



Lights out in the Cousins Lot

As anyone who travels after dark and parks in the Cousins Island Parking lot knows, the lot has been especially dark the last couple of months. The streetlights are operated and maintained by CMP. We have been in contact with CMP, letting them know this is a serious safety issue. They have promised that the lights will be repaired as soon as their schedule permits. Unfortunately, we can't control CMP's timing, but will continue to communicate the serious need for lights in the lot. In the meantime, please be prepared by bringing a flashlight or headlamp if coming in or out of the lot after dark. Thank you and we apologize for the inconvenience.

PLEASE PUT YOUR 2024 PARKING STICK-ER ON YOUR CAR TO AVOID A TICKET or TOW.

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News from CTC!

Parking at Cousins Island

As the year-round population of Chebeague continues to grow, so does the demand for Cousins Island parking spots. Unfortunately, we cannot make the lot bigger (or cars smaller), and we operate with a variety of restrictions under the terms of our lease. Over the years, many people have relocated to Route One, either by assignment or voluntarily. Our priorities for allocating spots at Cousins in 2024 were: one spot per year-round household (156 permits) and a second car if there are two full-time commuters (13 total—6 full year/7 partial year). We also are required by our lease to provide 10 overnight permits to Yarmouth residents as well as four designated Yarmouth day parking spots. We issued a total of 179 overnight permits for 2024. Additionally, we issue day worker permits to individuals and contractors who provide many vital services to Island residents. Vehicles with day worker permits must be out of the lot by 5:30 pm to allow resident commuters back into the lot.

CTC must adhere to the terms of our lease and the court order we operate under. To do this and ensure that we have space for our resident permit holders, we must rigorously enforce our parking policies, including towing. To avoid being towed, please affix your 2024 permit to the lower driver's side corner of your windshield as soon as possible. Please remove all prior year stickers.

Thanks for your cooperation!

Help Wanted!

Working at CTC means being part of a skilled and dedicated team, playing a pivotal role in the lives of every island resident and visitor. We employ captains with a 100 Ton Master License, deckhands, bus drivers with a Class B license with passenger endorsement, and parking lot attendants.

CTC has an immediate opening for a *part-time deckhand* and a *full-time captain*. We offer competitive pay and benefits to full and part-time employees. You can find job openings, job descriptions and application at www.ctcferry.org/about-ctc#Jobs or call or email our office.

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Winter Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9am - 4pm

Coamings on the Independence

People riding the ferry may be curious why we had the new, bright yellow door thresholds installed during the last yard period on the Independence. Inspected passenger vessels operating on a protected route require 3" coamings (ref. 46 CFR 179.30). Initially, the USCG granted an exception considering our limited ferry route. When we revisited this with them during a routine inspection, they were reluctant to continue this exemption after learning that we occasionally use the vessel for charters outside of our ferry route. Additionally, these coamings will help keep rain and snow melt out of the passenger cabin. We painted them bright yellow in hopes people will notice and not trip over them as we all get used to something new. Please watch your step!

> EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS

Doug Wallace - 2/4 Peter Milholland - 2/19 Alex Willett - 2/22

Happy Birthday!