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March 12, 2024

Ms. Luly Massaro, Clerk  
Public Utilities Commission  
78 Jefferson Boulevard  
Warwick, RI 02888

**Re: Interstate Navigation Company  
Proposed Rate Change for High-Speed Ferry Service**

Dear Luly:

As you know, our office represents Interstate Navigation Company d/b/a The Block Island Ferry (“Interstate”). Enclosed for filing please find an original and nine (9) copies of the following:

1. Rate Change Application (with existing and proposed rates attached)
2. Motion Seeking Expedited Approval and Waivers
3. Proposed Notice of Filing (for your review and approval)
4. Testimony of Joshua Linda

In this filing, Interstate is requesting the following changes to its high-speed ferry rates between Point Judith and Block Island.

	Current		Proposed		Difference	
	One Way	Round Trip	One Way	Round Trip	One Way	Round Trip
Adult (12+ yrs)	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$28.00	\$56.00	\$3.00	\$6.00
Child (5-11 yrs)	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$15.00	\$30.00	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>
Infant (0-4 yrs)	\$6.00	\$12.00	\$7.00	\$14.00	\$1.00	\$2.00
Bike	\$4.00	\$8.00	\$8.00	\$16.00	\$4.00	\$8.00
Bike with attachment	\$7.00	\$14.00	\$16.00	\$32.00	\$16.00	\$32.00
Tandem bike	\$7.00	\$14.00	\$16.00	\$32.00	\$16.00	\$32.00
Tandem bike w/ attachment	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	\$21.00	\$42.00	\$21.00	\$42.00
Electric bike	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	\$16.00	\$32.00	\$16.00	\$32.00

Electric scooter / skateboard	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	\$6.00	\$12.00	\$6.00	\$12.00
Surfboard	\$8.00	\$16.00	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$2.00	\$4.00
Beach cart / wagon	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	\$8.00	\$16.00	\$8.00	\$16.00

These rates will apply only to Interstate's seasonal high-speed service between Point Judith and Block Island (which is a purely discretionary service). No changes are proposed for Interstate's traditional lifeline ferry service or to its high-speed service between Newport and Block Island.

Once you review and approve the Notice of Filing, we will have it published in the Block Island Times and the Providence Journal. We will also have it posted at the ferry terminals on Block Island and in Point Judith.

If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Leah J. Donaldson

Cc: Joshua Linda (via email)  
New Shoreham Town Clerk (via CMRRR)  
New Shoreham Town Solicitor (via email)  
Cindy Wilson-Frias, Esq. (via email)  
Christy Hetherington, Esq. (via email)  
Gregory Schultz, Esq. (via email)  
John Bell (via email)

INTERSTATE NAVIGATION COMPANY

**TESTIMONY AND DATA IN SUPPORT OF  
INTERSTATE NAVIGATION COMPANY'S  
HIGH-SPEED FERRY RATE FILING**

DOCKET No. \_\_\_\_\_

INTERSTATE NAVIGATION COMPANY  
P.O. BOX 5680  
WAKEFIELD, RI 02880

March 2024

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: INTERSTATE NAVIGATION COMPANY : DOCKET NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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**RATE CHANGE APPLICATION**

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: INTERSTATE NAVIGATION COMPANY : DOCKET NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
HIGH-SPEED FERRY RATES :

**RATE CHANGE APPLICATION**

Pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 39-1-1 et seq., Interstate Navigation Company hereby applies for authorization and permission to change its high-speed ferry rates between Block Island and Point Judith as shown in the proposed rates set forth herein.

The following is provided pursuant to the Rules of Practice and Procedure (“Rules”):

1. **NAME OF APPLICANT:** The Interstate Navigation Company, a Connecticut Corporation licensed to do business in Rhode Island.

2. **PLACE OF BUSINESS:** The Company’s principal Rhode Island operations are in Point Judith and Block Island. The Company’s Administrative Offices are at 316 Great Island Road, Narragansett, RI 02882. Its mailing address is P.O. Box 5680, Wakefield, RI 02880.

3. **NOTICES:** Correspondence or communications in regard to this Application should be addressed to

Leah J. Donaldson, Esq. | 401-374-0236 | leah@mcelroydonaldson.com  
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4. **AUTHORIZATION SOUGHT:** Interstate requests the following changes to its seasonal high-speed passenger service between Point Judith and Block Island.

	Current		Proposed		Difference	
	One Way	Round Trip	One Way	Round Trip	One Way	Round Trip
Adult (12+)	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$28.00	\$56.00	\$3.00	\$6.00
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Beach Cart / Wagon	None	None	\$8.00	\$16.00	\$8.00	\$16.00

Respectfully submitted,  
INTERSTATE NAVIGATION COMPANY  
By its attorney

*Leah J. Donaldson*

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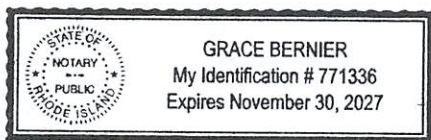
VERIFICATION

Leah J. Donaldson, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that the information presented in this Application is true to the best of her knowledge, information, and belief.

*Leah J. Donaldson*  
Leah J. Donaldson

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
COUNTY OF PROVIDENCE

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.



*Grace Bernier*  
Notary Public  
Printed Name: Grace Bernier  
Notary ID #: 771336  
My commission expires: 11/30/2027

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: INTERSTATE NAVIGATION COMPANY : DOCKET No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
HIGH-SPEED FERRY RATES : \_\_\_\_\_

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**INTERSTATE'S MOTION SEEKING EXPEDITED APPROVAL OF  
REVISED HIGH-SPEED FERRY RATES AND WAIVERS**

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: INTERSTATE NAVIGATION COMPANY : DOCKET NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
HIGH-SPEED FERRY RATES :

**MOTION OF INTERSTATE NAVIGATION COMPANY**  
**SEEKING EXPEDITED APPROVAL OF REVISED**  
**HIGH-SPEED FERRY RATES AND WAIVERS**

Interstate Navigation Company (“Interstate”) is filing this Motion simultaneously with its Rate Change Application to revise the rates for its seasonal discretionary high-speed ferry passenger service between Point Judith and Block Island. Pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 39-3-12, Interstate respectfully requests (a) expedited approval of this rate filing so that the rates will be effective in thirty (30) days, (b) a waiver of the hearing and investigation requirements of R.I.G.L. § 39-3-11 and § 39-3-12 relative to the rates for its high-speed ferry service, and (c) an exemption/waiver from the rate filing requirements of Part 5 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Interstate’s high-speed ferry rates have not increased since 2020, yet the expenses associated with operating the high-speed ferry have significantly increased. In fact, the inflation rate (CPI) has increased by over 19% since 2020.

Interstate requests that the Commission approve its proposed high-speed ferry rates and tariffs and:

“ . . . allow changes within less time than required by the notice specified in § 39-3-11, and without holding the hearing and investigation therein provided for, or modify the requirements of § 39-3-11 with respect to filing and publishing tariffs either in the particular instance or by general order applicable to special or particular circumstances or conditions . . . ”

R.I.G.L. § 39-3-12.

In June 2020, the Commission approved Interstate's last high-speed ferry rate increase.

The Commission's Order stated in part:

At an Open Meeting held on June 25, 2020, the PUC approved Interstate Navigation's rate filing for effect July 1, 2020. The Commission found that a comprehensive rate proceeding was not required in this matter and therefore exercised its option under R.I.G.L. § 39-3-12, finding that good cause existed to waive investigation, notice, and a public hearing because the proposed services do not involve lifeline ferry services to an isolated ratepayer population.

One might describe the requested increase as a significant rate increase. Indeed, during discovery, Interstate advised that it hoped to seek a rate reduction when, and if, passenger capacity is no longer constrained by Covid-19 limited capacity guidelines. Nevertheless, because Interstate's fast ferry does not, nor is it required to, provide lifeline service, the amount of the increase is not really an issue for the Commission. Interstate's fast ferry service is purely discretionary. It offers only passenger and bicycle service. It does not transport passenger cars. It is purely a matter of choice for consumers during the summer season whether to use the fast ferry to visit Block Island.

Finally, in accordance with an approved Settlement between Interstate and the Division, the profits from the fast ferry provide a benefit to the traditional, i.e., lifeline, service. Therefore, the lifeline service will not suffer from any competition resulting from the fast ferry alternative.

Commission Order No. 23861 at 3 (Docket No. 5034).

In Docket No. 3495, this Commission likened fast ferry summer service to Block Island to a competitive local exchange carrier ("CLEC") because consumers have the discretion to choose the service.

This Commission has determined that fast ferry service is not a lifeline service to an isolated ratepayer population and that the service is purely discretionary. Therefore, this Commission has ruled that Interstate's fast ferry service should have the flexibility to set its own rates as long as the rates are not anti-competitive.

Interstate is not requesting a waiver of notice of this filing (in a form to be approved by the Commission) to be published in its service territory within ten (10) days after the rate filing.

A proposed notice has been sent for review and approval to the Commission Clerk. Upon approval, the notice will be published in the *Block Island Times* and the *Providence Journal* and posted at Interstate's ticket booths in both Point Judith and Block Island.

The existing high-speed ferry rates and proposed new high-speed ferry rates are attached to the Application. These new rates will apply only to Interstate's seasonal high-speed passenger service (which is a purely discretionary service) between Point Judith and Block Island. Interstate's high-speed ferry rates have not changed since 2020. They will not apply to Interstate's traditional lifeline ferry service or to Interstate's high-speed ferry service between Newport and Block Island.

Accordingly, Interstate respectfully requests that the proposed revised high-speed ferry rates be approved by the Commission as filed, to become effective in thirty (30) days, without suspension.

Respectfully submitted,  
INTERSTATE NAVIGATION COMPANY  
By its attorney



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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on the 12th day of March, 2024, I sent a true copy of the foregoing to the recipients below.

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P.O. Box 220  
Block Island, RI 02807



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Leah J. Donaldson

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: INTERSTATE NAVIGATION COMPANY : DOCKET No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
FAST FERRY RATES :

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**NOTICE OF FILING**

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**NOTICE OF FILING**

The Interstate Navigation Company (“Interstate”) hereby gives notice that on March 12, 2024, Interstate filed with the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) proposed revised rates for its high-speed ferry service between Point Judith and Block Island. (Docket No. \_\_\_\_).

	<b>Current</b>		<b>Proposed</b>		<b>Difference</b>	
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These rates will apply only to Interstate’s seasonal discretionary high-speed ferry passenger service between Point Judith and Block Island and will not apply to its year-round conventional passenger and freight ferry service or to Interstate’s high speed ferry service between Newport and Block Island.

The Commission can suspend the proposed rates if it chooses to do so. However, Interstate is asking that these new rates be allowed to go into effect in thirty (30) days, without suspension or hearing.

A copy of the filing is available at the offices of Interstate’s attorney, Leah J. Donaldson, 21 Dryden Lane, Providence, RI 02904, and at the Public Utilities Commission, 89 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI 02888, and may be examined by the public during business hours. The filing can also be accessed on the Commission’s website. This notice is given pursuant to the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Interstate Navigation Company

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: INTERSTATE NAVIGATION COMPANY : DOCKET No.: \_\_\_\_\_  
FAST FERRY RATES :

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**TESTIMONY OF JOSHUA LINDA**

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**DIRECT TESTIMONY**

of

**JOSHUA P. LINDA**

In support of

**INTERSTATE NAVIGATION COMPANY'S  
HIGH-SPEED FERRY RATE CHANGE APPLICATION**

Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission

Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

March 2024



1 **Q. Please provide your full name and your employer for the record.**

2 A. My name is Joshua P. Linda. I am the Vice President of Interstate Navigation Company  
3 d/b/a The Block Island Ferry (“Interstate”). I have worked at Interstate full-time for 30  
4 years.

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6 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony?**

7 A. My testimony provides information in support of Interstate’s rate change application.  
8 Interstate is requesting approval from the Commission to change its seasonal high-speed  
9 passenger ferry rates between Point Judith and Block Island.

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11 **Q. Can you describe Interstate’s high-speed ferry operation?**

12 A. Interstate’s high-speed ferry service offers passenger and bicycle service during the  
13 summer season and is a purely discretionary service. Interstate operates two routes with  
14 its high-speed ferries. The high-speed ferry *M/V Athena* operates seasonally between  
15 Point Judith and Block Island. The high-speed ferry *M/V Islander* operates seasonally  
16 between Newport and Block Island.

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18 **Q. Why is Interstate proposing these changes at this time?**

19 A: Interstate’s high-speed ferry rates have not increased since July 2020, yet the expenses  
20 associated with operating the high-speed ferry have significantly increased. The inflation  
21 rate (CPI), as calculated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, has increased by over  
22 19% since July 2020.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.bls.gov/data/inflation\\_calculator.htm](https://www.bls.gov/data/inflation_calculator.htm)

1 **Q. Can you describe the rate changes that are being requested in this filing?**

2 A. Interstate is proposing the following rate changes for its seasonal high-speed ferry

3 passenger service between Point Judith and Block Island.

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5 **Q: Would these rate changes apply to Interstate’s high-speed ferry service between**  
6 **Newport and Block Island?**

7 A. No. Interstate is not proposing any changes to the current rate structure for its seasonal  
8 high-speed passenger service between Newport and Block Island.

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10 **Q. Is Interstate requesting a rate change for its traditional ferry service?**

11 A. No. Interstate is not proposing any changes to the current rate structure for its traditional  
12 ferry service, which provides year-round lifeline service between Point Judith and Block  
13 Island.

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1 **Q. Is Interstate requesting expedited review of its rate change application?**

2 A. Yes. Interstate is asking the Commission to expedite review of this application and to  
3 waive certain hearing and filing requirements. The basis of this request is detailed in a  
4 Motion filed along with Interstate's Rate Change Application and this testimony.

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6 **Q. Does this complete your pre-filed direct testimony?**

7 A. Yes, it does.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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HIGH-SPEED FERRY RATES :

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**EXISTING RATES**

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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 5034

INTERSTATE NAVIGATION COMPANY

LOCAL FAST FERRY TARIFFS

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PASSENGER RATES  
APPLYING BETWEEN  
POINTS AND PLACES IN THE STATE OF  
RHODE ISLAND

(As indicated herein)

EFFECTIVE: July 1, 2020

ISSUED BY:

Interstate Navigation Company  
Susan Linda, President  
P.O. Box 5680  
Wakefield, RI 02880

**RULE NO. 5            PETS OR ANIMALS ACCOMPANYING PASSENGERS:**

Animals or pets will not be allowed to accompany passengers aboard ships unless such animals are securely under leash.

**RULE NO. 10          BAGGAGE DEFINED:**

1.     Baggage may be either personal or sales sample cases defined as follows: Personal luggage or baggage consisting of wearing apparel, toilet articles or similar effects in actual use, necessary and appropriate for the wear, use, comfort or convenience of the passenger for the purpose of the trip and not intended for other persons or for sale. Sample cases are those to be used by the salesman containing samples or articles or merchandise for sale and for future transportation and not articles for immediate sale forthwith.
2.     Money, jewelry, negotiable papers or like valuables should not be enclosed in baggage to be checked. This carrier will not be responsible for such articles in baggage.
3.     All baggage must be enclosed in receptacles such as trunks, valises, suit cases, leather hat boxes or satchels provided with handles, securely locked or otherwise fastened and made of material of sufficient strength and durability and quality to withstand the rapid handling and piling incidental to its transportation.
4.     No items considered to be freight may be transported on the fast ferry.

**RULE NO. 15          BAGGAGE ACCOMPANYING PASSENGERS:**

Each passenger purchasing an adult or child one way ticket will be allowed to transport without charge fifty (50) pounds of luggage or baggage, which must be carried on and off the ship by the passenger at points of embarkation and debarkation.

**RULE NO. 20          ARTICLES IN AUTOMOBILES:**

This rule is not applicable for the fast ferry at this time.

**RULE NO. 25          DAMAGE TO AUTOMOBILES IN TRANSIT:**

This rule is not applicable for the fast ferry at this time.

**RULE NO. 30          ROUND TRIP TICKET:**

The carrier will not be responsible to persons holding round trip tickets for failure to provide return carriage due to weather or mechanical failure; the carrier will honor the return ticket by providing carriage as soon as the weather and the sea are fit for navigation and the equipment is fit to operate.

**RULE NO. 35            OVERSIZED VEHICLES:**

This rule is not applicable for the fast ferry at this time.

**RULE NO. 40            TIME LIMIT ON SUITS:**

Suits to recover on any claim for loss of life or bodily injury must be instituted within one (1) year from the day when the death or injury occurred. Suits to recover on any claim other than loss of life or bodily injury, including breach of contract, must be instituted within six (6) months of the scheduled arrival of the passenger or property at destination.

**RULE NO. 45            SCREENING AND INSPECTION:**

Pursuant to Homeland Security Coast Guard Regulations, entering the ferry facility is deemed valid consent to screening or inspection; and failure to consent or submit to screening or inspection will result in denial or revocation of authorization to enter.

**RULE NO. 50            ARTICLES LEFT ABOARD VESSEL:**

Carrier will not be responsible for articles left aboard the vessel. Such shipments shall be charged for at the minimum rates provided in the company's tariffs.

**RULE NO. 55            DAMAGE TO AUTOMOBILES:**

This rule is not applicable for the fast ferry at this time.

**RULE NO. 60            CAR RESERVATION CANCELLATIONS:**

This rule is not applicable for the fast ferry at this time.

**RULE NO. 65            VEHICLE OVERHANG CHARGE:**

This rule is not applicable for the fast ferry at this time.

**RULE NO. 70            NON-STANDARD VEHICLE CHARGES:**

This rule is not applicable for the fast ferry at this time.

**RULE NO. 75            BLOCK TICKET SALES CHARGE:**

There is a \$15.00 block ticket sales service charge for all block sales of 25 or more tickets (e.g., weddings, corporate outings and other such events).

**RULE NO. 80            ONLINE SALES CHARGE:**

For all online internet ticket sales, there is a \$2.00 convenience fee per transaction .

## EXISTING RATES

### **RULE NO. 85      LOST TICKET CHARGE:**

There is a \$10.00 charge for all lost tickets which are replaced (each way).

### **RULE NO. 90      GROUP DISCOUNTS:**

Not required at this time because of the Volume Discount rate elsewhere in this tariff.

## PASSENGER RATES

### 1.      ROUTE:

Between Galilee and Block Island  
Between Block Island and Galilee

### 2.      FARES:

#### a.      Individual Tickets

Adult one-way	\$25.00
Adult round trip	\$50.00
Child one-way	\$15.00
Child round trip	\$30.00

#### b.      Frequent User Booklets

Discontinued

#### c.      Season's Pass

Not requested

#### d.      Volume Discount (Adult Round Trip)

Discontinued.

NOTE a.      The passenger rates for children will apply to children five (5) years of age up to and including children eleven (11) years of age when accompanied by an adult. For children twelve (12) years of age and older, the adult passenger fares published apply. Children four (4) years of age and under when accompanied by an adult will be transported one-way for \$6.00 and round-trip for \$12.00.

NOTE b.      Applicable municipal landing fees will be added.

NOTE c.      All Tickets are open ended. However, passengers will be asked for a return date and time, which will be printed on the boarding pass (for seating purposes). If the



## EXISTING RATES

passenger's travel plans change, they must redeem the issued boarding pass at an Interstate ticket office for a new one, subject to seating availability on a particular departure. This means that passengers who change travel plans on busy weekends, for example, travel on a standby, first come first serve basis.

NOTE d. The Season's Passes note is not needed at this time.

### STANDARD BICYCLE RATES

One-way \$ 4.00  
Round trip \$ 8.00

### TANDEM BIKE OR BIKE WITH BACK WHEELED ATTACHMENT

One-way \$ 7.00  
Round trip \$14.00

### SURFBOARDS

One-way \$ 8.00  
Round trip \$16.00

**PROPOSED RATES – REDLINED**

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN RE: INTERSTATE NAVIGATION COMPANY : DOCKET NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
HIGH-SPEED FERRY RATES :

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**PROPOSED RATES**

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Docket No. \_\_\_\_\_

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LOCAL FAST FERRY TARIFFS

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PASSENGER RATES  
APPLYING BETWEEN  
POINTS AND PLACES IN THE STATE OF  
RHODE ISLAND

(As indicated herein)

EFFECTIVE: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

ISSUED BY:

Interstate Navigation Company  
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**RULE NO. 5            PETS OR ANIMALS ACCOMPANYING PASSENGERS:**

Animals or pets will not be allowed to accompany passengers aboard ships unless such animals are securely under leash.

**RULE NO. 10            BAGGAGE DEFINED:**

5.      Baggage may be either personal or sales sample cases defined as follows: Personal luggage or baggage consisting of wearing apparel, toilet articles or similar effects in actual use, necessary and appropriate for the wear, use, comfort or convenience of the passenger for the purpose of the trip and not intended for other persons or for sale. Sample cases are those to be used by the salesman containing samples or articles or merchandise for sale and for future transportation and not articles for immediate sale forthwith.
6.      Money, jewelry, negotiable papers or like valuables should not be enclosed in baggage to be checked. This carrier will not be responsible for such articles in baggage.
7.      All baggage must be enclosed in receptacles such as trunks, valises, suit cases, leather hat boxes or satchels provided with handles, securely locked or otherwise fastened and made of material of sufficient strength and durability and quality to withstand the rapid handling and piling incidental to its transportation.
8.      No items considered to be freight may be transported on the fast ferry.

**RULE NO. 15            BAGGAGE ACCOMPANYING PASSENGERS:**

Each passenger purchasing an adult or child one way ticket will be allowed to transport without charge fifty (50) pounds of luggage or baggage, which must be carried on and off the ship by the passenger at points of embarkation and debarkation.

**RULE NO. 20            ARTICLES IN AUTOMOBILES:**

This rule is not applicable for the fast ferry at this time.

**RULE NO. 25            DAMAGE TO AUTOMOBILES IN TRANSIT:**

This rule is not applicable for the fast ferry at this time.

**RULE NO. 30            ROUND TRIP TICKET:**

The carrier will not be responsible to persons holding round trip tickets for failure to provide return carriage due to weather or mechanical failure; the carrier will honor the return ticket by providing carriage as soon as the weather and the sea are fit for navigation and the equipment is fit to operate.

**RULE NO. 35            OVERSIZED VEHICLES:**

This rule is not applicable for the fast ferry at this time.

**RULE NO. 40            TIME LIMIT ON SUITS:**

Suits to recover on any claim for loss of life or bodily injury must be instituted within one (1) year from the day when the death or injury occurred. Suits to recover on any claim other than loss of life or bodily injury, including breach of contract, must be instituted within six (6) months of the scheduled arrival of the passenger or property at destination.

**RULE NO. 45            SCREENING AND INSPECTION:**

Pursuant to Homeland Security Coast Guard Regulations, entering the ferry facility is deemed valid consent to screening or inspection; and failure to consent or submit to screening or inspection will result in denial or revocation of authorization to enter.

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For all online internet ticket sales, there is a \$2.00 convenience fee per transaction .

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There is a \$10.00 charge for all lost tickets which are replaced (each way).

**RULE NO. 90      GROUP DISCOUNTS:**

Not required at this time because of the Volume Discount rate elsewhere in this tariff.

**PASSENGER RATES**

1.      ROUTE:

Between Galilee and Block Island  
Between Block Island and Galilee

2.      FARES:

a.      Individual Tickets

Adult one-way	<del>\$25.00</del> <u>\$28.00</u>
Adult round trip	<del>\$50.00</del> <u>\$56.00</u>
Child one-way	\$15.00
Child round trip	\$30.00

b.      Frequent User Booklets

Discontinued

c.      Season's Pass

Not requested

d.      Volume Discount (Adult Round Trip)

Discontinued.

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NOTE b.      Applicable municipal landing fees will be added.

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NOTE c. All Tickets are open ended. However, passengers will be asked for a return date and time, which will be printed on the boarding pass (for seating purposes). If the passenger's travel plans change, they must redeem the issued boarding pass at an Interstate ticket office for a new one, subject to seating availability on a particular departure. This means that passengers who change travel plans on busy weekends, for example, travel on a standby, first come first serve basis.

NOTE d. The Season's Passes note is not needed at this time.

**STANDARD BICYCLE RATES**

One-way ~~\$ 4.00~~ \$8.00  
Round trip ~~\$ 8.00~~ \$16.00

**TANDEM BIKE OR BIKE WITH BACK WHEELED ATTACHMENT**

One-way ~~\$ 7.00~~ \$16.00  
Round trip ~~\$14.00~~ \$32.00

**TANDEM BIKE**

One-way \$16.00  
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**TANDEM BIKE WITH BACK-WHEELED ATTACHMENT**

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**ELECTRIC BIKE**

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**ELECTRIC SCOOTER / SKATEBOARD**

One-way \$6.00  
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**SURFBOARDS**

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