

# ALASKA MARINE HIGHWAY SYSTEM



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### Summer 2022 Availability

Due to increased bookings for summer sailings, AMHS recommends travelers confirm reservations in advance of travel. Unlike previous years with limited travelers due to the pandemic, AMHS ferries are running at near or full capacity on many routes. Avoid getting left behind by booking online at [www.ferryalaska.com](http://www.ferryalaska.com) or call in advance for confirmed travel, 800-642-0066.

### We're Hiring!

Industry wide labor shortages continue to impact AMHS staffing levels. The management team is working hard to recruit crew members so AMHS can resume operating a larger fleet. We are working closely with the Dept. of Labor Job Centers and routinely attending state-wide job fairs; have established working groups with all three maritime unions; contracted with PeopleAK, a professional recruitment agency; and continue to advertise both in and out of state. Additionally, the state is now offering a \$5,000 hiring bonus for new Inlandboatman's Union (IBU) employees.



[Click here to see our current employment opportunities](#)

### The draft 2022/23 winter schedule will be available for review in early August.



### MV Tustumena Returns to Service

The *MV Tustumena's* Federal CIP project recently wrapped up at JAG Shipyard and the vessel returned to service in Southwest Alaska on July 16th. This Federal Project consisted of refurbishment of the vehicle lift systems, kingpost replacements, exterior vessel paint coating systems, piping renewals, new vehicle deck and exterior LED lights, dining room and public restroom flooring renewals. The vessels' stabilizer fins were also repaired which will provide passengers and crew with a more stable ride.

### Update on Prince Rupert

Bi-monthly communication with U.S. Customs and Border Protection along with Canadian Customs has been an ongoing process over the last year. AMHS was obligated to meet new U.S. and Canadian requirements in order to recommence service to Prince Rupert, which took place in June with the *Matanuska*. AMHS has two years to complete additional upgrades to the uplands and the terminal building interior. AMHS is also working with B.C. Ferries regarding shared use of the B.C. Ferries dock, which is relatively new. This arrangement would allow AMHS to discontinue using its current docking structure, which cannot be rebuilt using U.S. steel and federal dollars.



### MV Lituya Coatings Project

Ongoing painting and prep work are being performed for several overhaul work items. The initial coating of antifoulant was applied on July 8<sup>th</sup>. Rudders were removed, air tested and moved to the paint booth. The contractor has removed the forward blocking in preparation to replace obsolete depth sounding equipment with new through-hull fittings and fairings. All painting has been completed with the exception of minor touch ups. Minor annual overhaul work items that remain include removal of oily waste and water products, and thorough cleaning and inspection of the sewage system. AMHS anticipates the vessel will be relaunched on July 26th with all painting and underbody work complete. Minor additional repair work will continue while the vessel is moored dockside. The vessel is scheduled to return to service on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

### MV Hubbard Crew Quarters Installation

The *MV Hubbard* is in continued construction for the addition of crew quarters at the Vigor Alaska Shipyard in Ketchikan. The basic construction creates eight crew staterooms, adds a galley, scullery, and crew mess, as well as a dumbwaiter between the galley and passenger dining room. Work continues on electrical and mechanical systems, installation of insulation, revisions to vessel drainage systems and preparation for installation of new HVAC systems and interior finishes. The estimated project completion is Fall 2022.