



CHEBEAGUE TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

March 2022

News from CTC!

Safety Update

Winter Office Hours

Monday - Thursday

9am - 4pm

Friday 9am - 12:30pm

Where are the Carts?

Like many products right now, the carts that CTC has provided for our passengers for the last several years have suddenly become difficult to obtain. We tried a new type of cart that was considerably more expensive in our last model, and which seemed to also be considerably less durable. We then located nine carts that we were able to purchase online, only to find upon delivery that there were manufacturing flaws. We are now in the process of fixing these problems to get some carts out for people to use.

CTC provides, carts at significant expense, for our passengers' convenience. Unfortunately, we see many carts destroyed due to overloading and others lost due to people taking them home. Each year, we spend thousands of dollars to supply these carts. We ask that our riders help keep the carts working by not overloading them. In "normal" times, it is expensive for us to replace the carts. Now, it's almost impossible for us to get replacements. Please help everyone who uses CTC by taking care of the carts!

EMPLOYEE BIRTHDAYS

Rock Helpin—Driver

March 29

Happy Birthday Rock!

The safety of our passengers and employees is our top priority at CTC. During February's meeting of the CTC board of directors, Senior Captain and Safety Officer, Beth Putnam, presented her annual safety report. **Here are some highlights:**

- Both ferries went through their annual safety inspections and passed with flying colors. The most recent inspection was aboard the Independence and the crew and boat aced it!
- The boat crew conducted 76 safety drills in 2021—far more than the USCG requires—including two all-hands drills. These drills include preparing for emergencies such as a man overboard, a fire on board, flooding and dewatering bilges below decks, steering failure, emergency radio procedures and any other disasters we could think of.
- We brought on two new captains and two new deckhands, successfully training them and integrating them into CTC's culture of safety.
- We participated in a drill with the Coast Guard at their command center, simulating a mass casualty rescue operation drill. It was a valuable learning experience for all of us.

Goals for 2022 include:

- Continue our high number of crew drills on the boats and increase the number of all-hands trainings.
- Work with the Coast Guard, local fire departments and other public safety agencies to host a mass casualty training.
- Continue to work with the Town of Chebeague and the Town of Yarmouth to find solutions for safer, more accessible access to our ferry.

Thanks to Beth and all our employees at CTC for continuing to keep our passengers and vessels safe!

Welcome Jim!

We are excited to introduce our new Office Manager, Jim Bembarski! Jim comes to us most recently from Lansing, Michigan, where he worked as a legislative aide in the Michigan House of Representatives. A graduate of Michigan State University, Jim brings his experience in public service, communications, along with an education that includes financial accounting. Jim currently lives in Harpswell and is happy to be back on the East Coast near friends and family. Please join us in welcoming Jim to the Chebeague community!

Annual Parking Permit Fees are due

in full by March 31. Customers who have not paid in full by that date will be required to pay the full fee when submitting 2023's application. To avoid being ticketed or towed, please make sure to have your 2022 sticker on your car!

Thanks!

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