

STAFF SUMMARY

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TO:		FOR:		FROM:
X	General Manager		Vote	Dept.: Shoreside Operations Author: Alison A. Fletcher
X	Board Members	X	Information	Subject: Preliminary Draft of 2023 Winter/Spring Operating Schedule

PURPOSE:

To present for approval the Winter/Spring 2023 Operating Schedule.

BACKGROUND:

The proposed 2023 operating schedules from January 3rd to March 27th would start two (2) days earlier and end two (2) days earlier than in 2022 for both the Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket routes. In 2023, from January 3rd to March 27th, the *M/V Island Home*, *M/V Martha's Vineyard* and *M/V Katama* are scheduled to operate on the Martha's Vineyard route with the *M/V Nantucket* operating in place of the *M/V Island Home* during its repair periods.

The Martha's Vineyard route would see no changes to the trip times, quantity of trips, vessel crewing or the assigned vessels during this schedule. The *M/V Island Home* would be triple crewed and operate up to seven (7) round trips per day starting at 6:00 a.m. departing from Woods Hole. The *M/V Katama* would be triple-crewed and operate seven (7) round trips per day and berthing on island, and the *M/V Martha's Vineyard* would be triple-crewed and operate seven (7) round trips daily from January 3rd to March 27th. The *M/V Nantucket* may operate in place of the *M/V Island Home* from January 9th to February 22nd while the *M/V Island Home* goes off-line for its repair period.

During 2022, the Nantucket route's schedule was from January 5th to March 29th. The *M/V Nantucket* operated from January 5th to January 10th and then was replaced by the *M/V Eagle* for the remainder of the schedule. The freight vessel, *M/V Gay Head*, was triple-crewed and scheduled to operate three (3) round trips Monday through Friday and two (2) round trips on Saturday and Sunday, with a third trip optional.

The Nantucket route for 2023 would see no changes to the trip times, quantity of trips, vessel crewing or the assigned vessels January 3rd to March 27th. The *M/V Nantucket* would be triple-crewed and operate three (3) round trips per day from January 5th to January 8th in place of the *M/V Eagle*. The *M/V Eagle* will return from repair and operate from January 9th to March 27th on the same schedule as the *M/V Nantucket* the *M/V Gay Head* would be triple-crewed and operate three (3) round trips Monday through Saturday and the three (3) round trips will be optional on Sundays. For the period of January 3rd to January 8th, the *M/V Woods Hole* will operate in place of the *M/V Gay Head*.

2022 Dates	Martha's Vineyard Route			2022 Dates	Nantucket Route	
01/05 – 01/10	<i>Island Home</i>	<i>Martha's Vineyard</i>	<i>Katama</i>	01/05 – 01/10	<i>Nantucket</i>	<i>Woods Hole</i>
01/11 – 02/24	<i>Nantucket</i>	<i>Martha's Vineyard</i>	<i>Katama</i>	01/11 – 03/29	<i>Eagle</i>	<i>Gay Head</i>
02/25 – 03/29	<i>Woods Hole</i>	<i>Martha's Vineyard</i>	<i>Katama</i>			
2023 Dates	Martha's Vineyard Route			2023 Dates	Nantucket Route	
01/03 – 01/08	<i>Island Home</i>	<i>Martha's Vineyard</i>	<i>Katama</i>	01/03 – 01/08	<i>Nantucket</i>	<i>Woods Hole</i>
01/09 – 02/22	<i>Nantucket</i>	<i>Martha's Vineyard</i>	<i>Katama</i>	01/09 – 03/29	<i>Eagle</i>	<i>Gay Head</i>
02/23 – 03/27	<i>Island Home</i>	<i>Martha's Vineyard</i>	<i>Katama</i>			

The proposed 2023 operating schedules from March 28th to May 17th would start two (2) days earlier and end one (1) day later than in 2022 for both the Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket routes. The Martha's Vineyard route would see no changes to the trip times, quantity of trips, vessel crewing or the assigned vessels during this period. The *M/V Island Home* and *M/V Martha's Vineyard* would both be triple-crewed and operate seven (7) round trips per day and the *M/V Woods Hole* would be triple-crewed and operate up to seven (7) round trips per day. During the *M/V Martha's Vineyard* scheduled spruce up the *M/V Nantucket* will operate in its place.

The Nantucket route during this schedule would see no changes to the trip times, quantity of trips, vessel crewing or assigned vessels during the March 28th to May 17th schedule. The *M/V Eagle*, *M/V Gay Head* and *M/V Sankaty* would again be triple-crewed and operate three (3) round trips daily for the entire schedule.

2022 Dates	Martha's Vineyard Route Vessels			2022 Dates	Nantucket Route Vessels		
03/30 - 05/16	<i>Island Home</i>	<i>Martha's Vineyard</i>	<i>Katama</i>	03/30 - 05/16	<i>Eagle</i>	<i>Gay Head</i>	<i>Sankaty</i>
2023 Dates	Martha's Vineyard Route Vessels			2023 Dates	Nantucket Route Vessels		
03/28 - 05/14	<i>Island Home</i>	<i>Martha's Vineyard</i>	<i>Woods Hole</i>	03/28 - 05/17	<i>Eagle</i>	<i>Gay Head</i>	<i>Sankaty</i>
05/15 - 05/17	<i>Island Home</i>	<i>Nantucket</i>	<i>Woods Hole</i>				

RECOMMENDATION:

That the members vote to approve the Winter/Spring 2023 Operating Schedule for both the Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard Route. There has been one modification request from the Port Council Member Nat Lowell and that was the removal of the hazardous classification for Trips 309 and 310 during the 01/03/2023 – 03/27/2023 Nantucket schedule.



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APPROVED: 

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