



# Maine State Ferry Service Tariff No. 9\*

Naming  
Passenger Fares  
And  
Vehicle Rates and Charges  
Between

Rockland-Vinalhaven  
Rockland-Matinicus  
Lincolnville-Islesboro

Rockland-North Haven  
Bass Harbor-Swan's Island  
Bass Harbor-Frenchboro

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**ITEM NUMBER 1: Fares, Rates, and Charges**

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Fares, rates and charges apply only for the transportation of individual passengers and their hand baggage (as defined in Item 17), vehicles under their own power, vehicles not under their own power but under tow of a vehicle under its own power and bicycles.

Property loose, or not in a vehicle, or baggage in excess of hand baggage, will not be accepted for transportation except as otherwise specifically provided.

Tickets sold by the Maine State Ferry Service under this Tariff No. 9 (other than commuter tickets) do not have an expiration date. No refunds will be granted.

A “peak season” ticket (June 1 – September 30) may be used during the “off-peak season” (October 1 – May 31) though no refund for the difference will be issued. An “off-peak season” ticket may be used during the “peak season” by purchasing an additional off-peak upgrade ticket for the difference.

Expiration, Exchange or Upgrade of Tickets Purchased at Previous Tariff Rates:

A. Tickets sold prior to the Effective Date of Tariff 8 (May 21, 2018) expire as of the effective date of Tariff 9 on October 1, 2019.

B. Tickets sold under Tariff 8 (from May 21, 2018 – September 30, 2019) will be honored until September 30, 2020.

1) Regardless of the original purchase price or value of a round-trip ticket (or one-half of a ticket) in Tariff No. 8, there will be no cash or additional upgrade value for any portion of a ticket, and no refunds will be issued.

Fares, Rates and Charges are stated in dollars and cents, United States currency.

**ITEM NUMBER 2: Definition of Carrier**

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When the term “Carrier” is used in this tariff, it refers to the Maine State Ferry Service.

**ITEM NUMBER 3: Terms and Conditions**

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Transportation furnished on any tickets sold or honored by the carrier will be subject to the terms and conditions as set forth herein unless otherwise specifically provided on such tickets.

**ITEM NUMBER 4: Change of Schedules without Notice and Substitution of Vessels**

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Carrier reserves the right to deviate from or to cancel sailing schedules without notice when in its opinion scheduled operation is impractical or unsafe because of circumstances or conditions beyond its control. Carrier also reserves the right to substitute one vessel for another over any of the routes operated. If any of the above events occur, carrier assumes no liability for loss, damage or expense to patrons that may result therein.

**ITEM NUMBER 5: Landing of Passengers and/or Vehicles**

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When in the Captain’s opinion, safe landing cannot be made upon arrival of the vessel at a designated port of destination, passengers and/or vehicles may be landed at another port at which safe landing can be made.

Passengers and/or vehicles shall be deemed landed:

- A. Upon arrival of vessel at port of designated destination.
- B. When landed at any other port because of act of nature, misfortune to vessel, facility, captain, crew, and/or passengers.
- C. When voyage is abandoned for any cause and vessel returns to port of embarkation.

If, through an act of nature or other misfortune to vessel, facility, captain, crew, and/or passengers, carrier’s vessel fails to complete its voyage, neither the captain of the vessel nor the carrier shall be under any obligation to forward passengers or vehicles to the original destination. If voyage is not completed, complimentary tickets will be issued for all passengers and vehicles for a future voyage.

**ITEM NUMBER 6: Height, Width, Length and Weight Limitations**

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The following height, width, length and weight limitations apply on vessels and ramps:

VESSEL LIMITATIONS

	<u>Height</u>	<u>Width</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Centerline or Deck Weight</u>
M/V Margaret Chase Smith	15 ft.	10 ft	60 ft	179 tons deck
M/V Captain Henry Lee	14 ft	10½ ft	60 ft	105.5 tons deck
M/V Captain Neal Burgess	14 ft	10½ ft	60 ft	105.5 tons deck
M/V Captain Charles Philbrook	14 ft	10½ ft	60 ft	105.5 tons deck
M/V Governor Curtis	13 ft	9½ ft	60 ft	109.75 tons deck
M/V Everett Libby	13 ft	9 ft	60 ft	54 tons deck (no truck in excess of 30 tons)
M/V Frank E. Thompson	16 ft	10¼ ft	60 ft	135 tons deck

**NOTE:** Owners of vehicles exceeding the above limits should contact the appropriate terminal at least 72 hours in advance to make the necessary arrangements for transportation, if transporting the vehicle is deemed reasonable by the Maine State Ferry Service.

RAMP LIMITATIONS

Maine State Ferry Service ramps have a maximum height of 15 feet. Loads are limited to 90,000 lbs. with a single axle weight limited to 40,000 lbs and 2 axle combination limited to 50,000lbs. Exception: Matinicus and Frenchboro ramps are limited to 72,000 lbs. with a single axle weight limited to 32,000 lbs. NOTE: All tons refer to short tons (2,000lbs.).

**ITEM NUMBER 7: Medical or Surgical Treatment**

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Carrier shall neither be obligated to furnish nor be liable for care or maintenance of passengers or other persons while on its terminal property or vessels.

Carrier shall not be liable for the quality, nature or consequence of any medical or surgical treatment that may be administered to passengers on its terminal property or vessels.

**ITEM NUMBER 8: Liability**

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The provisions of the Maine Tort Claims Act, 14 M.R.S.A. §8101 *et seq.*, are specifically not waived by any of the following language. If the provisions of the Maine Tort Claims Act are found not to apply, unless it is shown that carrier's wrongful act or negligence, both or either, was the sole proximate cause of any injury, loss or damage, carrier shall not be liable for any injury, loss or damage that may result from an act of Nature, public enemy, restraint of rulers, quarantine, perils of the sea or other waters, latent defects in hull, boilers, propellers, piping, shafting or machinery; or for injury, loss or damage that may result from collision, stranding, fire, sanitary regulation or operation, explosion, accident to or breakdown of machinery or any propelling appliances, accident, navigation; or for any personal injury to passenger; or loss or damage to passengers' baggage or other property. Carrier will not assume any responsibility or liability for articles left on board its vessels or at its terminals by passengers; or for articles left in vehicles while in transit or at terminals. Carrier will not assume any responsibility or liability for vehicles or their contents while at terminals.

Under no circumstances will the carrier be liable for theft from the person or baggage of a passenger or pilferage or theft from any vehicle on carrier's vessels or terminals.

**ITEM NUMBER 9: Claim for Loss or Damage to Persons or Property**

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The provisions of the Maine Tort Claims Act, 14 M.R.S.A. §8101 *et seq.*, are specifically not waived by any of the following language. If the provisions of the Maine Tort Claims Act are found not to apply, all claims for loss of, damage to, or injury to person and/or property and for mis-delivery, short delivery or delay in delivery must be presented in writing within 10 days after such loss, or damage or injury occurs, disclosing fully the nature and extent of such loss, damage or injury, to the Manager of the Maine State Ferry Service in Rockland, Maine. Unless presented as provided above, all claims of whatsoever nature and extent shall be waived, and no suit shall be maintainable to recover the same. No suit shall in any event be maintainable against the carrier to recover such loss, damage or injury unless instituted within six months after giving written notice as herein provided. All claims for delay of shipment shall be waived and no suit be maintained, unless instituted within six months after the day of arrival of the vessel at port of discharge named herein or, in case of its non-arrival, within six months after the day of its scheduled arrival at said port. In case of any loss and/or damage for which the carrier shall be liable, the carrier shall, to the extent of such liability, have the full benefit of any insurance that may have been affected by the owner upon the goods lost or damaged, notwithstanding any underwriter is not obligated to make such payment.

**NOTE:** The handling of baggage by carrier will be as an accommodation only to the passenger. Carrier will not be liable for damage to or loss of such baggage whether by its negligence or otherwise, and no claim will be accepted or considered for such damage or loss.

**ITEM NUMBER 10: Right to Refuse Passage**

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Carrier reserves the right to:

- A. Limit the passengers and/or cargo to be carried on any trip.
- B. Refuse to transport a person who is apparently under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs. This does not apply to persons who are ill and accompanied by an attendant or nurse.
- C. Refuse to transport a person whose conduct may be objectionable or dangerous to other passengers, him or herself, or the vessel, Captain or crew.
- D. Refuse to transport a person who refuses to abide by the carrier's rules and regulations and/or those of the United States Coast Guard. For the purposes of this rule, being on the Carrier's property and/or in vehicle queue shall be considered intent to transport.
- E. Refuse to transport unsafe vehicles or vehicles that are too long or too low to transverse ramps and/or vessel without causing difficulties.
- F. Refuse to transport firearms/weapons including rifles, shotguns handguns, bows, crossbows etc. except under the following conditions:
  - 1. Firearms/weapons must be unloaded with their clips/ammunition removed.
  - 2. Firearms/weapons must be in carrying case (hard or soft cover).
  - 3. Firearms/weapons will not be displayed or handled while being transported.

This rule shall not apply to on duty law enforcement officers.

- G. Refuse to transport motorists who are inattentive during vehicle loading/unloading due to cell phone use, texting, etc.

The carrier shall not be liable for failure to transport under above circumstances.

**ITEM NUMBER 11: Refusal to Transport Vehicles Containing Dangerous or Objectionable Cargo**

Carrier reserves the right to inspect and to refuse any and all articles loaded in or on vehicles or vehicles that in carrier's opinion will jeopardize the safe operation of the vessel, or that carrier is not equipped to handle. Carrier also reserves the right to refuse to transport vehicles containing offensive or ill-smelling cargo and liquid, semi-liquid or other commodities not in tightly enclosed containers or tanks, precluding possibility of escaping odors or leakage from such vehicles. Carrier will not transport dangerous articles prohibited by law or the United States Coast Guard.

Caterpillar type or other such heavy equipment (except on rubber tired wheels) will not be accepted for transportation unless loaded on truck or trailer in tow of vehicle under its own power.

**ITEM NUMBER 12: Priority Transportation and Reserved Spaces****Priority Transportation:**

The following vehicles/equipment, and others when so designated by the Maine State Ferry Service, when being operated under emergency conditions and when returning from such emergencies will be provided priority transportation on scheduled trips ahead of all other vehicles. Vehicles and equipment are subject to appropriate tariff charges.

- Fire Fighting Vehicles/Equipment
- Law Enforcement Vehicles
- Rescue Vehicles/Equipment
- Ambulances
- Hearses
- Postal Service Vehicles

**RESERVATIONS REQUESTED LESS THAN ONE MONTH IN ADVANCE:** Requests for reserved spaces with less than a one month notice will be sold based on availability.



**ITEM NUMBER 12: Priority Transportation and Reserved Spaces (cont.)**

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**RESERVATIONS REQUESTED ONE MONTH IN ADVANCE:** Reservations to transport vehicles and trucks may be requested up to one month in advance of travel date. However, requests must be received at least two hours before scheduled departure.

When two consecutive months have an unequal number of days, reservations will be granted as follows:

Reservations for March 29 through March 31 may be purchased on the last day of February.

Reservations for May 31 may be purchased on April 30.

Reservations for July 31 may be purchased on June 30.

Reservations for October 31 may be purchased on September 30.

Reservations for December 31 may be purchased on November 30.

Return reservations may be made at the same time as long as the return travel date is within one month of the date the reservation is made and the appropriate tickets purchased.

Requests for reserved space will not be accepted prior to the opening to the public of both the mainland and island terminal from which the travel will take place. Upon opening of the terminals to the public, reservations will be granted as follows:

A. First Priority: Walk-in reservations will be accepted on a first come first served basis.

B. Second Priority: Requests for reservations received via phone (charge customer with no outstanding balance over 60 days or credit card) will be processed starting at 9:30 a.m. daily.

**ITEM NUMBER 12: Priority Transportation and Reserved Spaces (cont.)**

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Space will be reserved on each trip according to the vessel in operation at the time on the route served as follows:

<u>Vessel</u>	<u>Autos</u>	<u>Trucks</u>
M/V Margaret Chase Smith	4	2
M/V Captain Henry Lee	4	2
M/V Captain Neal Burgess	4	1
M/V Captain Charles Philbrook	4	2
M/V Governor Curtis	4	2
M/V Everett Libby	4	1
M/V North Haven	3	1

**VEHICLE RESERVATION FEES:**

**Islesboro: \$20.00 One Way**

**Swans Island, Frenchboro, North Haven, Vinalhaven: \$12.00 One Way**

**Matinicus: \$90.00 includes Round Trip Vehicle and driver**

The fare for transporting the vehicle must be paid in full at or before the time the reservation is paid. (Exception: Those requesting a reservation to or from Matinicus have up to 7 consecutive days to pay for their transportation charges).

If the Maine State Ferry Service cancels a scheduled trip for any reason, reservations on the canceled trip will hold priority on any subsequent scheduled trip only after reservations for that particular trip have been accommodated. Individuals holding reservations on a canceled trip may transfer that reservation to a subsequent trip without an additional reservation fee, provided this request is made within 72 hours of the canceled trip and the trip is made, within the limitations of the ticket.

Reservations are transferable to another person with at least 24-hour notification to the terminal from which the travel is to take place. Automobile & truck reservations are not interchangeable.

**ITEM NUMBER 12: Priority Transportation and Reserved Spaces (cont.)**

If a reservation is not used, customers will forfeit their reservation fee. The vehicle portion of the ticket will be held in the terminal for 90 days. If the ticket is not claimed within the time limit, it will be discarded. **NOTE:** Requests to have the ticket forwarded will be honored if a stamped self-addressed envelope is provided.

When purchasing a truck reservation, it is very important to indicate the exact length of the truck. Refunds or credit will not be issued if a reservation is made for a longer truck than the truck being transported. If a reservation is confirmed for a certain truck length, but the ticket needs to be upgraded to accommodate a longer truck, it will be done so only if there is room on the vessel without bumping someone else. If the reservation cannot be upgraded, no refunds or credit will be issued.

Reservations are not to be monopolized. No individual or organization may monopolize available reservations for extended periods of time without prior authorization from the ferry service manager. Terminals are to notify the manager when reservations are being monopolized. Manager will confer with Town advisory board members when monopolization is suspected. When the manager, in consultation with the Town advisory board members, determines that reservations are being monopolized, the reservations will be cancelled and the individual or organization notified. Truck/vehicle tickets, as well as reservation fees, may be forfeited if an individual or firm does not use the reservation.

**MUNICIPAL PRIORITY:**

Each municipality is authorized to arrange priority transportation in support of town projects through the Rockland terminal. (Swan's Island & Islesboro will arrange priorities through their local terminal)

**ISLAND SPECIFIC INFORMATION:****A. FRENCHBORO:**

Individuals may make reservations by calling the Bass Harbor terminal

**B. ISLESBORO:**

Individuals may make reservations by calling the Islesboro or Lincolnville Terminal.

**ITEM NUMBER 12: Priority Transportation and Reserved Spaces (cont.)**

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**C. MATINICUS:**

Reservations may be made up to three months in advance. Matinicus Recycling may make one truck reservation per trip up to four months in advance. Customers may request reservations by calling the Rockland terminal. To confirm a reservation, the entire fee for the vehicle must be received by the Rockland office within one week of the telephone call or the reservation will be forfeited. The entire fee is nonrefundable (unless the trip is canceled by the Maine State Ferry Service) and the ticket will not be honored on any other trip. A reservation may be transferred to another trip, at no additional cost, provided at least a two-week notice is given in advance of scheduled departure of original trip and space is available on the requested trip.

**D. NORTH HAVEN:**

There will be only one truck reservation on vessels serving North Haven. Commercial customers in good standing may make reservations up to 60 days in advance of the date they wish to travel provided they meet the following conditions:

- (1) Must be a regular provider of perishable commodities for retail sale on the island.
- (2) Reservations must be used to transport such commodities. Only one 60-day reservation per customer each way per week is allowed.
- (3) The weekly reservation shall be on the following trips: Thursday, 3:45 p.m. leaving North Haven and Friday, 9:30 a.m. leaving Rockland.

Commercial customers exercising the 60-day reservation must provide evidence of continued eligibility upon demand of the Maine State Ferry Service.

**E. SWAN'S ISLAND:**

1) Fishing Industry Reservations are authorized for Swan's Island based fishing businesses (as determined in writing by the Swan's Island Selectman) for a third truck reservation on any scheduled trip contingent on space availability after regular reservations have been sold. The priority must be confirmed in person at the Swan's Island Terminal a minimum of 24 hours prior to the scheduled departure and will be issued on a "first come-first served" basis.

Forfeiture of Reservation Fees: If a reservation is canceled, the reservation fee will be forfeited. The vehicle portion of the reservation ticket will be held at the terminal for ninety days. If a stamped self-addressed envelope is provided, the ticket will be mailed as requested.

**ITEM NUMBER 12: Priority Transportation and Reserved Spaces (cont.)**

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F. VINALHAVEN:

(1) The following reservations are authorized:

Leaving Vinalhaven

- 1<sup>st</sup> Trip - 4 cars, 1 transferable Town of Vinalhaven Priority (see paragraph F (4) (b))
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Trip - 4 cars and 2 trucks
- 4<sup>th</sup> Trip - 1 mail van (Sat only)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Trip - 4 cars, 1 truck, 1 mail van (Mon-Fri), and 1 fishing industry truck priority

Leaving Rockland

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Trip - 4 cars, 1 truck and 1 fishing industry truck priority
- 4<sup>th</sup> Trip - 4 cars 1 truck, and one 20-foot Parcel Delivery Truck
- 6<sup>th</sup> Trip - 4 cars 1 truck, plus 1 transferable priority for Town of Vinalhaven

Transfer limited to a Vinalhaven based fuel company oil truck if the oil truck has been unable to get passage on the previous two trips. Driver must be in line and prepared to board the 4th trip. Driver must notify Terminal Agent of their position in line prior to the departure of the 4th trip and the truck cannot be moved except to advance in line.

**ITEM NUMBER 12: Priority Transportation and Reserved Spaces (cont.)**

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**(2) NON-RESERVATION BOAT PRIORITIES**

On a day designated by Vinalhaven Town Officials:

The first boat leaving Rockland and second boat leaving Vinalhaven will have a priority for a trash or demolition truck. The town must notify the Vinalhaven terminal of the size of the truck being used by 3:15 p.m. two days prior to travel.

The second boat leaving Vinalhaven and 5th boat leaving Rockland on Tuesdays will have two (2) bottle gas priorities which must be claimed by 3:15 p.m. two days prior to travel. Companies not utilizing this schedule for the transporting of propane, without prior approval from Ferry Service manager, will be charged for the number of spaces used to transport their product (generally five spaces plus the cost of transporting the truck and driver).

**(3) COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS QUALIFICATIONS-**

Commercial customers in good standing (no outstanding balances due over 60 days) may make reservations either 45 or 60 days in advance of the date they wish to travel if they meet the following qualifications:

a.) 60 Days-must have made 10 or more crossings in the previous seven-day period and must be a regular provider of perishable commodities (groceries, produce, etc.) for retail sales on the island and intend to use the reservation for the transportation of these commodities. Two 60-day reservations each way per day are authorized.

For the period of January 1 to March 31 one of the 60-day reservations will be a 30-day reservation for any truck, without provisions for perishables or a specific number of crossings. On April 1, it reverts to a 60-day reservation. The previous holder does not need to remain qualified during the 3-month period of January through March but will retain the 60-day reservation and must remain qualified upon resuming the reservation on April 1.

b.) 45 Days-must have made 8 or more crossings in the previous 7 days. Two 45-day reservations each way is authorized (including the Parcel Delivery reservation). This reservation will be a shared seasonal reservation utilized by the Vinalhaven fuel dealers, combined, from September 16 through March 16. From March 17 through September 15, this will be an open reservation. The holder as of the previous September 15 will not have to re-qualify on March 17 but from March 17 on must continue to qualify.

**COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS EXERCISING THE 45- OR 60-DAY RESERVATION MUST PROVIDE EVIDENCE OF CONTINUED ELIGIBILITY UPON DEMAND BY THE MAINE STATE FERRY SERVICE.**

**ITEM NUMBER 12: Priority Transportation and Reserved Spaces (cont.)**

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**(4) FISHING INDUSTRY PRIORITY**

a.) There shall be two priorities per day (one on the second trip and one on the fifth trip) on the Vinalhaven based boat for the fishing industry. The priority must be confirmed in person at the Vinalhaven terminal before 5:30 a.m. the day prior to travel and will be issued on a first come, first served basis. To qualify for use of this priority, the customer must be a Vinalhaven based fishing business and be a taxpayer of the Town of Vinalhaven. The Maine State Ferry Service will require a letter from the Town of Vinalhaven authorizing use of this priority.

b.) Transferable Town of Vinalhaven Priority: There shall be established one 35-foot truck reservation leaving on the first boat from Vinalhaven for the use of Town of Vinalhaven. This priority must be claimed by 2:45 p.m. two days before they wish to exercise the priority. If the priority is not claimed by Town of Vinalhaven, it may be claimed by any other person for a truck, not to exceed 35 feet, by 3:15 p.m. two days prior to travel. This priority must be claimed in person at the Vinalhaven terminal.

**ITEM NUMBER 13: Towing Vehicles off Vessels**

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If, because of dead batteries, flat tires or other physical disability, a motor vehicle cannot be discharged from vessels under its own power and it is necessary for the Carrier to obtain towing service to discharge the vehicle, charge for the service will be the liability of the owner of the disabled vehicle and must be paid directly to the towing service company by the vehicle owner.

**ITEM NUMBER 14: Transportation of Livestock**

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Livestock will be transported at Carrier's convenience and only in adequate motor vehicle equipment. Carrier will assume no liability for livestock while on vessels or at terminals. Vehicles transporting livestock must be properly enclosed to prevent spillage or otherwise create an unsanitary condition on vessels.

**ITEM NUMBER 15: Transportation of Household Pets**

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Household domesticated pets will be transported without charge when accompanied by passenger on foot or in vehicles. Such pets will be transported entirely at risk of the owner who will be required to take care of, clean up after and safeguard them while on vessels or at terminals. All pets must be held secure by leash, crate, cage or otherwise adequately restrained.

**ITEM NUMBER 16: Transportation of Corpses**

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Corpses will be transported in vehicle only. Such transportation will be considered in the rates and charges applicable to the vehicle.

**ITEM NUMBER 17: Definition of Hand Baggage and Allowance**

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The term “Hand Baggage” as used herein means the baggage, personal effects or other property of passengers taking passage on Carrier’s vessels. Only such baggage, personal effects or other property as can be handled by the passenger making one trip on board the vessel on which he or she is to take passage will be carried as part of the value of the passenger ticket.

Baby strollers, carts, wagons, and other oversized/bulky items may be carried without charge, when space is available as determined by the Captain but the item must not constitute a hazard due to blocking safe, rapid egress from vehicles and/or passenger cabins.

In no case will the following large and bulky items, including but not limited to, long ladders, extension ladders, beds, bed springs, mattresses, cribs, any and all types of bicycles, kayaks, canoes, lawn mowers, and outboard motors, be considered as part of the passenger fare. The transportation of these types of items must be arranged for by the passenger via a separate common carrier, freight or express service.

Passengers in vehicles may carry baggage or other property in such amounts as can be reasonably loaded in or securely fastened on vehicles when such vehicles have been assigned charges specified herein.

Carrier does not maintain a checked baggage service. The handling of baggage by Carrier will be as an accommodation only to the passenger.

Carrier reserves the right to refuse any and all articles of baggage or other property that in the opinion of the Carrier, Agent or Captain of the vessel will, or may jeopardize the vessel’s safe operation or that the carrier is not equipped to handle. Dangerous articles prohibited by law will not be carried.

Carrier’s liability for the loss or damage to baggage, personal effects or other property will be limited to that provided in Items 8 and 9 of this Tariff.



**ITEM NUMBER 18: Definition of Passenger Fares**

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ADULT FARES: Adult fares are for passengers age eighteen and older.

MINOR FARES: Children under six years of age are free of charge. Children six to seventeen years of age will be charged the minor fare. Children twelve and under must be accompanied by a parent or adult guardian, who shall be considered to be eighteen years or older.

STUDENT FARES: Free use of scheduled ferry service is granted to the towns North Haven, Vinalhaven, Islesboro, Swan's Island, Frenchboro and Matinicus for:

- a) Regular School Days: Students (and a chaperone if a child is under the age of 12) and school employees living on the mainland and attending a school/working at a school on an island, or vice-versa, will be granted one round-trip ticket per school day.
- b) School Functions: Students and their adult supervisors may use the ferry for transportation as part of a school function or school sponsored activity. Students are classified as children attending nursery school or day care centers and children attending public or private schools approved by the State to educate students from grades kindergarten through grade 12.
- c) Accompanying Staff: 1 staff member for every 5 students (or fraction thereof) shall be granted free passage as part of a school function or school sponsored activity.
- d) Inter-School Trips: Trips made by students from mainland schools for the purpose of visiting the school of the towns mentioned above.

All vehicles used to transport students, faculty members, and adult supervisors as defined herein will be subject to applicable tariff charges.

Each semester, the superintendent or principal of the school will present the names and addresses of commuters to the nearest Terminal Agent. Also, a list will be submitted for each school function. Schools will submit a transportation form at least 24 hours in advance of travel to the appropriate terminal.

RETIRED MAINE STATE FERRY SERVICE EMPLOYEES: Retired Maine State Ferry Service employees are granted complimentary walk-on passage on all vessels. A pass, issued by the Rockland office, is required to qualify for complimentary walk-on passage.

**ITEM NUMBER 19: Definition of Motorcycle Fares**

“Motorcycle” means a motorcycle, a motorized scooter, a moped, or a motorized bicycle or tricycle (all as defined in 29-A M.R.S. § 101).

Rates and charges for motorcycles include the transportation of the motorcycle, and the driver between named points. Driver is responsible to protect the motorcycle and its contents during passage. All other persons accompanying the motorcycle will be charged the appropriate passenger fare.

**ITEM NUMBER 20: Definition of Vehicle Fares**

“Vehicle” means a motor vehicle (excluding motorcycles) with four tires or less *and* Overall Length 20 feet or less *and* be one of the following types: Automobiles, Station Wagons, Vans, Mini-Vans, Pickup Trucks, Golf Carts, Fork Lifts, Riding Lawn Mowers, Small Garden Tractors or All-Terrain Vehicles.

Rates and charges for vehicles include the transportation of the vehicle, loaded or empty, and the driver between named points. Driver is responsible to protect the vehicle and its contents during passage. All other persons accompanying such vehicles will be charged the appropriate passenger fare.

Vehicles towing trailers, mounting snow plows or carrying equipment that extends either front or back will be assessed the appropriate per foot charge for the total length beyond 20 feet.

Vehicles with four wheels or less that exceed 20 feet will be assessed the appropriate per foot charge for the length exceeding 20 feet.

Vehicles with four wheels or less that are 20 feet or less and are not one of the vehicle types listed above will be assessed the appropriate per foot charge for their length.

**ITEM NUMBER 21: Definition of Truck Fares**

“Truck” means a motor vehicle or combination with more than four tires OR Total Length of more than 20 feet OR *are not* one of the following types: Automobiles, Station Wagons, Vans, Mini-Vans, Pickup Trucks, Golf Carts, Fork Lifts, Riding Lawn Mowers, Small Garden Tractors or All-Terrain Vehicles.

Rates and charges for trucks include the transportation of the truck, loaded or empty, between named points. Driver is responsible to protect the truck and its contents during passage. All other persons accompanying the truck will be charged the appropriate passenger fare.

The fare is per every foot, bumper to bumper, or including any trailers, plows, racks etc.

**ITEM NUMBER 22: Rates and Charges for Ambulances and Hearses**

Rates described in Items Number 20 or 21 apply to Ambulances and Hearses but include the vehicle, driver, patient(s) or corpse(s) and up to two attendants at no extra charge.

**ITEM NUMBER 23: Special Trips and Emergency Trips****SPECIAL TRIPS:**

Carrier will make Special Trips, weather permitting subject to the provisions of Items 4, 6, and 11. Special Trips will be provided only in those instances when the characteristics of the transportation warrant and cannot be handled in regularly scheduled service.

Prior arrangements including the number of passengers and number of vehicles must be made at the Maine State Ferry Service Rockland office. Charges cover round trip passage only when patrons and/or equipment use the return trip, otherwise the Maine State Ferry Service may utilize this trip.

From May 1 through October 31, only Special Trips that are considered essential to the islands will be authorized. The Manager of the Maine State Ferry Service will determine what constitutes an essential trip.

Charges for Special Trips are as follows:

<u>Route</u>	<u>Municipal Authorization</u>	<u>All Other Special Trips</u>
Lincolntonville/Islesboro	\$477.00	\$877.00
Bass Harbor/Swan's Island	\$565.00	\$965.00
Bass Harbor/Frenchboro	\$654.00	\$1,054.00
Rockland/Vinalhaven	\$816.00	\$1,216.00
Rockland/North Haven	\$719.00	\$1,119.00
Rockland/Matinicus	\$1158.00	\$1,558.00

Any Special Trip that operates off the normal route, i.e., Rockland to Islesboro, etc., will be charged at the rate of \$300.00 per hour or portion thereof for the duration of the Special Trip plus 30 minutes with a minimum charge of 4 hours. Special Trips to locations not being served by the Maine State Ferry Service are prohibited.

**ITEM NUMBER 23: Special Trips and Emergency Trips (cont.)**

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**EMERGENCY TRIPS:**

Carrier will make Emergency Trips contingent on crew availability, weather and subject to provisions of Items 4, 6 and 11 for the following purposes:

- 1) To transport sick or injured persons from Islands when a properly authorized person such as a doctor, nurse, licensed EMT, ambulance attendant or town official requests the Captain of the vessel to operate such a trip. An ambulance returning from an Emergency Trip will not be charged an additional fee and will be given priority over other vehicles.
- 2) To deliver or return fire apparatus, fire persons in uniform and/or call persons of fire departments wearing badges that are responding to or returning from an emergency when a properly authorized person such as fire department officers, town officials or dispatcher requests the Captain of the vessel to operate such a trip. Fire equipment or fire persons returning on a scheduled trip will be charged the regular fare. Fire equipment will be given priority over other vehicles.
- 3) For the purpose of public safety, when requested and authorized by a town official. Public safety vehicles returning on a scheduled trip will be charged the regular fee but will be given priority over other vehicles.
- 4) Emergency Trips Fees will be charged to the individual towns requesting the emergency trips at the following rates:

<u>Route</u>	<u>Emergency Trip Fee</u>
Vinalhaven to Rockland	\$650.00
North Haven to Rockland	\$650.00
Islesboro to Lincolnville	\$650.00
Swan’s Island to Bass Harbor	\$650.00

Emergency Trips Fees will only be applicable for emergency trips which are unscheduled and do not coincide with regularly scheduled trips.

**ITEM NUMBER 24: Medical Priorities**

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Medical Priorities will be granted under the following conditions. Priority transportation for passengers and vehicles will be provided on scheduled trips ahead of all other vehicles.

1. All medical priorities will be made by or cleared through a doctor, physician's assistant, registered nurse, practical nurse, EMT or appropriate medical personnel in charge of patients care.
2. If a reservation is available, no priority will be issued.
3. Priorities will be limited to patients only. (Priorities may be issued to individuals picking up patients, provided the patient's condition warrants immediate pickup and return to the island.)
4. Priorities will not be issued for routine appointments (i.e., dental, eye care, physicals, etc.).
5. Priorities will not be issued for return trip to the island unless medically necessary as authorized by a doctor, nurse or physician's assistant.
6. In accordance with Sec. 1. 23 MRSA §4407, residents of the islands served by the Ferry Service are eligible for free ferry passage to and from the mainland for appointments pertaining to a catastrophic illness. Applications are available at the terminals or online.

**ITEM NUMBER 25: Fares Pertaining to Passengers**

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Passenger tickets are available at all mainland and island terminals as round-trip only and are origin/destination based for Islesboro and Matinicus. Passenger tickets for Swans's Island, Frenchboro, North Haven and Vinalhaven are not origin/destination based, meaning both portions of a round-trip ticket may be used in any combination effectively for one passenger to take 2 one-way rides between Bass Harbor and Swan's Island, Bass Harbor and Frenchboro, Rockland and North Haven or Rockland and Vinalhaven.

**LINCOLNVILLE - ISLESBORO:**

	October 1 - May 31	June 1 - September 30
Adult	\$8.00	\$13.00
Commuter *	\$32.00	\$52.00
Minor	\$4.00	\$9.00

**BASS HARBOR - SWANS ISLAND****BASS HARBOR - FRENCHBORO****ROCKLAND - NORTH HAVEN**

or

**ROCKLAND - VINALHAVEN:**

	October 1 - May 31	June 1 - September 30
Adult	\$12.50	\$17.50
Commuter *	\$50.00	\$70.00
Minor	\$6.25	\$11.25

**ROCKLAND - MATINICUS:**

	Year Round
Adult	\$25.00
Minor	\$12.50

\* Commuter: Five commuter tickets may be purchased for the price of 4 regular tickets. Commuter tickets are non-transferable, may be used for no more than one round trip per day, and expire if not used within 7 days after the first of the 5 commuter tickets is used.

**ITEM NUMBER 26: Fares Pertaining to Vehicles\* and Motorcycles**

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Vehicle and Motorcycle tickets are available at all mainland and island terminals as round-trip only and are origin/destination based for Islesboro and Matinicus. Vehicle and Motorcycle tickets for Swans's Island, Frenchboro, North Haven and Vinalhaven are not origin/destination based, meaning both portions of a round-trip ticket may be used at any combination effectively for one vehicle to take 2 one-way rides between Bass Harbor and Swan's Island, Bass Harbor and Frenchboro, Rockland and North Haven or Rockland and Vinalhaven.

Vehicle and Motorcycle tickets include the driver.

**LINCOLNVILLE - ISLESBORO:**

	October 1 - May 31	June 1 - September 30
Vehicle	\$22.00	\$29.50
Motorcycle	\$17.50	\$23.75
Reservation	\$20.00	\$20.00

**BASS HARBOR - SWANS ISLAND****BASS HARBOR - FRENCHBORO****ROCKLAND - NORTH HAVEN**

or

**ROCKLAND - VINALHAVEN:**

	October 1 - May 31	June 1 - September 30
Vehicle	\$31.00	\$38.50
Motorcycle	\$24.25	\$30.50
Reservation	\$12.00	\$12.00

**ROCKLAND - MATINICUS:**

	Year Round
Vehicle includes Reservation	\$90.00
Motorcycle	\$50.00

\*As defined in Item 20. The per foot charge for length beyond 20 feet is the same as the per foot Truck fare in item 27.

**ITEM NUMBER 27: Fares Pertaining to Trucks**

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Truck tickets are available at all mainland and island terminals as round-trip only and are origin/destination based for Islesboro and Matinicus. Truck tickets for Swans’s Island, Frenchboro, North Haven and Vinalhaven are not origin/destination based, meaning both portions of a round-trip ticket may be used at any combination effectively for one truck to take 2 one-way rides between Bass Harbor and Swan’s Island, Bass Harbor and Frenchboro, Rockland and North Haven or Rockland and Vinalhaven.

Truck tickets do not include the driver.

LINCOLNVILLE - ISLESBORO:

	October 1 - May 31	June 1 - September 30
Truck per foot	\$4.00	\$4.50

BASS HARBOR - SWANS ISLAND

BASS HARBOR - FRENCHBORO

ROCKLAND - NORTH HAVEN

or

ROCKLAND - VINALHAVEN:

	October 1 - May 31	June 1 - September 30
Truck per foot	\$4.25	\$4.75

ROCKLAND - MATINICUS:

Year Round:	One Way	Round Trip
Truck per foot:	\$5.75	\$7.00

\*As defined in Item Number 21.



**ITEM NUMBER 28: Fares Pertaining to Bicycles**

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Bicycle tickets are available at all mainland and island terminals as round-trip only and are origin/destination based for Islesboro and Matinicus. Bicycle tickets for Swans's Island, Frenchboro, North Haven and Vinalhaven are not origin/destination based, meaning both portions of a round-trip ticket may be used at any combination effectively for one passenger with a bicycle to take 2 one-way rides between Bass Harbor and Swan's Island, Bass Harbor and Frenchboro, Rockland and North Haven or Rockland and Vinalhaven.

Bicycle tickets include a rider and are for bicycles as defined in 29-A M.R.S. § 101(9), including upright bicycles/tricycles, recumbent bicycles/tricycles, and tandem cycles.

A trailer pulled behind a bicycle will be charged the Minor Bike fare.

**LINCOLNVILLE - ISLESBORO:**

	October 1 - May 31	June 1 - September 30
Adult Bicycle	\$13.00	\$18.00
Minor Bicycle	\$9.00	\$14.00

**BASS HARBOR - SWANS ISLAND****BASS HARBOR - FRENCHBORO****ROCKLAND - NORTH HAVEN**

or

**ROCKLAND - VINALHAVEN:**

	October 1 - May 31	June 1 - September 30
Adult Bicycle	\$17.50	\$22.50
Minor Bicycle	\$11.25	\$16.25

**ROCKLAND - MATINICUS:**

	Year Round
Adult Bicycle	\$30.00
Minor Bicycle	\$17.50

**ITEM NUMBER 29: Parking Lot Fees**

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**Parking Lot Fees:**

Carrier operates Parking Lots at Bass Harbor, Rockland and Lincolnville. Parking charges are in effect from May 15 – October 15 for Lincolnville and Bass Harbor. Parking charges are in effect year-round in Rockland.

**Vehicles Parked:****Parking fees May 15 – October 15 for Lincolnville & Bass Harbor-**

**\$10.00:** For a period of 24 consecutive hours or fraction thereof and for each succeeding 24-hour period or fraction thereof.

**\$50.00:** For a period of 7 consecutive days and for each 7 consecutive day period thereafter.

**\$95.00:** For a period of 30 consecutive days and for each 30 consecutive day period thereafter.

**\$250.00:** For the Summer Season (May 15 to October 15)

**Parking fees year-round for Rockland only-**

**\$10.00:** For a period of 24 consecutive hours or fraction thereof and for each succeeding 24-hour period or fraction thereof.

**\$50.00:** For a period of 7 consecutive days and for each consecutive day period thereafter.

**\$95.00:** For a period of 30 consecutive days and for each 30 consecutive day period thereafter.

**\$135.00:** For a period of 90 consecutive days and for each 90 consecutive period thereafter.

**\$175.00:** For the Winter Season (Day after Labor Day to May 14)

**\$87.50 COLLEGE STUDENTS\*:** For the Winter Season (Day after Labor Day to May 14). \*College Students must present a valid, current college ID to qualify for the reduced rate.

**\$325.00:** Year-Round (May 15 to May 14)

Parking Permits must always be visible to the attendant while the vehicle is parked at a ferry service facility. If permits are not clearly visible, daily parking rates will apply.

**ITEM NUMBER 30: Docking Fees**

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**Docking Fees:** The following Docking Fees will be charged for all vessels utilizing the Maine State Ferry Service dock in Rockland:

1. Small Vessel (under 60'): **\$75.00** per day or fraction thereof.
2. Small Fishing Vessels (under 60'): **\$38.00** per day or fraction thereof.
3. Large Vessel (60' or over): **\$150.00** per day or fraction thereof.

The loading or unloading of commercial products and/or passengers at this facility is prohibited.

NOTE: Vessels providing scheduled ferry service to Matinicus will not be charged any fee while engaged in this service and are authorized to load and unload passengers and their baggage.