

# Maine State Ferry Service



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- Maine Statute:
- **§4401. Ferry service for North Haven, Vinalhaven, Islesboro, Matinicus Isle, Swan's Island and Frenchboro**

It is the duty of the Department of Transportation to operate a ferry route or routes between the mainland and the towns of North Haven, Vinalhaven, Islesboro, Matinicus Isle and Swan's Island for the purpose of transporting vehicles, freight and passengers to and from these towns, and the department may operate the ferry route or routes to and from Frenchboro. Ferry service to Matinicus Isle must be at least 12 times per year and may be up to 36 times per year and may be provided by state-owned or privately contracted vessels. These ferry routes are designated as the "Maine State Ferry Service."



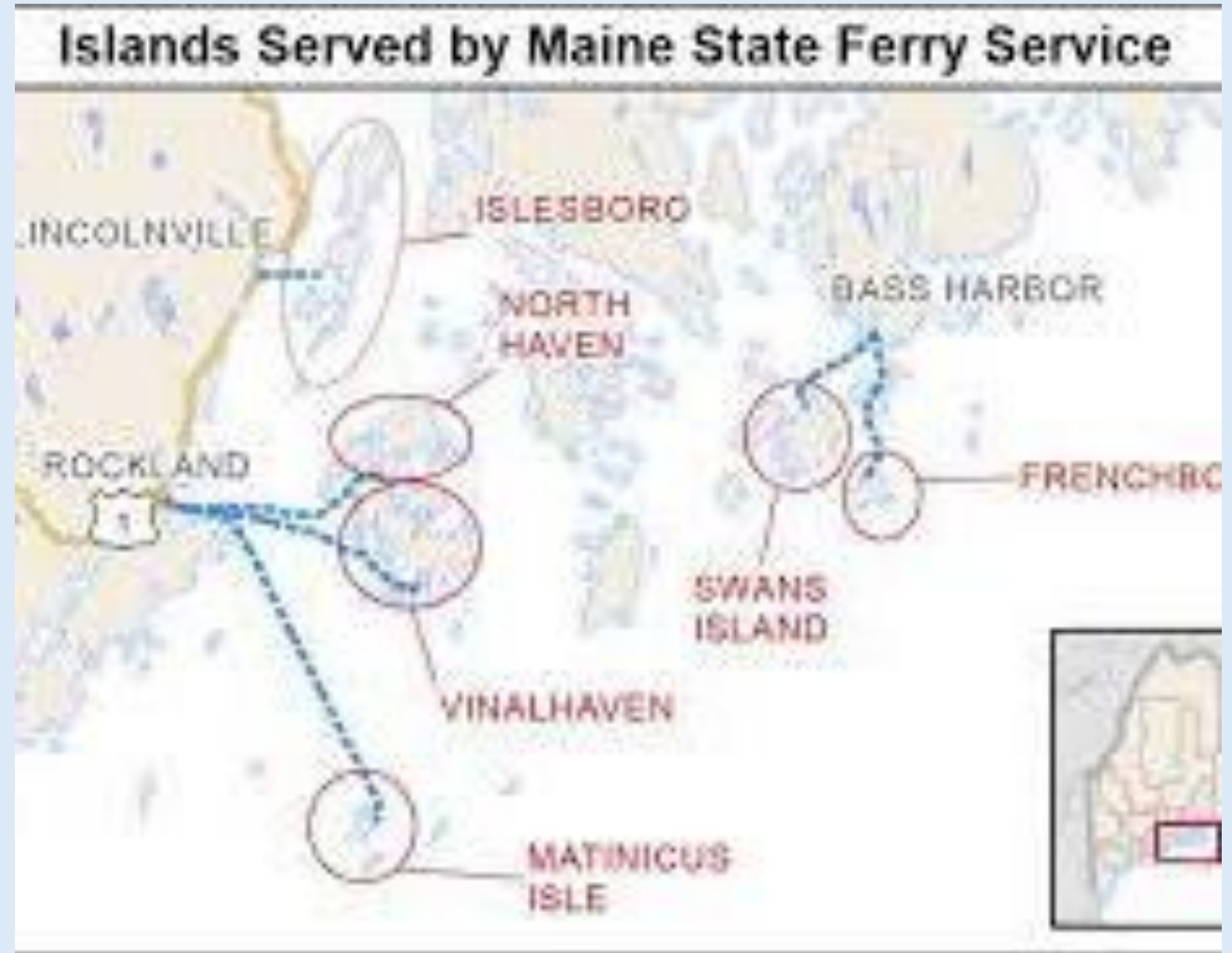
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## Islands serviced out of Rockland (MSFS HQ):

**Matinicus:** Up to 36 per year – not a dedicated crew. Crossing is 23 miles and takes about 2 hours and 15 minutes. Approximately 53 year-round residents. Currently no school children.

**Vinalhaven:** 2 ferries for this island. 6 round trips per day per ferry for total of 12 round trips per day. Crossing is 15 miles and takes about 1 hour and 10 mins. Approximately 1,200 year-round residents. K-12 school.

**North Haven:** 1 ferry with 3 round trips per day. Crossing is 12.5 miles and takes about 1 hour and 10 mins. Approximately 400 year-round residents. K-12 school.







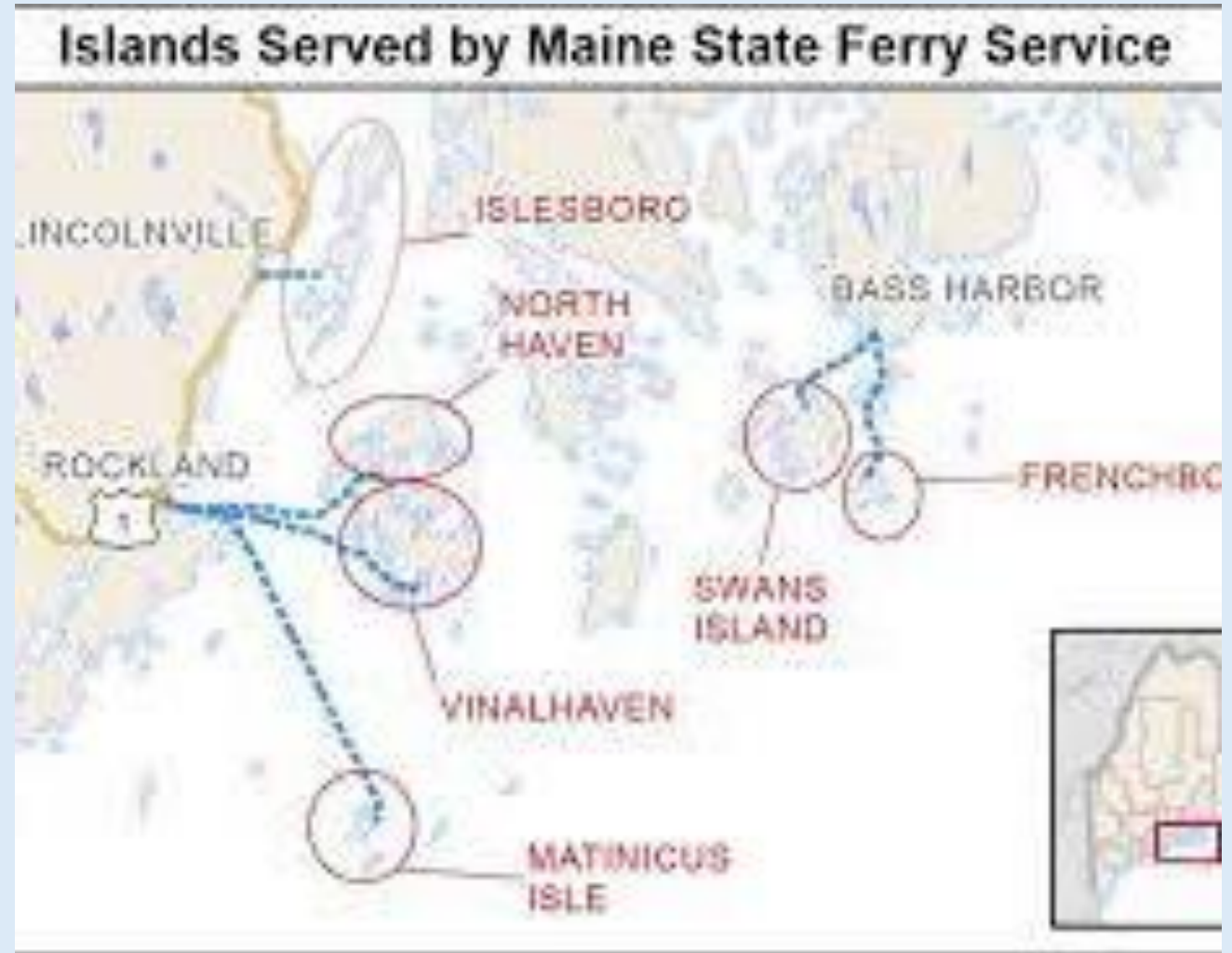
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## Islands serviced from other locations:

**Islesboro:** Serviced from Lincolnville. 1 ferry for this island. 9 round trips per day. Crossing is 3 miles and takes about 20 minutes. Approximately 550 year-round residents. K-12 school.

**Swan's Island:** Serviced from Bass Harbor. 1 ferry for this island. Most complicated schedule as it shares the same ferry with Frenchboro. Roughly 6 round trips per day. Crossing is 6 miles and takes about 40 mins. Approximately 300 year-round residents. K-8 school. High school need to take ferry to mainland.

**Frenchboro:** Serviced from Bass Harbor. 1 ferry (shared with Swan's) only trips on Weds, Thurs and Sun. Crossing is 8 miles and takes about 50 mins. Approximately 37 year-round residents. K-8 school (currently none).





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## **M/V Margaret Chase Smith**

Built: 1987

Length: 166 feet

HP: 1200

Passenger seating: 164

Vehicle capacity: 30

Services Islesboro out of  
Lincolnville.





# Maine State Ferry Service

## **M/V Captain Henry Lee**

Built: 1992

Length: 130 feet

HP: 804

Passenger seating: 60

Vehicle capacity: 17

Services Swan's Island and  
Frenchboro out of Bass Harbor.







# Maine State Ferry Service

## **M/V Captain Neal Burgess**

Built: 1993

Length: 130 feet

HP: 804

Passenger seating: 60

Vehicle capacity: 17

Services North Haven out of  
Rockland





# Maine State Ferry Service

## **M/V Captain Charles Philbrook**

Built: 1993

Length: 130 feet

HP: 804

Passenger seating: 60

Vehicle capacity: 17

Spare ferry used as needed.



The Captain Charles Philbrook





# Maine State Ferry Service

## **M/V Captain E. Frank Thompson**

Built: 2012

Length: 154 feet

HP: 1700

Passenger seating: 168

Vehicle capacity: 23

The “Day Boat” from Rockland to  
Vinalhaven.





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## **M/V Richard Spear**

Built: 2020

Length: 154 feet

HP: 1500

Passenger seating: 135

Vehicle capacity: 23



Services Vinalhaven and  
Rockland.



# Maine State Ferry Service

## **M/V Charles Norman Shay**

Built: 2024

Length: 104 feet

HP: 1200

Passenger seating: 60

Vehicle capacity: 7

Services Matinicus and future expanded services.







# Maine State Ferry Service

## **M/V Captain Almer Dinsmore**

Built: 2024

Length: 154 feet

HP: 1500 (hybrid)

Passenger seating: 137

Vehicle capacity: 23

In construction at Senseco  
Shipyard in Rhode Island.  
Anticipated delivery spring 2025.





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## **M/V George Mitchell**

Built: Design Stage

Length: 207 feet

HP: 1750 (hybrid – capability to be fully electric)

Passenger seating: 185

Vehicle capacity: 35

Double ended ferry – no need to turn around. Currently out to bid for shipyards. Anticipated completion in 2028.





# Maine State Ferry Service

## *Crew Competency*



## USCG Licensing & Merchant Mariner Documents

- Master 500 GT (Inland Waters)
- Designated Duty Engineer (5,000 HP)
- Able Bodied Seaman
- Ordinary Seaman
- Deckhand
- TWIC







# Maine State Ferry Service

## *Scheduling*

- 80 hours each pay period
- 7 days on / 7 days off (~12 hours / day)
- “A” & “B” Crews
- Full Time Relief Personnel
- Essential Personnel
- Intermittent Crews
- Temp Agency Crews

Sunday 12	Mon 13	Tues 14	Wed 15	Thur 16	Fri 17
<b>Capt Richard G. Spear</b>	Vinalhaven-RK	Vinalhaven-RK	Vinalhaven-RK	Vinalhaven-RK	Vinalhaven-RK
Captain	Sheridan/Hopkins	Kevin Hopkins	Kevin Hopkins	Kevin Hopkins	Kevin Hopkins
Engineer	Jack Olson	Olson/Hopkins	Todd Hopkins	Todd Hopkins	Todd Hopkins
Able Seaman	Legere/Cavalieri	Mike Cavalieri	Mike Cavalieri	Mike Cavalieri	Mike Cavalieri
Able Seaman	Warren/Rudman	Kris Rudman	Kris Rudman	Kris Rudman	Kris Rudman
Deck Hand	Foster/Main	Glen Main	Glen Main	Glen Main	Glen Main
Extra					
<b>Capt E. Frank Thompson</b>	Rockland-VH	Rockland-VH	Rockland-VH	Rockland-VH	Rockland-VH
Captain	Dan McNichol	Dan McNichol	David Weferling	David Weferling	David Weferling
Engineer	Allen Duke	Allen Duke	John Earl	Mike Fossett	Mike Fossett
Able Seaman	Szostak/Legere	Matt Szostak	John Kehoe	John Kehoe	John Kehoe
Able Seaman	Josh Morehouse	Sean O'Connor	Sean O'Connor	Sean O'Connor	Sean O'Connor
Able Seaman (Optional)					
Ordinary Seaman	Abby Baker	Abby Baker	Abby Baker	Abby Baker	John Earl
Extra					
<b>Captain Neal Burgess</b>	North Haven-RK	North Haven-RK	North Haven-RK	North Haven-RK	North Haven-RK
Captain	Henning/Turner	Larry Turner	Larry Turner	Larry Turner	Larry Turner
Engineer	Gosselin/Payne	Fred Payne	Fred Payne	Fred Payne	Fred Payne
Able Seaman	Lever/Hall	Jason Hall	Jason Hall	Jason Hall	Hall/Hopkins
Able Seaman	Spangler/Barber	Russ Barber	Russ Barber	Russ Barber	Russ Barber
Extra					
<b>Captain Henry Lee</b>	Bass Hbr-Swans-Frb	Bass Hbr-Swans-Frb	Bass Hbr-Swans-Frb	Bass Hbr-Swans-Frb	Bass Hbr-Swans-Frb
Captain	Justin Bernhart	Bernhart/Turner	Harland Turner	Harland Turner	Harland Turner
Engineer	Wodan Vanderlaan	Vanderlaan/Bubar	Jim Bubar	Jim Bubar	Jim Bubar
Able Seaman	Higgins/Edwards	Edwards/Haller	Karl Haller	Karl Haller	Karl Haller
Able Seaman	Marcio Munch	Munch/Edwards	Will Edwards	Will Edwards	Will Edwards
Extra					
<b>Margarett Chase Smith</b>	Linconville-IS	Linconville-IS	Linconville-IS	Linconville-IS	Linconville-IS
Captain	Yarnell/Bouvier	Nick Bouvier	Nick Bouvier	Nick Bouvier	Bouvier/Johnston
Engineer	Cylkowski/Shand	Donald Shand	Donald Shand	Donald Shand	Donald Shand
Able Seaman	Fernald/Warren	Corey Warren	Corey Warren	Corey Warren	Corey Warren
Able Seaman	Grant/Gilbert	Bayard Gilbert	Bayard Gilbert	Gilbert/Kelley	Ava Kelley
Deck Hand	Harding/Darnell	Chris Darnell	Chris Darnell	Chris Darnell	Chris Darnell
Extra			Brandon Dehlinger	Brandon Dehlinger	Brandon Dehlinger





# Maine State Ferry Service

## **Maine State Ferry Advisory Board:**

Total of 9 Members. One from each island(6) with an alternate. 3 appointed by the Commissioner. Island Members are selected by town select board and have a 2-year term.

Meet every 2 month in Rockland and via Zoom meeting. Open to the public.

- The Advisory Board is committed to ensuring the Ferry Service provides safe, dependable efficient and equitable transportation to all customers. The Board shall advise the DOT on matters relating to the MSFS, shall submit relative comments and recommendations to its Commissioner, and shall ensure effective communication between the MSFS and the island communities it serves.
- The Board, in consultation with the Commissioner, shall name ferry terminals and ferries constructed for and maintained by the DOT to operate as part of the MSFS.



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## Casco Bay Lines:

Qazi-Government Organization – Public Utilities Commission

Passenger, vehicle and freight services to 6 islands in Casco Bay.

12 Member Board of Directors – 10 from the islands, 1 appointed by city of Portland and 1 appointed by Commissioner of DOT.

Meet monthly on various topics from financial, operations, to new ferries.

Vested interest in the success of CBL.

- **4403. Ferry service between mainland and islands in Casco Bay**
- Whenever it is determined by the Public Utilities Commission that ferry transportation for persons and property between the mainland and the islands in Casco Bay located within the limits of the City of Portland and the Town of Cumberland can no longer feasibly be provided by private operators at rates established by the Public Utilities Commission, the Department of Transportation shall take such means as necessary to provide the service, either through contract with private operators or by acquiring and operating the necessary facilities as provided in this section. [PL 1981, c. 456, Pt. A, §88 (NEW) . ]





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