

SUVA Operations

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In order to support the goals and mission of the Whidbey Island Maritime Heritage Foundation, and to optimize fund raising, operations of Sailing Vessel Suva (S/V Suva) shall be conducted as follows:

Scheduled Sails: Suva shall be operated as a small passenger vessel in accordance with applicable Coast Guard Regulations by a Captain from the approved Suva Captains List¹. These sails will be scheduled for 2 hours, and Captains shall be paid the rate established for three hours for each of these sailings. Up to 20 tickets may be sold for each event, and there should be a minimum of two ticket holders for such a sailing.² The crew will not receive compensation, but are allowed to accept tips. The crew will not solicit tips from the guests. All tips will be split evenly between all persons acting as captain/crew for that event. Captains and crew may donate their tips to the Crew Party fund by depositing them in the box in the wheelhouse.

Private sails (Charters) may preempt normally scheduled sails provided they are booked prior to any ticket sails for that period. All sails will normally be conducted with a Captain and three additional crew. Nominal crew positions will include a Bosun, a Deck Hand, and an Apprentice. Higher qualified crew may sign up for the lower rated positions. Additional crew may embark upon captain's approval, up to the USCG maximum of 29 persons aboard. Under no circumstance shall more than 29 persons be embarked when Suva is underway.

Private Sails/Charters. Suva is available for a private sail at the hourly rates established by the board of directors. Private sails for one day or less shall be for an agreed number of hours up to a full day at the rates established by the board. The crew should include a minimum of a Captain from the approved Suva Captains List, a Bosun, a Deck Hand, and an Apprentice. With sufficient advanced notice, Suva shall be available for multiple consecutive

¹ The Approved Suva Captains List shall be maintained by the Schedule Coordinator. The Lead Captain shall establish a procedure for adding and deleting names from the list of Approved Suva Captains.

² When fewer than the minimum number of ticket holders are present for a scheduled sail, the Captain may elect to conduct the sailing if he or she agrees to do so without compensation.

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days, but under no circumstances shall passengers be allowed to remain onboard overnight. Daily operations will be scheduled for a maximum of 10 hours. The Captain and crew are allowed to bunk overnight onboard.

Crew Training Operations. shall be held for Suva volunteers as scheduled by the training committee. To participate in crew training each volunteer must be a member in good standing of the WIMHF, have completed and signed the appropriate waiver, and be enrolled in the Suva/WIMHF USCG compliance (drug testing) program. Tickets will not be sold for training sails, and volunteers must participate in at least one scheduled crew training sail before participating in other Suva sailing operations.

2022 Rates and schedules.

For 2022, Ticket sails will be conducted on Friday 5:30 - 7:30 PM, and Saturday and Sunday 1-3PM and 3:30 - 5:30 PM.

Tickets for scheduled sails, which will normally last approximately 2 hours, shall be \$75 per adult, \$50 for youth, and children under 8 are free (1 per paying passenger). Captain compensation will be \$25/hr for three hours. If a scheduled sail is canceled by WIMHF, refunds will be issued to passengers as soon as practical.

Private sails are available for \$325/hour for up to 12 guests, with a two hour minimum. Additional guests, up to 24 total, are billed at \$25/Hour per guest. Crew tips will be split evenly among all persons acting as crew on the charter. If a sailing is canceled because of weather conditions, or other safety concerns, the charter date will be rescheduled or refunded.

Prior Board approval is required for rate reductions for fundraising, educational, or charitable organizations.