



# Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority

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## 2026 Head Start Program

**January 13, 2026 – January 26, 2026**

The 2026 Head Start Program is available to all current participants of the Excursion and Preferred programs. Eligible participants can submit up to ten (10) transactions (one-way or round-trip) according to the guidelines outlined below. To participate, accounts ending in an **odd number** (1, 3, 5, 7, or 9) must be updated by **December 31, 2025**. While late applications will be accepted, we cannot guarantee that they will be processed in time for the program.

### **Head Start reservation guidelines:**

- You may make up to ten (10) reservations in your name for personal use.
- Up to five (5) of these reservations may be made in another individual's name for personal use.
  - Of these five (5), up to three (3) reservations may be requested as transferable, which can be transferred to another individual at a later time.

Transferable reservations must be transferred no later than **30 days prior to the booking date**. If not transferred by this deadline, the reservation will be canceled automatically, and the space released. A \$10 cancellation fee will apply.

**Note:** All reservations must be prepaid, and the payment method cannot be changed once processed. After processing, you will receive a confirmation by email or postal mail, depending on your preference. Please verify that the dates, times, and destinations are correct. Any discrepancies must be reported immediately. Failure to do so will result in acceptance of the confirmation as sent.

**Head Start submission methods:**

You may submit reservation requests ahead of January 13, 2026, via:

**Postal mail:**

SSA Head Start Reservations

509 Falmouth Road, Suite 1C

Mashpee, MA 02649

**Email:**

formssubmit@steamshipauthority.com

Subject: 2026 Head Start Reservations

**We do not accept fax or walk-in requests.**

**Please Note:** Submitting your request early does not improve your chances of securing your preferred reservation. All requests received before January 13, 2026, will be randomly processed prior to any submissions received after that date.

Starting at 8 a.m. on January 13, 2026, you can make reservations online at [www.steamshipauthority.com](http://www.steamshipauthority.com). To log in, you will need your account number (formerly profile number) and PIN or your username and customer code.

Please visit [www.steamshipauthority.com/2026HeadStart](http://www.steamshipauthority.com/2026HeadStart) for additional information.

## **Important dates for 2026 reservations**

### **January 13-19, 2026: Non-transferable reservations only**

During this period, Preferred and Excursion account holders can book reservations only for their personal use. No transferable or third-party reservations will be accepted.

### **January 20-26, 2026: Transferable and non-transferable reservations**

Both transferable and non-transferable reservations, including third-party bookings, will be accepted. Reservation requests received by 4 p.m. on January 26, 2026, will be given Head Start priority. If your preferred time is unavailable, the closest available option will be booked. Please complete the travel options section on your Head Start form to help us secure the best possible time for you. You may also request to be waitlisted for your preferred time.

### **Online Head Start reservations**

Starting at 8:00 a.m. on January 13, 2026, you can make reservations online at [www.steamshipauthority.com](http://www.steamshipauthority.com). To log in, you will need your account number (formerly profile number) and PIN or your username and customer code.

Mailed requests received by January 13, 2026, will begin processing at the start of business on January 13, 2026. Submissions received after that will be processed in the order they arrive.

### **General public opening dates**

- 8 a.m. January 27, 2026: Nantucket general public bookings (online/postal mail only)
- 8 a.m. February 3, 2026: Martha's Vineyard general public bookings (online/postal mail only)
- **February 10, 2026:** Reservations can be made by phone or in person at a terminal on both routes

### **Extended season opening dates:**

- **June 16, 2026:** Fall 2026 (October 22, 2026 to January 5, 2027)
- **October 20, 2026:** 2027 Winter/Spring (January 6, 2027 to T.B.D.)

## **Extended Hours & Blue Line Standby\***

**(\*Martha's Vineyard Route ONLY)**

### **2026 MARTHA'S VINEYARD EXTENDED HOURS FOR RESERVATION ONLY PERIODS**

No standby travel will be permitted through March 31, 2026, on the Woods Hole-Martha's Vineyard route. A decision on standby travel for the remainder of the year will be made in early 2026; please watch [www.steamshipauthority.com](http://www.steamshipauthority.com) for details.

Regardless of the extension of year-round reservation-only travel, the Reservation Office will offer extended phone service from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. for same-day travel needs as follows.

- Every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday from June 19, 2026, to September 7, 2026.
- May 21-26, 2026
- June 30-July 2, 2026
- September 8, 2026
- October 9, 2026
- October 12, 2026

*The Blue Line is offered to Excursion and Preferred customers these days as available.*

\*Only same day reservations or high-speed reservations will be processed outside of the hours of 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. EST.

## **Reservation-Only Travel and Blue Line information for Martha's Vineyard**

If you are a Preferred or Excursion customer, however, you can access the Blue Line for your last-minute travel needs.

**What is the Blue Line?** Think of it as an islander standby line. On Reservation-Only Days at the Woods Hole and Vineyard Haven terminals, up to 12 cars at a time can be placed in the Blue Line for standby travel.

**Who can use the Blue Line?** You must be a current Preferred or Excursion program customer to access the Blue Line.

**Is the Blue Line always available?** No, the availability of the Blue Line can be paused or suspended at any time by the terminal agent on duty based on vehicle space needs at our terminal.

**Do I have to give up a reservation to join the Blue Line?** Not anymore! If you're trying to travel earlier than your reservation on the day of your travel, you do not have to give up your reservation.

**What if I have a medical appointment?** Please follow our established procedures for [traveling for a routine medical appointment](#).

**What if I have an emergency medical or family situation?** Please call the Reservation Office or go to the terminal ASAP and speak to the manager or agent on duty.

### **What are some tips for Blue Line travel?**

- Have an updated Preferred or Excursion account. Make sure your vehicles are correct and current and verify your contact information is correct.
- When the check-in booth gives you a Blue Line placard, please make sure it is visible to the terminal staff.
- Keep an eye on our website for weather and operational updates. If trips are canceled, the Blue Line may be suspended until those reservations are accommodated.
- Do not park or hover in the pick up or drop-off areas if you are waiting to get into the Blue Line.
- Do not call the Reservation Office unless you are trying to book travel—they will not be able to help you get into the Blue Line.

- Bring your patience and your kindness! This will be a challenging adjustment for everyone, including our staff, but we will continue to assess and adjust this process as we learn from its use.
- You can now see the Blue Line status on the home page of the website under “Parking Information and Current Status”
- We are also using a call-back system when the Blue Line is full to alert customers when they can return to the terminal to be staged.

Visit [www.steamshipauthority.com/BlueLine](http://www.steamshipauthority.com/BlueLine) for additional information.

## 2026 Woods Hole - Martha's Vineyard Schedule

### One-Way Martha's Vineyard Passenger Rates

Adults.....	*\$11.00
Children (5-12 years) .....	*\$5.75
Children (4 and under).....	Free
Bicycle.....	\$5.25

\* Includes a \$0.50 town-mandated embarkation fee

### One-Way Auto Fares

**Under 17'    17' but less than 20'**

#### OFF SEASON

Jan 1-Mar 31	\$73.50	\$83.50
Nov 1-Dec 31	\$79.00	\$89.00

#### SHOULDER SEASON

Apr. 1-May 14	\$115.50	\$125.50
Sep 15-Oct 31	\$127.00	\$137.00

#### PEAK SEASON

May 15-Sep. 14 Mon-Thu	\$127.00	\$137.00
May 15-Sep. 14 Fri-Sun	\$168.00	\$178.00

### Extended load beyond front or rear bumper

*Applies only to vehicles whose overall length (including extension) exceeds 17'.*

One-way.....\$12.50

### May 14 - June 18, 2026

Depart Woods Hole	Arrive Vineyard Haven	Arrive Oak Bluffs	Vessel	Depart Vineyard Haven	Depart Oak Bluffs	Arrive Woods Hole
			NAN/MAR	6:00 AM		6:45 AM
6:00 AM	6:45 AM		IHM/NAN	7:00 AM		7:45 AM
7:00 AM	7:45 AM		NAN/MAR	8:15 AM		9:00 AM
8:15 AM	9:00 AM		IHM/NAN	9:30 AM		10:15 AM
9:30 AM		10:15 AM	NAN/MAR		10:45 AM	11:30 AM
10:45 AM	11:30 AM		IHM/NAN	12:00 PM		12:45 PM
12:00 PM		12:45 PM	NAN/MAR		1:15 PM	2:00 PM
1:15 PM	2:00 PM		IHM/NAN	2:30 PM		3:15 PM
2:30 PM		3:15 PM	NAN/MAR		3:45 PM	4:30 PM
3:45 PM	4:30 PM		IHM/NAN	5:00 PM		5:45 PM
5:00 PM		5:45 PM	NAN/MAR		6:15 PM	7:00 PM
6:15 PM	7:00 PM		IHM/NAN	7:15 PM		8:00 PM
7:30 PM	8:15 PM		NAN/MAR	8:30 PM		9:15 PM
8:30 PM	9:15 PM		IHM/NAN	9:30 PM		10:15 PM
9:45 PM	10:30 PM		NAN/MAR			

### September 11 - October 22, 2026

Depart Woods Hole	Arrive Vineyard Haven	Arrive Oak Bluffs	Vessel	Depart Vineyard Haven	Depart Oak Bluffs	Arrive Woods Hole
			NAN	6:00 AM		6:45 AM
6:00 AM	6:45 AM		IHM	7:00 AM		7:45 AM
7:00 AM	7:45 AM		NAN	8:15 AM		9:00 AM
8:15 AM	9:00 AM		IHM	9:30 AM		10:15 AM
9:30 AM		10:15 AM	NAN		10:45 AM	11:30 AM
10:45 AM	11:30 AM		IHM	12:00 PM		12:45 PM
12:00 PM		12:45 PM	NAN		1:15 PM	2:00 PM
1:15 PM	2:00 PM		IHM	2:30 PM		3:15 PM
2:30 PM		3:15 PM	NAN		3:45 PM	4:30 PM
3:45 PM	4:30 PM		IHM	5:00 PM		5:45 PM
5:00 PM		5:45 PM	NAN		6:15 PM	7:00 PM
6:15 PM	7:00 PM		IHM	7:15 PM		8:00 PM
7:30 PM	8:15 PM		NAN	8:30 PM		9:15 PM
8:30 PM	9:15 PM		IHM	9:30 PM		10:15 PM
9:45 PM	10:30 PM		NAN			

### June 19 - September 10, 2026

Depart Woods Hole	Arrive Vineyard Haven	Arrive Oak Bluffs	Vessel	Depart Vineyard Haven	Depart Oak Bluffs	Arrive Woods Hole
			NAN	5:30 AM		6:15 AM
			MAR	6:00 AM		6:45 AM
6:00 AM	6:45 AM		IHM	7:00 AM		7:45 AM
6:35 AM		7:20 AM	NAN		7:40 AM	8:25 AM
7:00 AM	7:45 AM		MAR	8:15 AM		9:00 AM
8:15 AM	9:00 AM		IHM	9:30 AM		10:15 AM
8:45 AM		9:30 AM	NAN		9:55 AM	10:40 AM
9:30 AM		10:15 AM	MAR		10:45 AM	11:30 AM
10:45 AM	11:30 AM		IHM	12:00 PM		12:45 PM
11:10 AM		11:55 AM	NAN		12:25 PM	1:10 PM
12:00 PM		12:45 PM	MAR		1:15 PM	2:00 PM
1:15 PM	2:00 PM		IHM	2:30 PM		3:15 PM
1:40 PM		2:25 PM	NAN		2:55 PM	3:40 PM
2:30 PM		3:15 PM	MAR		3:45 PM	4:30 PM
3:45 PM	4:30 PM		IHM	5:00 PM		5:45 PM
4:10 PM		4:55 PM	NAN		5:25 PM	6:10 PM
5:00 PM		5:45 PM	MAR		6:15 PM	7:00 PM
6:15 PM	7:00 PM		IHM	7:15 PM		8:00 PM
6:35 PM	Fri-Sun	7:20 PM	NAN	Fri-Sun	7:35 PM	8:20 PM
6:35 PM	7:20 PM	Mon-Thu	NAN			
7:30 PM		8:15 PM	MAR		8:30 PM	9:15 PM
8:30 PM	9:15 PM		IHM	9:30 PM		10:15 PM
8:45 PM	9:30 PM	Fri-Sun	NAN			
9:45 PM	10:30 PM		MAR			

### For faster reservations, please have the following information available:

- Your account number
- License plate number of the vehicle traveling
- Year, make and model of the vehicle traveling
- Credit card information for payment

**When changing your reservation, please have your reservation number or your account number on hand before you call.**



M/V Island Home (IHM), M/V Martha's Vineyard (MAR) and M/V Nantucket (NAN) have elevators on board. Vessel boarding accessible by dockside ramps.

*Our website offers current parking information, ferry arrivals/departures, ferry cancellation alerts and change notifications, the ability to purchase high-speed ferry passenger tickets to Nantucket and more.*

## 2026 Hyannis - Nantucket Schedule

### One-Way Nantucket Passenger Rates

Adults.....	*\$21.50
Children (5-12 years) .....	*\$11.00
Children (4 and under).....	Free
Bicycle.....	\$8.50

\* Includes a \$0.50 town-mandated embarkation fee

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### One-Way Auto Fares

### Under 17' 17' but less than 20'

#### OFF SEASON

Jan 1-Mar 31	\$205.00	\$225.00
Nov 1-Dec 31	\$208.00	\$228.00

#### SHOULDER SEASON

Apr. 1-May 14	\$300.00	\$325.00
Sep 15-Oct 31	\$320.00	\$345.00

#### PEAK SEASON

May 15-Sep. 14 Mon-Thu	\$320.00	\$345.00
May 15-Sep. 14 Fri-Sun	\$370.00	\$395.00

### Extended load beyond front or rear bumper

Applies only to vehicles whose overall length (including extension) exceeds 17'.

One-Way.....\$37.50

### May 14-June 18, 2026

Depart Hyannis	Arrive Nantucket	VESSEL	Depart Nantucket	Arrive Hyannis
		EAG/NAN	6:30 AM	8:45 AM
9:15 AM	11:30 AM	EAG/NAN	12:00 PM	2:15 PM
2:45 PM	5:00 PM	EAG/NAN	5:30 PM	7:45 PM
8:00 PM	10:15 PM	EAG/NAN		

### June 19-September 10, 2026

Depart Hyannis	Arrive Nantucket	VESSEL	Depart Nantucket	Arrive Hyannis
		EAG	6:30 AM	8:45 AM
		WH	9:15 AM	11:30 AM
9:15 AM	11:30 AM	EAG	12:00 PM	2:15 PM
12:00 PM	2:15 PM	WH	2:45 PM	5:00 PM
2:45 PM	5:00 PM	EAG	5:30 PM	7:45 PM
5:30 PM	7:45 PM	WH	8:00 PM	10:15 PM
8:00 PM	10:15 PM	EAG		

### September 11-October 22, 2026

Depart Hyannis	Arrive Nantucket	VESSEL	Depart Nantucket	Arrive Hyannis
		EAG	6:30 AM	8:45 AM
6:30 AM	8:45 AM	WH	9:15 AM	11:30 AM
9:15 AM	11:30 AM	EAG	12:00 PM	2:15 PM
12:00 PM	2:15 PM	WH	2:45 PM	5:00 PM
2:45 PM	5:00 PM	EAG	5:30 PM	7:45 PM
5:30 PM	7:45 PM	WH	8:00 PM	10:15 PM
8:00 PM	10:15 PM	EAG		

### For faster reservations please have the following information available:

- Your account number
- License plate number of the vehicle traveling
- Year, make and model of the vehicle traveling
- Credit card information for payment

**When changing your reservation, please have your reservation number or account number available.**



### 2026 Hyannis to Nantucket High-Speed Ferry Schedule

One Hour Ferry - The Steamship Authority operates a high-speed passenger-only ferry between Hyannis and Nantucket. Reservations are recommended during peak travel times. For schedules, information and to book online visit [www.SteamshipAuthority.com](http://www.SteamshipAuthority.com) or call (508) 495-3278 (FAST).

### One-Way M/V Iyanough Passenger Rates

Adults.....	*\$48.50	Children (4 and under)....	Free
Children (5 - 12 years)....	*\$24.75	Bicycle.....	\$8.50

\* Includes \$0.50 town-mandated embarkation fee.

### Same-Day Round-Trip M/V Iyanough Passenger Rates (M-Th only)

Adults.....	**\$69.00	Children (5 - 12 years)....	**\$35.00
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\*\* Includes a \$1.00 round-trip town mandated embarkation fee



The M/V Eagle (EAG) and M/V Nantucket (NAN) have elevators on board, and vessel boarding is accessible by dockside ramps. The M/V Woods Hole (WH) has elevators on board; boarding is via the vehicle transfer bridge. The M/V Iyanough has access to the main passenger deck and amenities.

### March 30-May 13, 2026

### October 23, 2026-January 5, 2027

Depart Hyannis	Arrive Nantucket	Depart Nantucket	Arrive Hyannis
8:15 AM	9:15 AM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
11:00 AM	12:00 PM	12:30 PM	1:30 PM
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	3:30 PM	4:30 PM
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	6:15 PM	7:15 PM

### May 14-October 22, 2026

Depart Hyannis	Arrive Nantucket	Depart Nantucket	Arrive Hyannis
8:15 AM	9:15 AM	9:30 AM	10:30 AM
11:00 AM	12:00 PM	12:30 PM	1:30 PM
2:00 PM	3:00 PM	3:30 PM	4:30 PM
5:00 PM	6:00 PM	6:15 PM	7:15 PM
7:30 PM	8:30 PM	8:45 PM	9:45 PM





## HEAD START VEHICLE RESERVATION APPLICATION FORM

Please fill out this form to request a vehicle reservation. Purchase implies acceptance of all terms and conditions of tariff with regard to cancellation, change and refund policies. For full detail of our Tariffs and Reservation Policies go to: [www.steamshipauthority.com/about/forms](http://www.steamshipauthority.com/about/forms).

Requests are only accepted by:

**1. Postal Mail to** SSA Headstart, 509 Falmouth Rd. Suite 1C, Mashpee, Ma 02649

**2. Email as PDF attachment to:** [formsubmit@steamshipauthority.com](mailto:formsubmit@steamshipauthority.com)



### 1. BOOKING ACCOUNT HOLDER INFORMATION

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Account #:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS PROFILE #)

**Do you plan on transferring this reservation to someone?** ☐ NO ☐ YES

\* If YES then skip to section 4



### 2. TRAVELER INFORMATION

Person(s) must be able to show ID with the same information listed here.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Account #:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS PROFILE #)

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Apt./Unit:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_



### 3. VEHICLE INFORMATION

Your license plate must match vehicle listed, unless "rental" is checked off. Checking "rental" will result in a default reservation of seventeen (17) feet. If your vehicle is larger than your reserved size, your reservation may be forfeited at the terminal.

**Make:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Model:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Year:** \_\_\_\_\_

**License Plate State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **License Plate Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

☐ RENTAL CAR

### VEHICLE EXTENDED SIZES, ATTACHMENTS & TRAILERS:

Including, but not limited to: bike racks, kayaks, car top attachments, trailers, and any other exterior attachment that may increase the size of your vehicle. All heights must be in feet and inches.

**Height:** will the total height exceed 6 feet? ☐ NO ☐ YES **TOTAL HEIGHT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Trailers:** is vehicle towing a trailer? ☐ NO ☐ YES **TRAILER LENGTH:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Length:** will the total length exceed 17 feet? ☐ NO ☐ YES **TOTAL LENGTH:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# HEAD START VEHICLE RESERVATION APPLICATION FORM (PAGE 2)



## 4. TRAVEL DETAILS

Please indicate a preferred date, select your departure and arrival destinations, and your preferred time of travel. We will book you the closest to your requested travel. It is recommended that you use the Wait List options if your preferred day of travel is unavailable. **Key: WH: Woods Hole, HY: Hyannis, VH: Vineyard Haven, OB: Oak Bluffs, NT: Nantucket**

*Steamship Authority routes are between Hyannis and Nantucket and Woods Hole and Martha's Vineyard (Vineyard Haven and Oak Bluffs) and do not cross.*

**DATES** (MONTH/DAY/YEAR): **DEPART:**

Departure: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
HY | NT  
WH | VH | OB

**ARRIVE:**

HY | NT  
WH | VH | OB

**TIME:**

\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_ AM/PM

Return: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
HY | NT  
WH | VH | OB

HY | NT  
WH | VH | OB

\_\_\_\_ : \_\_\_\_ AM/PM

(Optional) **Passenger Tickets: Adults:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Children** (age 5-12): \_\_\_\_\_

**WAIT LIST OPTIONS** if your preferred travel request is unavailable.

1. Do you wish to be wait listed for your requested date/time of travel? ☐ **NO** ☐ **YES**

2. If yes, how soon do you want the wait list to stop searching prior to your reservation?

☐ **Two (2) days prior** ☐ **One (1) day prior** ☐ **Noon the day Prior**



## 5. PAYMENT OPTIONS

Check or credit card only. Accepted cards: Mastercard, Visa, Discover, American Express, SSA Gift Card.

☐ **CHECK ENCLOSED - Check #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Check Amount:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **CREDIT CARD - Cardholder Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Card Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Expiration Date:** \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ **CVV:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CARDHOLDER BILLING ADDRESS:**

☐ **Same as traveler info address**

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Apt./Unit:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Need Help? Call our Reservations Office at (508) 477-8600  
or email [formsubmit@steamshipauthority.com](mailto:formsubmit@steamshipauthority.com)**