3					
Travel - ISM	MV Barnstable	2052.05	2023.34					
Travel - ISM	MV Governor	37.13	45.3					
Travel - ISM	Admin Building	2203.74	N/A					
2023 Audits should not exceed 11660.00				24 Month Survey 5,450	Total Awarded	Remaining Budget		
Service	Locations	Initial Audit 2023	Year 2024	Year 2025	\$ 22,560.00	\$ -		
ISO	Admin Building	11660.00	5450	5450				

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Questions?

Engineering and Maintenance Projects Updates

WOODS HOLE, MARTHA'S VINEYARD AND NANTUCKET STEAMSHIP
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BOARD MEETING AUGUST 18TH, 2026

***MV Barnstable
2026 Dry Dock at
Thames River
Shipyard
June 10th – July 15th
Estimated Completion
August 17th***



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Item number	Sub Item Number	Item Description	Commence Date	% Complete
001		Dry Docking & Undocking	6/23/2026	50%
002A		Hull & Internal - Inspection & Repair	6/12/2026	100%
002B		UT Survey (1500 UT Shots) Add'l UT Shots:	6/30/2026	100%
003A		Hull - Clean, Prepare, Paint	6/24/2026	100%
003B		Hull - Replace Anodes (110 Anodes)	6/23/2026	100%
003C		Commercial Blasting & Coating Application	6/24/2026	100%
004		Temporary Services incl Bilge Slops	6/14/2026	90%
005		Sea Valve Cleaning & Overhaul	6/23/2026	95%
006A		Shafts, Bearings, Seals & Couplings Inspections	6/30/2026	100%
006B		Shafts - Removals, Transport, Repair & Re-Install	6/30/2026	100%
006C		Shaft Couplings - Disassemble, Inspect, Rebuild & Other Services	6/30/2026	100%
006D		Shaft Rubber Cutless Bearings, Removal & Re-Installation	6/30/2026	100%
006E		Shaft Seal- Inspect, Disassemble	6/29/2026	95%
007		Propellers	6/29/2026	100%
008A		Rudders Bearing Clearance Inspections	6/29/2026	100%
008B		Rudders Bearing Replacement	6/29/2026	100%
008C		Rudder Removal and Replacement	6/29/2026	100%
011		Technical Data and Reports	6/14/2026	50%
012		Bow & Stern Thrusters Inspection & Service & New HPUs	6/29/2026	95%
015		Sea chest Vent Modifications	6/29/2026	95%
016		Skeg Extension	6/29/2026	100%
017		Neptune 2 Installation	7/6/2026	95%

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MV Barnstable 2026 Dry Dock Financial Snapshot



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Contract Item Number	Item Description		Cost
001	Dry Docking & Undocking		\$ 90,960.00
002A	002B Hull and Internals: Inspection & Repair, Survey		\$ 24,800.00
003A, 003B, 003C	Hull: Clean, Prepare, Paint, Anodes, Commercial Blast		\$ 265,432.00
004A, 004B	Temporary Services, Slop Removals		\$ 37,700.00
005	Sea Valve Cleaning and Overhaul		\$ 34,801.91
006A, 006B, 006C, 006D, 006E	Shafts, Bearings & Couplings, Shaft Removals and Inspections		\$ 242,848.08
007	Port and Starboard Propeller Blade Removal, Inspections, Repairs, and Reinstall		\$ 85,202.72
008A, 008B, 008C	Rudder Inspections, Bearing Replacements		\$ 104,014.98
011	Technical Data and Reports		\$ -
012	Bow & Stern Thrusters Inspection & Service & New HPUs		\$ 432,830.00
015	Seachest Vent Modifications		\$ 12,678.00
016	Skeg Extension		\$ 131,608.00
017	Neptune 2 Installation		\$ 221,545.45
***	Vessel Transportation Cost	\$ (22,000.00)	\$ 22,000
	Contract Total		\$ 1,706,421
Change Orders			
001,002,003,005	Crop/replace STB bow plate-USCG, Apply Mastic to Anodes, Crop/replace shell plate-USCG, Clean Sewage Tank for USCG	\$ 58,515.82	
006,007,008,009,010	Replace union, HPU Foundation Mods, Potable Water Tank Coatings, Crop/Renew Vent in Bulkhead-USCG, Drill/Tap Hatch Covers	\$ 53,587.00	
011,012,013,014,015	Sewage System Pumpout Bypass, Replace rudder grease lines, Additional Shafting Repairs, Mods to Anodes, Fabricate tools for Rudders	\$ 24,510.00	
016,017,018,020	Repairs to #5 STBD Tank Lid, Shippings fees for CP Blades, Pipe mods for HPU Skids	\$ 18,054.00	
021,022,023	SMI Customs, Duties and Taxes for Propulsion, Thruster and Shaft Components	\$ 81,076.15	
	Total Change Orders & Credits	\$ 213,742.97	
	Grand Total	\$ 1,920,164	

WOODS HOLE, MARTHA'S VINEYARD AND NANTUCKET STEAMSHIP AUTHORITY

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MV Barnstable 2026 Dry Dock



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Upcoming Projects



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M/V Sankaty Dry Dock Spec is on the street.

- Bids opened August 6th.

M/V Woods Hole Dry Dock Specs are on the street.

M/V Iyanough Dry Dock Specs are on the street.

Fairhaven Transfer Bridge Replacement Project Specs are under development and review.

Working with an Engineering Firm to Develop Vineyard Haven Pier Repair Phase 2 Documents.

Begun working on improved timelines for the MV Aquinnah, MV Martha's Vineyard and MV Monomoy Dry Dock Spec submittals

Agenda Item

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Woods Hole Terminal Project

To Be Discussed

TRUE NORTH STATUS SUMMARY 8-18-2026

Recent Progress:

- R1.5.2 received from Edea
- Policy Phase III drafted
- Summer Shipper meetings
- E-Dea onsite in July, returning end August

Upcoming Key Activities:

- R1.6 coming 8/31
- Finalize website launch plan
- Policy phase III vote
- Townhall & Shipper meetings
- Finalize training plan
- Begin beta testing

Business Decisions – in process:

- Procurements (Infrastructure)
- Expand Testing Capacity
- Policy Phase III
- Refine data migration plan
- Terminal Operations Flow (i.e., scanning)
- Testing (functional and performance)
- Training Plan Agreement

Key Risks & Issues - unchanged:

- Resource capacity (IT & Ops)
- Current policies unclear/undocumented (policy vs configuration)
- Change fatigue
- Staff training

Key Milestone	Green	On track; will complete as planned
Legend:	Yellow	Planned delivery at risk
	Red	Will miss planned delivery

Workstream	Status	Owner	Recent Action	Upcoming Action
Reservation System	Yellow	Mark A	System configuration & testing underway R1.5.1 released 8/7; R1.5.2 release 8/13	R1.6 release 8/31
Data Migration	Green	Stephen	Data workshop with E-Dea; Drafted migration plan; meetings on data migration needs	Working internally and with E-Dea; refining project timeline to ensure we can meet data migration deliverables
Launch Readiness	Yellow	Alison	Refining R1/R2 and 30/60/90-day plans	IT developed production readiness plan; Ops and Accounting drafting/refining production readiness plans Start of preseason process is <60 days out
Master Data	Green	Mark A	Upload Master Data to TEST ahead of R1.5 release Test R1.5.1 release	Populate preseason environment with MASTER
Testing	Red	Mark A	R1.5.1 release 8/7 & kickoff R1.5.1 testing 8/10 Identified additional resources for testing (Resillion) Resillion testing kickoff 8/12	Need to clear blocked test cases from 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, and 1.4
Operations Redesign	Yellow	Mark A	Board approved Policy Phase II	<i>Continue Nantucket standby & Blue Line redesign</i> Policy Phase III to be shared with Board
Policies	Green	Mark A	Board approved Policy Phase II	Policy Phase III to be shared with Board
Procurement	Green	Mark R	Shared procurement plan with IT Steering in April meeting	Board to review procurement plan/budget
Website	Yellow	Mark A, Stephen	Intrasystems started work on new website Defined work needed for new website	Website development & content update Finalize cutover/launch plan Website phase III SOW
Preseason Portal	Red	Mark A, Stephen	E-Dea released R1.5.1 on 8/7 CR for SAILINGMODE API – 8/13	E-Dea to confirm preseason testing and production readiness date – delayed
Payment Gateway	Green	Mark R, Stephen	PO approved and FiServe next steps are pending response. Progress depends on E-Dea completing testing and providing results for review. <i>Gift card approach finalized, development and certification testing are underway.</i>	Release of Shift4 solution now in testing
Business Central	Yellow	Mark R, Stephen	Change request for the aggregate cost center reconciliation API. Integrato is configuring the BC extension to pull required notification services from SSA's environment	Revise transaction reporting from E-Dea Finalize API integration – set up pin pads for credit card reconciliation testing
Internal Infrastructure (Network, Software, & Hardware)	Green	Stephen	Alvarado site visit, defined pathway & milestones for pedestal procurement; outstanding questions resolved by SSA	Oak Bluffs, Hyannis terminals
External Infrastructure	Yellow	Mark A	Electrical work review (boxes, poles, etc.); locations meeting 3/2 & 3/9 Woods Hole terminal plans	Bid out in July, bring to the Board in August GGD completing bid documents: WH done, other terminals Timing is challenged by the Woods Hole construction
Customer Comm & Training	Red	Mark A, Sean	Reviewed comms and training needs Met with trainer under state contract	Defining communication software/service needs Need to select a trainer (Ops) - received SOW from potential trainer
Change Management	Yellow	Mark A	July monthly newsletter shared Beta group meeting 7/28 at 5 pm	Policy Phase III – Town halls in Sep Upcoming beta group meeting to be scheduled; kickoff beta testing
Integrations	Yellow	Stephen	E-Dea received agreement document to sign with EXIS; Board approved SOW for Travel Alerts integration SSA approved CarAPI solution; SSO testing (R1.4)	E-Dea to determine release of vehicle lookup solution Data Mart testing Begin Twilio integration & finalize outstanding details

TESTING UPDATE BY CATEGORY



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STRATEGY + TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE

	Not started (not incl. blocked)	In progress	Passed	Failed	Retest	Blocked by E-Dea	Blocked by SSA
Master Data	47	0	5	49	0	10	8
Penalties & Fees	2	4	7	0	0	19	0
C1 Subscriptions	33	0	23	30	2	37	4
C7 B2C Enhancements	1	0	1	5	0	0	0
C8 B2B Smart App Enhancements	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
C9 Gift Cards	24	0	1	1	0	2	0
C10 Open Tickets	1	0	0	0	0	8	0
C11 Allotments	2	0	0	0	0	13	0
C12 Wait list/Standby	116	2	2	6	0	0	0
C13 Drive On/Off	79	0	0	10	0	0	2
C14 Notifications	13	0	0	0	0	0	41
C15 Ports Interchangeable	21	0	0	0	0	2	0
C16 Application Screens	3	0	0	3	0	5	0
Shift4 Payment Gateway	0	0	10	0	0	0	27
Add'l Test Cases	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
SSO (IT Testing)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	366	6	49	104	2	96	82

GO LIVE CONTINGENCY PLAN



TRUE NORTH
STRATEGY + TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVE

A) Add resources across testing, development, integration, and operations to help keep the project on schedule

B) Postpone R1B by a month (+3-4 weeks)

- Need to run query about when spring break reservations are made (Accounting)
- Can also move R1A back a few weeks
- 1/5/27

C) Compress Headstart at end of February (+2 weeks)

D) Split general opening

- Use old system through Spring 2027; use old system for bulks
- R1A for Headstart; wait until general opening for usage

E) Postpone until Oct 2027

PLACEHOLDER FOR POLICY PHASE III SLIDES



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- Items affected by the transition period
 - Coupon books
 - Gift cards
 - Excursion trips
- Account updates for all customers
- Accessibility Pass updates
- E-Bike and e-scooter policy
- Updates to Head Start for Preferred and Excursion Program customers

STAFF SUMMARY

Date: 08/18/2026

File# COO-2026-03



TO:		FOR:		FROM: Mark H. Amundsen
X	General Manager	X	Vote	Dept.: Operations
X	Board Members		Information	Subject: Approval of CO 87 to Contract #09B-2012 Woods Hole Land Side Reconstruction Project BIA Studios

PURPOSE:

To request a vote of the Board to authorize the General Manager to execute Change Order 087 for Contract No. 09B-2012, "Woods Hole Reconstruction Project" with BIA Studios of Boston, MA for a total of \$162,959.00 for additional design and engineering services for Final Site Improvement phase.

BACKGROUND:

The final construction phase of the Woods Hole Landside Reconstruction project includes all site improvement work needed to bring the project to final completion. SSA determined in December 2022 that this scope of work should be awarded and constructed separately from the construction of the utility and terminal buildings. The final site improvement construction documents were prepared in conjunction with the building contract documents to ensure proper coordination which was awarded in early 2024.

Further revisions to the site improvement construction documents were made in June 2025 to incorporate Falmouth DPW comments regarding the Railroad Avenue and Luscombe Avenue curb cut permit application.

Subsequently, BIA and GZA have prepared additional revisions to the Curb Cut application based on recent meetings with Falmouth DPW and SSA. These revisions to the stormwater system, grading, and curb cut have further impacts that require additional design and engineering work to be fully incorporated into the construction documents.

On May 28, 2026, BIA conducted a design review meeting with SSA staff and the engineering team to discuss the proposed site improvement design. Resulting from this meeting, SSA identified additional scope be added to the project including perimeter security fencing and gates, a site-wide intercom system, signage and wayfinding integration, technology infrastructure upgrades, and revisions to the freight staging area layout.

Additionally, over the course of Terminal and Utility Building Construction numerous changes have been made to site grades and subsurface utilities based on unforeseen subsurface conditions and conflicts. Incorporating these changes into the site improvement bid documents will reduce the potential for further change orders and added costs under the site improvement construction contract.

Scope of work includes: (See attached BIA August 12, 2026 for complete Scope of Work)

Task 1: Site Design and Engineering Revisions

- 1.1 DPW Curb Cut
- 1.2 Security Updates
- 1.3 Signage and Wayfinding
- 1.4 Vehicle Area Updates
- 1.5 IT Infrastructure Updates
- 1.6 Updated Site Survey and As-Built Coordination
- 1.7 Construction Phasing
- 1.8 Vacuum Pump Out

Task 2: NEPA Review Assistance

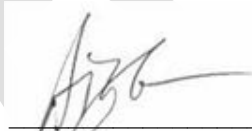
Task 3: Terminal Building Roof Mounted Solar Panel Bid Document

Task 4: Temporary Terminal Demolition Package

Task 5: Bidding and Contract Award

RECOMMENDATION:

The Management Staff recommends that the Members vote to authorize the General Manager to execute Change Order 87 for a Total of \$162,959 to BIA Studios of Boston MA.



Alex Kryska
General Manager



Mark H. Amundsen
Chief Operating Officer

Enclosures: BIA Woods Hole Ferry Terminal Landside Reconstruction Project Change Order 87
Additional Design and Engineering Services for Final Site Improvement Phase date August 12,
2026

STAFF SUMMARY

Date: 13-August-2026

File# ENG-2026-07



TO:		FOR:		FROM:
X	General Manager	X	Vote	Dept.: Director of Engineering and Maintenance Author: Zachary Lawrence
X	Board Members		Information	Subject: Authorization for "Engineering Services for <i>Bollards Engineering for Hyannis and Oak Bluffs</i> " PO0039756.

PURPOSE:

To request the Members to authorize the General Manager to contract with BIA Studio, LLC, PO0039756, for engineering services related to the installation of bollards, and revisions to plans and catwalks, for Hyannis and Oak Bluff Terminals for a total of \$108,510.

BACKGROUND:

The Steamship Authority plans to install additional bollards and catwalks at both the Hyannis and Oak Bluffs Terminals to allow for more secure tie ups of the ferries berthing at those terminals.

RECOMMENDATION:

To authorize the General Manager to contract with BIA Studio, LLC, PO0039756, for engineering services related to the installation of bollards, and revisions to plans and catwalks, for Hyannis and Oak Bluff Terminals for a total of \$108,510.

Zachary Lawrence
Director of Engineering

Alex Kryska
General Manager

Mark H. Amundsen
Chief Operating Officer

Attachments:

STAFF SUMMARY

Date: 13-August-2026

File# ENG-2026-06



TO:		FOR:		FROM:
X	General Manager	X	Vote	Dept.: Director of Engineering and Maintenance Author: Zachary Lawrence
X	Board Members		Information	Subject: Authorization for "Engineering Services for Vineyard Haven Terminal Pier Repairs Phase 2"

PURPOSE:

To request the Members to authorize the General Manager to contract with Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC for engineering services related to Vineyard Haven Terminal Pier Repairs Phase 2 for a total of \$178,500 per C-WO #2 - Vineyard Haven Terminal Topside Deck Repairs.

BACKGROUND:

Phase 2 Vineyard Haven Terminal Topside Concrete Deck Repairs requires engineering services for data collection field services, engineering design and permitting support.

RECOMMENDATION:

To authorize the General Manager to contract with Foth Infrastructure & Environment, LLC for engineering services related to Vineyard Haven Terminal Pier Repairs Phase 2 for a total of \$178,500 per C-WO #2 - Vineyard Haven Terminal Topside Deck Repairs.

Zachary Lawrence
Director of Engineering

Alex Kryska
General Manager

Mark H. Amundsen
Chief Operating Officer

Attachments:

C-WO #02 - Vineyard Haven Terminal Topside Concrete Deck Repairs

STAFF SUMMARY

Date: 13 August 2026

File# ENG-2026-05



TO:		FOR:		FROM:
X	General Manager	X	Vote	Dept.: Director of Engineering
X	Board Members		Information	Author: Zachary Lawrence
				Subject: Purchase Order 0052258 for Labor for Overhaul Services of the <i>MV Martha's Vineyard</i> Main Engines (EMD 12-645-E6)

PURPOSE:

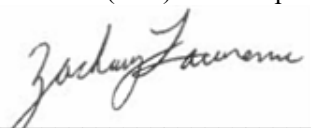
To request a vote of the Board to authorize the General Manager to execute the purchase of labor, materials and expenses required for the overhaul of the two (2) Main Engines (Port and Starboard) model EMD 12-645-E6 onboard *MV Martha's Vineyard* per quotation #6277831 to Marine Systems Inc. (MSI) of Chesapeake, Virginia for a Total Contract Price of \$375,429.38.

BACKGROUND:

The Steamship Authority intends to purchase the labor and expenses required for the overhaul of the two (2) Main Engines, Model EMD 12-645-E6, onboard the *MV Martha's Vineyard*. Work is to be conducted during the 2026 repair period, September 11, 2026, through October 22, 2026. (See attached quotation from MSI proposal quotation #6277831 dated 12-August-26).

RECOMMENDATION:

To authorize the General Manager to execute purchase of the labor, materials and expenses required for the overhaul of the two (2) Main Engines (Port and Starboard) model EMD 12-645-E6 to Marine Systems Inc. (MSI) of Chesapeake, Virginia for a Total Contract Price of \$375,429.38.


 Zachary Lawrence
 Director of Engineering


 Alex Kryska
 General Manager


 Mark H. Amundsen
 Chief Operating Officer

Attachments:

MSI proposal quotation #6277831

Progress Rail MSI power products letter 27Oct2021

STAFF SUMMARY

Date: 13 August 2026

File#: ENG-2026-08



TO:		FOR:		FROM:
X	General Manager	X	Vote	Dept.: Director of Engineering
X	Board Members		Information	Author: Zachary Lawrence
				Subject: Contract No. 09-2026: "Dry-Dock and Overhaul Services for MV Sankaty"

PURPOSE:

To request the Members, authorize the General Manager to award Contract No. 09-2026, "Dry-dock and Overhaul Services for the *M/V Sankaty*", to the lowest eligible and responsible bidder, Thames Shipyard and Repair Company of New London, CT for a Total Contract Price of \$1,445,475.00.

BACKGROUND:

The *M/V Sankaty* was scheduled to enter shipyard availability from December 1st, 2025, to January 10th, 2026, to undergo a required United States Coast Guard hull exam; rudder, propeller and shaft maintenance, bow thruster maintenance, coating maintenance on underwater and superstructure areas, but no bids were received. For regulatory compliance she must undergo a hull exam before December 31, 2026. To adhere to this requirement, we plan to have the Sankaty enter shipyard between December 10th, 2026, to January 6th, 2027, to undergo a required USCG Hull Exam, rudder, propeller and shaft maintenance, bow thruster maintenance, coating maintenance on underwater and superstructure areas.

Drawings and specifications were sent to fifteen (15) shipyards. One (1) responsive bid was received. See attached Bid Summary and Vendor Summary.

RECOMMENDATION:

To authorize the General Manager to award Contract No. 09-2026, “Dry-dock and Overhaul Services for the *M/V Sankaty* to the lowest eligible and responsible bidder, Thames Shipyard and Repair Company of New London, CT for a Total Contract Price of \$1,445,475.00.



Zachary Lawrence
Director of Engineering



Mark H. Amundsen
Chief Operating Officer



Alex Kryska
General Manager

Attachments
Vendor Summary MV Sankaty 09-2026
Summary MV Sankaty 09-2026

CONTRACT NO. 09-2026
Drydock & Overhaul Services for the M/V Sankaty
Bids Opened: August 7, 2026

Bid packages were mailed to all vendors listed below:

Thames Shipyard & Repair Co., Inc. 2 Ferry Street New London, CT 06320	Colonna's Shipyard Inc. 400 East Indian River Rd. Norfolk, VA 23523	Senesco Marine LLC 10 Macnaught Street N. Kingstown, RI 02852	Lyon Shipyard 500 Rose Avenue Norfolk, VA 23504	Fincantieri Marine Repair 2060 East Adam Street Jacksonville, FL 32202
Caddell Dry Dock & Repair Co. PO Box 327 – Foot of Broadway Staten Island, NY 10310	GMD Shipyard Corp. 63 Flushing Avenue, #276 Brooklyn, NY 11205	Bayonne Dry Dock & Repair 51 Port Terminal Blvd Bayonne, NJ 07002	Detyens Shipyard Inc. 1670 Drydock Avenue N. Charleston, SC	BAE Systems 750 W. Berkley Ave Norfolk, VA 23523
Gulf Marine Repair 1800 Grant Street Tampa, FL 33605	Boston Ship Repair 32a Drydock Avenue Boston, MA 02210	St. Johns Ship Building 560 Stokes Landing Rd. Palatka, FL 32177	Patti Marine Ent., Inc. 306 South Pinewood Ln Pensacola, FL 32507	Hornblower Shipyard LLC 731 Seaview Ave Bridgeport, CT 06607

Bids were received from the following vendors:

Vendor	Amount	Comments
Thames Shipyard & Repair Co., Inc. New London, CT	\$1,445,475.00	Responsive

Contract awarded to:	Date of Award:	Amount of Contract:
Thames Shipyard & Repair New London, CT	Pending Board Approval August 18, 2026	\$1,445,475.00



Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority

Summary of Sealed Bid Results

DRYDOCK AND OVERHAUL SERVICES FOR THE MV SANKATY

Contract #09-2026

Contract Number 09-2026 was publicly opened and read aloud at 2:00 pm on Friday, August 7, 2026. Present at the opening were Peggy Nickerson (Steamship Authority) & Heather Rose (Steamship Authority).

One (1) bid was received as listed below.

<u>Bidder</u>	<u>Total Bid Price</u>
Thames Shipyard & Repair Co., Inc. New London, CT	\$1,445,475.00

The Bid is being taken under advisement.

Sincerely,

Peggy Nickerson

Peggy Nickerson, Procurement Officer
Email: pnickerson@steamshipauthority.com
Voice: (508) 548-5011 ext. 515

Agenda Item

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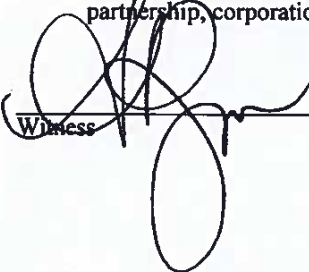
Update on Capital Projects Steering Committee

To Be Discussed

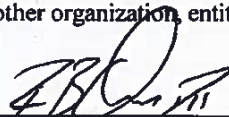
CERTIFICATION BY LICENSEE

I, Robert B. Our, III, Manager of Offshore Tug & Transportation, LLC, the Licensee named herein, hereby certify under the penalties of perjury, to the best of my knowledge, information and belief, that:

1. Licensee has not given, offered or agreed to give any person, corporation or other entity any gift, contribution or offer of employment as an inducement for, or in connection with, the award of this Agreement.
2. No person, corporation or other entity, other than a bona fide full-time employee of the Licensee, has been retained or hired by Licensee to solicit for or in any way assist Licensee in obtaining this Agreement upon an agreement or understanding that such person, corporation or other entity be paid a fee or other consideration contingent upon the award of this Agreement to Licensee.
3. No Member, employee or agent of the Authority shall be in the employ of, or be in any way, directly or indirectly, financially interested in any partnership, corporation or association having any financial transactions connected with this Agreement.
4. Pursuant to Mass. G.L. c. 7, §22C, the Licensee does not employ ten or more employees in an office or other facility located in Northern Ireland or, if it does so employ ten or more employees there, (a) it does not discriminate in employment, compensation or the terms, conditions and privileges of employment on account of religious or political beliefs; (b) it promotes religious tolerance within the work place and the eradication of any manifestations of religious and other illegal discrimination.
5. Pursuant to St. 1990, c. 521, §7, as amended by St. 1991, c. 329, the Licensee does not have fifty or more employees or, if it does employ fifty or more employees, it has established a dependent care assistance program or a cafeteria plan whose benefits include a dependent care assistance program or it offers child care tuition assistance or on-site or near-site subsidized child care placements.
6. Pursuant to G.L. c. 151A, § 19A(b), the Licensee has complied with all laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts relating to contributions to the Massachusetts Unemployment Fund and payments in lieu of such contributions.
7. Pursuant to G.L. c. 62C, §49A, that the Licensee has complied with all laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts relating to taxes, reporting of employees and contractors, and withholding and remitting of child support.
8. This Agreement has been entered into in good faith and without collusion or fraud with any other person. As used in this certification, the word "person" shall mean any natural person, business, partnership, corporation, union, committee, club or other organization, entity or group of individuals.



Witness



Robert B. Our, III

EXHIBIT A
SCHEDULE OF LICENSED TRIPS

Licensee shall operate on one or more published schedules of licensed trips from August 1, 2026 to April 30, 2027. However, all schedules are subject to the Authority's advance approval. Therefore, before the publishing or operation of any schedule of licensed trips, Licensee must submit the schedule to the Authority and the Authority must approve such schedule.

- With respect to Licensee's freight transportation service between New Bedford and Nantucket, from August 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027, the Licensee's schedule of licensed trips arriving or departing from Nantucket shall not begin before, or extend beyond, the period of time that the Authority's Nantucket terminal is open for business.

With respect to the proposed operating schedule, the parties acknowledge and agree that Licensee has submitted requests to the Authority and, the Authority has approved the following schedule of licensed trips.

- One trip to the Authority's Nantucket terminal with an arrival time of 6:30 a.m. and a departure time of 7:30 a.m. two (2) days per week, but only between Mondays and Thursdays with no arrivals or departures occurring on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, or holidays.

The Authority from time to time may require Licensee to change its licensed trips so that they neither conflict with those of the Authority nor cause undue congestion in Nantucket Harbor, or any other harbors, bays or waters traveled by the Authority's vessels.

The Authority and Licensee also acknowledge that the above schedule (including but not limited to the sailing times of particular trips) are subject to change in accordance with the provisions of Article 3 and Article 8 of this Agreement.

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EXHIBIT B
LICENSE AND ACCESS FEE SCHEDULE

I. Fees for the Use of the Authority's Facilities.

A. Use of the Authority's Facilities in connection with Licensee's New Bedford-Nantucket Service.

For the use of the Authority's Nantucket Facilities described in the Dockage Facilities Agreement (Exhibit C to the License Agreement) in connection with Licensee's freight truck transportation service between New Bedford and Nantucket, Licensee shall pay the Authority Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each docking at the Facilities by the Vessel. Such amounts shall be due and payable on the fifteenth (15th) day of the following month.

B. Additional Fees for the Use of the Facilities.

In addition to the payment described in A above, Licensee shall reimburse the Authority for any additional payroll costs it incurs if the Authority provides personnel at its Nantucket Facilities outside of the Facilities' normal operating hours, and any potable water can also be provided in accordance with the Authority's published tariffs.

II. License Fees for Vehicles Carried on the "Vessel".

For the term of this Agreement, the Licensee shall be required to pay the following per-vehicle license fees in connection with the Services:

A. Commercial Freight Ferry Service between New Bedford and Nantucket.

- (1) 75% of the Authority's "total average revenue per truck over twenty feet (20')" for its Nantucket route in 2025 or \$424.61 (75% of \$566.14) for each vehicle carried by the Licensee on a one-way basis between New Bedford and Nantucket up to 624 vehicles for the licensed period ending April 30, 2027.

B. The Authority's Total Average Revenue Per Truck Over Twenty Feet (20').

The term "total average revenue per truck over twenty feet (20')" for the Authority's Nantucket route for the year is equal to the sum of all of the Authority's trucks over twenty feet (20') derived from the Nantucket route, as the case may be, during 2025, divided by the total number of such vehicles carried by the Authority on that route during that calendar year.

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EXHIBIT C

DOCKAGE FACILITIES AGREEMENT

AGREEMENT made this 21st day of July, 2026, by and between the Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority, a public instrumentality of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts organized and existing pursuant to the Acts of 1960, c. 701, as amended, with offices located at the 228 Palmer Avenue, Falmouth, Massachusetts 02540 (hereinafter referred to as the "Authority") and Offshore Tug & Transportation, LLC, with offices located at 24 Great Western Road, Harwich, MA 02645 (hereinafter referred to as the "User").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Authority owns, and User desires use of, the dock and/or wharf facilities located in Nantucket, Massachusetts (hereinafter collectively referred to as the 'Facilities');

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual agreements herein contained, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. Subject to the provisions of this Agreement, the Authority agrees to allow the User to make use of the Facilities, and the User may use said Facilities, for the following purposes:

(a) to berth the Vessel on the day(s) and time(s) set forth in Exhibit A, entitled "Schedule of Licensed Trips," of the License Agreement entered into between the parties this same date and on the further conditions set forth herein; and also

(b) to berth the Vessel during the period from August 1, 2026 to April 30, 2027 for no longer than one hour between 6:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. two (2) days per week, but only between Mondays and Thursdays with no arrivals or departures occurring on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays or holidays for the sole purpose of (1) allowing freight trucks to disembark from the Vessel and immediately pass through the Facilities or (2) to embark upon the Vessel after passing through the Facilities on the further conditions set forth herein.

Any additional times or dates must be approved in writing by the Authority. The Authority does not guarantee the availability of the Facilities, except as provided herein, without prior written approval.

2. It is hereby agreed by the Authority and the User that the charges for the use by the User of the Facilities during the dates and times set forth in Paragraph 1 are set forth in the License and Access Fee Schedule attached as Exhibit B to the Agreement entered into between the parties this same date and are payable as set forth in Article 6 of that Agreement and subject to the terms and provisions thereof. Any use of the Facilities by the User on additional dates and times than those provided for in Paragraph 1 are subject to additional charges.

3. The parties expressly recognize that the Authority does not wish to create a priority right in anyone other than the Authority to use the Facilities or other property owned by the Authority. Accordingly, the Authority, in its sole discretion but taking into account the need to minimize disruption to the User's operations, will determine what berthing position is available for the User at its Facilities, may change the User's berthing position at any time and as many times as the Authority deems necessary or convenient to the Authority's operations, and generally will control all traffic at its Facilities. The Authority also reserves the right to refuse wharfage or dockage services to the User in any circumstances where, in the judgment of the Authority, the vessel(s) may damage the wharf or impede the operation of the terminal or operations or schedules of the Authority, or if it is carrying cargo which (a) may endanger or damage the Authority's property, employees and/or passengers, or (b) is considered incompatible with the operation of a passenger terminal.

4. It is understood and agreed that this Agreement may be terminated at the option of the Authority in the event of a material breach of any of the terms of this Agreement and the failure by the User to correct such breach within seventy-two (72) hours from receipt by the User of a written notice from the Authority setting forth the specific violation.

5. In the event the User is prevented by the Authority from using the Facilities, or in the event the Authority fails to provide the User with adequate dockage space, or in the event the Facilities are destroyed or damaged by fire, hurricane, storm or other forces, or in the event the Facilities are unfit for use or otherwise unavailable due to construction in progress or any other reason, the charges set forth in Paragraph 2 shall be suspended or abated, as the User's sole remedy, in a just proportional part thereof, until the Facilities have been restored to a safe and proper condition and available for use by the User.

6. The User shall not assign the use of the Facilities to any other party on the dates set forth in Paragraph 1 without the Authority's express written consent.

7. The User shall move the Vessel at any time upon request of Authority personnel to such place(s) as the Authority reasonably directs at the expense of the User. A vessel when moored at a pier shall have on board at all times sufficient personnel to move such vessel. In addition, the User:

(a) shall have sufficient personnel at the Facilities during such times designated by the Authority both prior to the scheduled arrival of any vessel and while the vessel is docked at the Facilities, and

(b) shall promptly inform the Authority of the cancellation of any trips of any of the User's vessels scheduled to arrive at the Facilities, as well as any material delay in the scheduled arrival of any such vessel, so that the Authority may respond to inquiries from the public and address any potential operational issues.

8. Neither the Authority nor any of its Members, officers, agents or employees shall be responsible for any loss, damage or injury caused to any vessels, passengers or persons, or to any cargo or any other property in or upon a vessel, or moving or being moved over, in, through or under, or while on or upon, any wharf or other structure or property owned, controlled, or operated by the Authority, resulting from any cause whatsoever, including but not limited to loss, damage or injury which in any manner is caused by or results from the following: theft, pilferage, animals including rats, mice and other rodents, birds, insects including moths and weevil, shrinkage, waste, seepage, leaking containers, heating, evaporation, fire or extinguishment thereof, explosion, leakage, discharge from fire protection systems, dampness, rain, floods, freezing, frost or other actions of the elements or acts of God, collapse of walls, piers or other structures, breakdowns of plant, machinery or equipment, floats, logs or pilings required to breast a vessel away from wharves, sabotage, insurrection, revolution or war, riot or strikes, or any combination of the foregoing.

9. The User agrees to indemnify and save harmless the Authority from and against: (a)

(a) all losses, claims, demands and suits for damages arising out of the User's operations on the property of the Authority and the use of the Facilities, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing claims for loss, damage or injury described in Paragraph 8 hereof, claims by the User's employees or by the employees of others providing goods or services in connection therewith for or under contract with the User, or by workers' compensation insurers (sometimes called "third-party actions"), and claims by passengers and claims for damage to property of the Authority or other persons caused by the discharge of oil or other pollutants or hazardous substances, whether accidental or otherwise, and the results of such discharge, such as fire; and

(b) all reasonable costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred in connection therewith, except such as arise solely from the negligence, gross negligence or willful and wanton acts of the Authority or its employees and agents.

10. The User agrees to procure and maintain protection and indemnity coverage, with a dockage rider, during the term of this Agreement with a limit of no less than \$5,000,000 per occurrence, combined single limit for bodily injury and property damage. The User agrees to use commercially reasonable efforts to have the Authority named as an additional insured. A certified copy of each policy, or a certificate evidencing the existence thereof, shall be delivered to the Authority prior to any use of the Facilities by the User.

11. Rubbish, dunnage, pallets, bands, loading equipment or other materials, machinery, equipment or supplies of any kind caused by or derived from the User's use of the Facilities hereunder must be removed from the piers, wharves and other areas within the confines of the Authority's property by the person or persons placing it there upon request by Authority personnel. Such person or persons shall be responsible for any costs and expenses of removal incurred by the Authority. No rubbish, refuse, oil pollutants or other materials or substances of any kind shall be dumped overboard from any vessel while docked at the Facilities or from the Facilities themselves. The parties agree that all so-called "dolly" freight carried by the User on its Vessel shall be immediately transferred to or from (as the case may be) a van or other suitable vehicle in a safe and efficient manner while the Vessel is docked at the Facilities so that the User's freight business does not interfere with the Authority's operations and does not result in such freight being left at the Facilities at any time.

12. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the User shall be responsible for any violation of law caused by the User or any person providing goods or services to the User, including without limiting the generality of the foregoing stevedores, truckers, charter parties and independent contractors. The User also acknowledges and agrees that the Authority is giving no warranty, express or implied, as to the condition, quality, fitness for any particular purpose, or any other aspect of the Facilities, and that the Authority shall be in no way responsible for their proper use by User. The User further agrees that it shall be using the Facilities on an "as is" basis and shall be solely responsible for ensuring that the Facilities shall be used by the User with all necessary permits, licenses and approvals of federal, state and local authorities necessary for the use of the Facilities by the User, and that the User shall use the Facilities in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations, including but in no way limited to all applicable regulations promulgated under the Americans with Disabilities Act and by the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board (including but not limited to such regulations regarding transportation terminals (521 CMR 18) as may be applicable to the User's operations).

13. It is acknowledged by the User that it is the statutory responsibility of the Authority to provide adequate transportation of persons and necessities of life for the islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. It is also acknowledged by the User that the Authority from time to time may change, in its sole discretion, its schedule of operations with the consequence that the User will be required to change its schedule so as not to conflict with that of the Authority. It is further acknowledged by the User that the Authority from time to time may have to close certain of the Facilities for purposes of maintenance, repair or other reasons, and that such closing shall not be deemed a breach of this Dockage Facilities Agreement by the Authority, but shall provide the User, as its sole remedy under this Agreement, the right to terminate this Agreement; provided, however, that the User may have other rights and remedies available to it under other agreement(s) entered into with the Authority to provide freight truck transportation service between New Bedford and Nantucket, including the right to be indemnified by the Authority for the User's damages arising as a result thereof under the terms of the agreement executed this same day between the same parties and to which this Agreement is attached as Exhibit C, and this provision in this Agreement does not in any way limit or preclude those other rights and remedies.

14. This Agreement contains the full, complete and entire understanding between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof, and there are no representations, covenants or agreements between the parties hereto which are not contained herein. This Agreement may

not be orally amended, and any amendment or modification of this Agreement shall be effective only if in writing executed by both of the parties hereto.

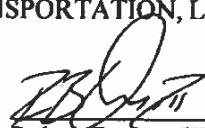
15. This Agreement shall be construed and enforced in accordance with, and governed by, the General Maritime Law of the United States, and otherwise supplemented where permissible by the law of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the year, month and day first written above.

OFFSHORE TUG &
TRANSPORTATION, LLC

By:


Robert B. Our, III
Manager

WOODS HOLE, MARTHA'S VINEYARD AND
NANTUCKET STEAMSHIP AUTHORITY

By:


Alex Kryska
General Manager

STAFF SUMMARY

Date: August 14, 2026

File# GM-815



TO:		FOR:		FROM:
X	General Manager	X	Vote	Dept.: General Manager
				Author: Alex Kryska
X	Board Members		Information	Subject: Request for Reduced Passenger Fares for Qualified Veterans.

PURPOSE:

To request approval to offer reduced passenger fares for qualified veterans.

BACKGROUND:

The Steamship Authority has received a request from the Dukes County Department of Veterans Services to provide qualified veterans with discounted fares equivalent to the discount currently provided to active-duty military personnel.

Active-duty military personnel and qualified seniors receive the following discounts:

	One Way	Round Trip
Nantucket		
Full Fare	\$21.50	\$43.00
Military/Senior	\$11.00	\$22.00
Martha's Vineyard		
Full Fare	\$11.00	\$22.00
Military/Senior	\$ 5.75	\$11.50
M/V Iyanough		
Full Fare	\$48.50	\$93.00
Military/Senior	\$36.00	\$67.00

The senior discount is offered to members of our port communities — Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket, Falmouth (including the villages of East Falmouth, Teaticket, Waquoit, Woods Hole, West Falmouth and North Falmouth), Barnstable (including the villages of West Barnstable, Cotuit, Marstons Mills, Osterville, Centerville, Hyannis, Hyannisport and Cummaquid), and New Bedford. We propose that the veterans' discount be offered to the same communities in the same manner. This program would require participants submit proof of their residency with a copy of their DD214 showing an honorable, general, or other officially recognized documentation showing an honorable discharge, to the Reservation Office. Bad conduct and dishonorable discharges will not qualify for the program.

ANALYSIS:

There are approximately 1,100 veterans residing on Martha's Vineyard and 300 veterans residing on Nantucket. Considering that many of these veterans, and the veterans living in Falmouth and Barnstable, may already be enrolled in the Senior Program, it is difficult to calculate the cost impact of providing a discounted fare to veterans. A rough cost estimate, based on each veteran making one round trip per month, with Nantucket veterans traveling on the regular ferry during the winter and on the *M/V Iyanough* when it is in operation, results in a cost impact of \$227,700. This cost calculation does not account for Falmouth and Barnstable veterans or those that are already enrolled in the Senior Citizen program.

	Round trip cost difference	#	Months	Amount
Nantucket	\$21.00	300	3	\$18,900
Martha's Vineyard	\$10.50	1100	12	\$138,600
<i>M/V Iyanough</i>	\$26.00	300	9	\$70,200
Total				\$227,700

However, we are confident that it is the right thing for the Steamship Authority to do for this valued group of individuals.

RECOMMENDATION:

For the reasons stated above, it is staff's recommendation that the Members vote to authorize the creation of a program offering reduced fares to qualified veterans in accordance with and as set forth in this staff summary.



Alex Kryska
General Manager

STAFF SUMMARY

Date: August 14, 2026

File# GM-814



TO:		FOR:		FROM:
X	General Manager	X	Vote	Dept.: General Manager
				Author: Alex Kryska
X	Board Members		Information	Subject: Request for Priority Bookings for Honor Guards.

PURPOSE:

To request approval to provide priority vehicle bookings, at standard fares, to military honor guards traveling to the islands of Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket for ceremonial services.

BACKGROUND:

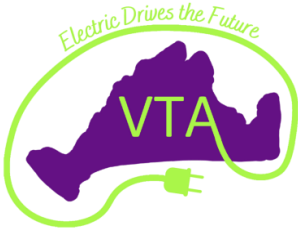
The Steamship Authority has received a request from the Dukes County Department of Veterans Services to provide priority vehicle bookings to military honor guards traveling to the islands for ceremonial services and to provide these bookings, along with passenger tickets, at no cost to the honor guard.

The Steamship Authority recognizes the importance of the honor guards' presence at these services. Staff at the Reservation Office will work closely with each honor guard to ensure they are able to secure a vehicle booking in a similar manner to the work currently done to accommodate those needing to travel for medical appointments. Reservation Office staff will assist with booking and ensure that the parties arrive in time for their service but will not be able to guarantee travel on a specific requested departure. However, as the cost of honor guard travel is reimbursed by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or their specific branch of service, staff believes is not necessary for the Steamship Authority to absorb this cost.

RECOMMENDATION:

For the reasons stated above, it is staff's recommendation that the Members vote to authorize priority vehicle bookings, at standard fares, to military honor guards traveling to the islands for ceremonial services as set forth in this staff summary.

Alex Kryska
General Manager



August 3, 2026

To: Mark Rozum, Treasurer - Steamship Authority

From: Angie Gompert, Administrator - Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority

Cindy Trish, Executive Director - Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard

George Pimentel -Dukes County Veterans Services

Re: Request for Support for Martha's Vineyard Off-Island Medical Transportation Program

Greetings,

We respectfully request the support of the Steamship Authority to pilot a medical transportation program for Martha's Vineyard's residents.

Background

The VTA, Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard, and Dukes County Veterans Service Department plan to **trial this pilot in September 2026** which will offer transportation for Islanders from the Woods Hole terminal to the Sagamore bridge and a return trip to the ferry. This will provide Islanders with access to the Boston Hospital Transportation (BHT) vehicle, provided by Cape Cod Regional Transit Authority (CCRTA) at the Sagamore bridge, which runs Monday-Thursday.

Pilot Design

Islanders will meet a paid driver at either the Park and Ride in Vineyard Haven or at the ferry terminal and take the 6:00 am ferry from the Vineyard to Woods Hole. Riders will be escorted on/off the ferry and will wait at the terminal while the driver picks up a VTA vehicle parked at the Woods Hole ferry parking lot and transport riders to the Sagamore bridge to access the BHT vehicle. The driver will meet the bus at the Sagamore bridge in the afternoon and bring riders back to the ferry.

Our request to the SSA includes:

- A parking spot provided by the SSA at Woods Hole terminal (at no cost)
- Support as needed by SSA staff in embarking/disembarking riders from the ferry
- A designated location at the Woods Hole Terminal for passengers to wait
- Program coordination with the VTA and the CCRTA with a designated point of contact at the SSA and participation in quarterly check-in meetings
- Passenger ticket group discounts for those utilizing this service (participants will include individuals of all ages and may have escorts with them)

The initial phase of the pilot program will run for 6-9 months. We will make adaptations based on our learnings which will be shared with the SSA quarterly. Thank you for considering our request.

Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority
11 A Street, Edgartown, MA 02539
508-693-9440 www.vineyardtransit.com

Steamship Authority - 2026 Board Goals & Action Items

Task	Owner	Deadline	Deliverable or Role	Metric
Begin all Board meetings with restatement of the <i>Enabling Act of the Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket Steamship Authority</i> , and Vision and Organizational Mission set forth in the Strategic Plan Framework	Board Chair	90 days	All Board decisions align with the purpose of the Enabling Act and Organizational Mission set forth in the Strategic Plan.	100% completion
GM Performance Plan	Board Chair & GM	90 days	GM work plan with metrics/KPIs	Adopt at March 2026 Board Meeting
Review Board By-laws	Board	150 days	Revise and update Board by-laws as necessary	Board adoption of any new by-laws by July 2026 Board meeting
Continue Board & Joint Port Council IT Executive Steering Committee	Board & Port Council	n/a	Oversees technology strategy, cybersecurity posture, data governance, and major IT investments.	
Create a Board & Joint Port Council Capital Projects (Steamship 2050) Steering Committee	Board & Port Council	180 days	Oversees Authority's infrastructure strategy, infrastructure procurements, and major infrastructure investments.	100% completion
Create a Joint Board & Port Council Governance Committee			Responsible for ensuring Board & Port Council pursuant to the Enabling Act, effectively, and in line with good governance practices. Maintains accountability, transparency, and strong oversight & leadership.	100% completion

August 2026 Board Meeting - Old/New Business

Task	Owner	Deadline	Deliverable or Role	Metric
Review Authority's Procurement Policy	Board, GM, CFO, & GC	270 days	Review and update as necessary Authority's procurement policy to ensure alignment with statutory mandates and public policy objectives, confirm that procurement rules support the Authority's mission, verify consistency with broader government procurement frameworks and best practices, ensure clear criteria for supplier selection, evaluation, and award decisions to reduce potential for favoritism or bias, safeguard value for public funds, review procedures to maximize value for money, including cost-effectiveness, lifecycle costs, and total cost of ownership, evaluate controls to prevent waste, fraud, and abuse, including segregation of duties and robust approval workflows, and enable cost predictability and budget discipline.	Board adoption of any revisions to procurement policy by September 2026 Board meeting
Board governance training	Board Chair	12 months	Governance workshop completed; further training identified.	Annual training
Adopt Board self-evaluation process	Board	12 months	Annual Board evaluation tool	Completed annually
Develop and approve Board goals	Board	12 months	Action items aligned with Strategic Plan	Completed annually
Recommend that Port Council review its by-laws	Board & Port Council	90 days	Port Council by-laws reflect its role under the Enabling Act and align with Organizational Mission set forth in the Strategic Plan	Port Council adoption of any new by-laws by July 2026

General Manager Work Plan

1. Daily Operational Oversight

Goal: Ensure the organization operates efficiently and effectively. Ensure that current capital projects are completely within budget and in a timely manner.

Task	Owner	Deliverable	Metric
Oversee standard operations and service delivery for the Steamship Authority	GM	Minimized vessel delays and trips cancellations	Consistent reporting
Ensure the successful development and implementation of the e-dea reservation system	GM + IT Steering Committee	Adoption of e-dea reservation system	100% completion
Ensure the successful completion of all phases of the Woods Hole Terminal construction project	GM	Completion of construction of Woods Hole Terminal	100% completion

2. Governance, Oversight, and Role Clarity

Goal: Ensure the organization is properly structured, with personnel assigned where they are most effective, and that new roles are added where they will meaningfully improve organizational results.

Task	Owner	Deliverable	Metric
Conduct one-on-one meetings with senior and mid-level managers; develop an enhanced organizational chart and decision matrix	GM	Written summary of role clarity findings	100% completion
Document and publish an updated decision-rights matrix (Board vs. GM vs. Management), referencing the by-laws and Enabling Act	GM + Board Chair	Formal Governance Authority Matrix	Board adoption
Establish a standardized Board reporting template and formalized agenda	CFO + GM	Monthly Board dashboard packet	Consistent reporting

3. Financial Controls, Planning, and Transparency

Goal: Establish clear financial controls and build the forecasting tools needed to plan for the Authority's long-term capital and operating needs.

Task	Owner	Deliverable	Metric
Conduct an internal financial controls audit	CFO	Controls Gap Assessment	Written findings
Implement a department-level reconciliation checklist	Finance Team	Monthly reconciliation certification	100% monthly signoff
Launch a rolling 24-month financial forecast model	CFO	Board-level multi-year forecast	Presented to Board
Align operating budget with the capital plan	CFO + COO	Integrated 5-Year Plan	Board adoption

4. Strategic Planning and Operational Alignment

Goal: Use the Steamship 2050 capital plan as the central tool guiding the Authority's long-term direction, encompassing fleet replacement, workforce development, and operational optimization.

Task	Owner	Deliverable	Metric
Develop a comprehensive, Board-approved Strategic Plan, anchored in the Steamship 2050 capital plan and the Massachusetts Clean Energy and Climate Plan 2050	GM	5-Year Strategic Plan	Board approval vote
Expand vessel repair and dry-dock portfolio to ensure facility availability and minimize cost exposure.	GM + COO	Receive multiple bids for vessel dry-dock RFPs	100% completion
Align the fleet replacement plan to financial capacity, with consideration of future transportation needs of passengers and freight	COO + CFO	Fleet & Capital Forecast	Included in plan
Develop a workforce development and succession plan, with consideration given to where our workforce lives	HR Director	Workforce Plan	Published internally

5. Committee Development and Integration

Goal: Fully launch the Governance and Capital Planning Committees, alongside the continuing work of the IT Steering Committee, and integrate all three into long-term planning and Board governance maturity.

Task	Owner	Deliverable	Metric
Create joint Bard and Port Council subcommittees focused on Capital Projects and Governance	GM + Board Chair	Committees created and meeting set	Meetings commence
Adopt a Board self-evaluation process	Board	Annual Board evaluation tool	Completed annually
Develop and approve annual Board goals, aligned with the Strategic Plan and carried by each committee	Board	Action items aligned with Strategic Plan	Completed annually

6. Transparency and Public Trust

Goal: Sustain consistent, transparent engagement with customers, staff, and community stakeholders, including expansion of the community meeting program to other port communities.

Task	Owner	Deliverable	Metric
Publish an annual "State of the Authority" report with a 1–2 page executive summary	GM	Public-facing annual report	Published annually

STAFF SUMMARY

Date: August 10, 2026

File# S-2026-3



TO:		FOR:		FROM:
X	General Manager	X	Vote	Dept.: Security
				Author: Todd M. Falvey
X	Board Members		Information	Subject: MOU Between Steamship Authority and Tisbury and Oak Bluffs Fire Departments

PURPOSE:

To request authorization to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard, and Nantucket Steamship Authority and the Tisbury and Oak Bluffs Fire Departments to set forth procedures and responsibilities regarding Maritime Firefighting.

BACKGROUND:

Early Fall of 2025, the Authority requested the Tisbury and Oak Bluffs Fire Departments mutually enter into discussions to develop a Memorandum of Understanding to determine roles and responsibilities, authority, communication, and vessel familiarization to best address challenges of firefighting aboard a passenger vessel. On August 10, 2026, after several productive discussions, management from the Authority and Tisbury and Oak bluffs Fire Department agreed to the framework of the MOU.

Firefighting on a passenger vessel presents unique challenges for both Vessel crew members and local fire departments that are not normally found shoreside. One of the unique challenges is firefighting while the vessel is miles from shore and on the run in Nantucket Sound or Vineyard Sound. If a fire breaks out onboard, the crew is the "Fire Department" until the fire department arrives to assist the crew in firefighting duties. The other unique situation is determining search and rescue needs if passengers present a "man overboard" situation.

It is also important to note that passenger vessels are regulated and inspected by the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and are required to have fire-rated bulkheads, fire doors/watertight doors, and air dampers as well as fixed firefighting protection systems such as C02 and FM200 systems. With these and many other challenges in mind it is important for both parties to collaborate and share information resources with the goal of maintaining the safety of passengers, crews, and the vessels.

There are several decision makers involved in the event of a fire aboard a passenger vessel. The USCG Captain of the Port for Sector Southeastern New England, Steamship Authority Vessels Captains and Executive Management, Tisbury and Oak Bluffs Fire Department Chiefs, and Massachusetts State Police, Tisbury Police, and Oak Bluffs Police are all key stakeholders which will form a Unified Command (UC). Within the UC a communication plan has been developed to

utilize existing Public Safety Channels, cells phones, Steamship Authority radio frequencies and sound powered phones, as well as predesignated semi-secured VHF channels.

Vessel Fire Plans will be provided to the Tisbury and Oak Bluffs Fire in a predesignated location within the Vineyard Haven and Oak Bluffs Terminals.

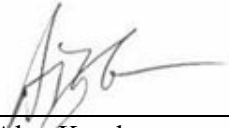
Vessel Familiarization tours will be scheduled on a regular basis to Tisbury and Oak Bluffs Fire Department personnel or as needed.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Staff recommends that the Members vote to authorize the General Manager to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with the Tisbury and Oak Bluffs Fire Departments establishing procedures and responsibilities regarding Maritime Firefighting.



Todd M. Falvey
Director of Security

APPROVED: 

Alex Kryska
General Manager

Attachments

**Memorandum of Understanding between the Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and
Nantucket Steamship Authority, Tisbury Fire Department and Oak Bluffs Fire
Department Regarding Marine Firefighting**

Parties: This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is between the Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority (Steamship Authority), the Tisbury Fire Department (TFD) and Oak Bluffs Fire Department (OBFD).

Background: Firefighting on a passenger vessel presents unique challenges for both Vessel crew members and local fire departments that are not normally found shoreside. One of those unique challenges is firefighting while the vessel is miles from shore and on the run in Nantucket Sound or Vineyard Sound. If a fire breaks out onboard, the crew is the "Fire Department" until a fire department arrives on location to assist or relieve the crew in firefighting duties. The other unique aspect is determining search and rescue needs if passengers present a "man overboard" situation.

It is also important to note that passenger vessels are regulated and inspected by the United States Coast Guard (USCG) and are required to have fire-rated bulkheads, fire doors/watertight doors, air dampers as well as fixed firefighting protection systems such as CO2 or FM200 systems. With these and many other challenges in mind it is important for both parties to this MOU to collaborate and share information resources with the goal of maintaining the safety of passengers, crews, and the vessels.

Authorities:

- USCG Captain of the Port (COTP) is charged with enforcing the safety and security of the ports within the Sector Southeastern New England (SENE) Area of Responsibility (AOR)
- Steamship Authority Vessel Captains and Port Captain, Executive Management
- Tisbury Fire Department, Chief
- Oak Bluffs Fire Department, Chief
- Massachusetts State Police, Tisbury Police Department and Oak Bluffs Police Department

Roles and Responsibilities:

- Formation of Unified Command (UC) determined by stakeholders to coordinate overall strategies and tactics.

- Steamship Authority crews are responsible for initial response to fires or emergencies, and the operation of ships systems and fixed fire protection systems. It is important to communicate with the fire departments of the appropriate and available fire suppression systems, should they be deployed in engine spaces, to avert ventilating the spaces prematurely.
- TFD and OBFD will provide additional staff and equipment who will be under the control of TFD and OBFD officers. Deferring to UC on strategic and tactical objectives or through established mutual assistance agreements.
- Tisbury and Oak Bluffs firefighters and Steamship Authority Port Captain (or Equivalent Senior Manager or higher) would mutually determine courses of action for firefighting while a vessel is moored, underway, or anchored to best maintain the safety of the passengers, crews, vessel, facility infrastructure, and to minimize environmental impacts.
- The Steamship Authority shall coordinate the evacuation of passengers with the understanding there are different strategies for vessels moored and at sea.
- Rally Point at predetermined Steamship Authority location(s).

Communications Plans:

- Utilization of established Public Safety Channels.
- Use of cellular devices and other available communication tools deployed by the Steamship Authority to maintain continuity of communications between first responders, passengers, crews, terminal staff, and the general public.
- BeSafe vessel plans provided to first responders in electronic form.
- Steamship Authority Radio Frequencies.
- Sound Powered Phones.
- Press Releases determined by UC and coordinated within the most reasonable extent possible.
- Vessel to Vessel predesignated and semi-secured VHF channel.
- Co-located UC Post to facilitate face to face communication with decision makers.

Vessel Fire Plans:

- Upon entering the Vineyard Haven Terminal from Water Street, the Steamship Authority will clear a path for Emergency Response to have clear access to Slips 1 and 2.

- The Steamship Authority will have vessel fire plans affixed inside the terminal building and will be readily accessible to the TFD.
- Fire Safety Checklist will be made available.
- Upon entering the Oak Bluffs Terminal from Seaview Avenue, the Steamship Authority will clear a path for Emergency Response to have clear access to the pier.
- The Steamship Authority will have vessel fire plans affixed inside the terminal building and will be readily accessible to OBFD.
- Fire Safety Checklist will be made available.

Vessel Familiarization Tours:

- The Steamship Authority will schedule and conduct familiarization tours of each of its vessels, on a regular basis or as needed.
- A tour of the vessels shall provide access to engine and deck spaces, opportunity to test fittings, and movement exercises between vehicles while loaded.

APPROVED BY:

WOODS HOLE, MARTHA'S VINEYARD, AND
NANTUCKET STEAMSHIP AUTHORITY:

Alex Kryska
General Manager
Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard, and
Nantucket Steamship Authority

Date: _____

Tisbury Fire Department:



Patrick Rolston
Tisbury Fire Chief

Date: 7/27/2026

Oak Bluffs Fire Department



Stephen Foster
Oak Bluffs Fire Chief

Date: 8/10/2026