

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 4373

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INTERSTATE NAVIGATION COMPANY

LOCAL TARIFF

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PASSENGER AND VEHICLE RATES

FOR TRADITIONAL SERVICE

APPLYING BETWEEN

POINTS AND PLACES IN THE STATE OF

RHODE ISLAND

(As Indicated Herein)

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ISSUED BY:

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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:**

- (a) Baggage may be either personal or sales sample cases defined as follows: Personal luggage or baggage consists 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 salesman containing samples or articles or merchandise for sale and for future transportation and not articles for immediate sale forthwith.
- (b) 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.
- (c) 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.

**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:**

Carrier will not be responsible for articles left in automobiles when not loaded in car trunks.

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

Any alleged damage to automobiles aboard ship shall be reported to ship's officers prior to leaving the dock at destination.

**RULE NO. 30            RETURN TICKET:**

The carrier will not be responsible to persons holding return 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. 35a      OVERSIZED VEHICLES:**

Deck space in general is restricted in the vessels by height and width. Outside deck space (which can accommodate higher vehicles) is also very limited in availability. Therefore, Oversized Vehicles, (which include cars, pick-up trucks, SUVs and vans) that do not fit the standard sized description of a standard car, pick-up truck, or van, will be charged an Oversized Vehicle rate of \$4.60 per linear foot, but only if they are 7' in height or less. If they are over 7' high, see Rule 35b. A standard car is no more than 18' long, 6' wide, and 5' high. As examples, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the following are Oversized Vehicles that will be charged the per linear foot Oversized Vehicle rate of \$4.60 per linear foot but only if they are 7' in height or less:

- Any vehicles (including but not limited to cars, vans, and pick-ups) that are over 6' in width at the widest point.
- Extended cab pick-up trucks.
- Dual-wheel vehicles (including but not limited to the F350 Ford Series).
- Small dump trucks with a pick up front, and a dump body.
- Stake body trucks.
- Vehicles where racks extend the length of the car, van or pick-up.
- Vehicles that are wider than standard. For example, the vehicle has a utility body containing tool boxes, or the body of the vehicle is not ordinary or standard open backed.
- Vehicles that have ladder racks, or racks that hold pipes or other items on their roof.
- Any trailers (including but not limited to utility trailers), that are longer or wider than a standard car or are over 6' wide at the widest.

**RULE 35b      VEHICLES OVER 7' HIGH OR THAT REQUIRE OUTSIDE DECK SPACE:**

- Any vehicles (including but not limited to cars, vans, pick-ups, SUVs, and trailers of any type) that are over 7' in height at the highest point will be charged the \$6.25 per linear foot truck rate.
- Any vehicles that require the use of the limited outside deck space will charged the per linear foot truck rate of \$6.25 per linear foot. For example, people will often put their bikes on their car, and they often need outside deck space due to the extra height. We cannot guarantee them the outside deck space (trucks have priority) and the bikes and racks may have to come down. In such a case, if the bikes and racks come down and the car, van or pick-up is then otherwise standard size, the standard car, van or pick-up truck rate will apply, and the standard charges will also apply to the bikes, racks, or other items removed from the vehicle.

**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:**

All vehicles are transported at owner's sole risk. Drivers must accompany vehicles. The company will not be responsible for any damages to vehicles while in transport or while they are being loaded and unloaded aboard the vessel. The owner or driver must drive the vehicle on and off the vessel. In the event a vessel is canceled, the car reservation is also canceled. Any alleged damage to automobiles shall be reported to vessel's officers prior to leaving dock at destination.

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

Car reservations may be changed two times 7 full days in advance of departure, then only one time within 7 days of departure. Cancellations made 7 full days in advance will be assessed a \$12.85 cancellation fee for each cancellation. No refunds will be made for cancellations made within 7 days of departure.

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

There is a \$8.65 additional charge per each way, in addition to the vehicle fee, for items over 7' on top of cars, and the same fee will be charged for items on the front, back and side of vehicles as well as items overhanging the roof of vehicles that exceed the length or width of the vehicle.

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

Vehicles that require more than one car space (such as limousines) may be charged an increased rate based on the amount of deck space required for the vehicle as opposed to a standard car or SUV (see also Rule 35).

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

There is a \$25.10 block ticket sales service charge for all block sales of 25 or more tickets. The block ticket sales service charge for arrangements made for group travel that includes making luncheon reservations, bus tours, and/or other similar amenities shall be \$45.00.

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

For all online internet and telephone call center passenger transactions, there is a \$2.65 convenience fee per transaction, to cover postage/handling charges.

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

There is a \$16.70 charge for all lost tickets which are replaced (each way).

**RULE NO. 90           DISCOUNTS:**

Carrier may from time to time apply a 15% promotional group discount rate to groups of 25 or more. Carrier may from time to time apply up to a 25% discount on Monday through Thursday, inclusive, during the months of May through September, inclusive. Carrier may also from time to time offer non-rate incentive promotions.

**RULE NO. 95           ADVANCE TICKET DISCOUNT:**

Carrier may sell advance tickets on a pay for 9 tickets in advance, get 10 tickets basis.

**RULE NO. 100         ISLANDER DISCOUNT COMMUTER RATE ELIGIBILITY:**

Only those who certify under oath that they are full time residents of Block Island, residing for at least nine (9) months per calendar year at a physical Block Island address (not a post office box) are eligible for the islander discount commuter rate, provided that: (1) they also hold a current Rhode Island Registry of Motor Vehicles drivers' license that has a Block Island address as the sole address on the license and present the license for inspection and copying (or are too young to obtain a drivers' license, but attend the Block Island school and present a current Block Island school photo I.D. for inspection and copying), and (2) they also are duly registered and valid Block Island voters, as shown on the Block Island voters registration list (or are too young to register to vote and present a current Block Island school photo I.D.) If the discounted Islander commuter rate is sought for a standard size car, SUV, van, or pickup (oversized vehicles as defined in Rule 35 and regular trucks are not eligible for the discounted islander rate) the vehicle (1) must be driven by a driver with solely a Block Island address on his or her drivers' license, and (2) must have solely a Block Island address on its registration and the registration for each vehicle must be produced for inspection and copying

1. The PUC has ruled that those who are authorized to receive the discounted islander commuter rates "are islanders who commute to the mainland."
2. Block Island ordinances state in pertinent part:
  - [A] resident is defined as one who resides full time in the Town of New Shoreham.
  - Full time Block Island residency status is not affected by absence due to enrollment at an educational institution or fulfilling a military obligation providing that the resident is also a registered Block Island voter.

- Full time Block Island residency status is not affected by absence, whatever the reason, of up to three (3) months in any calendar year providing that the resident is also a registered Block Island voter.
3. The Block Island Ferry Islander card must be renewed annually, and you must appear in person to obtain or renew your card.
  4. Discounted islander commuter tickets will only be sold on Block Island on a round trip basis. Passenger tickets will be good for 7 days; vehicle tickets will be good for 30 days.
  5. If you do not obtain a Block Island Ferry Islander card because you are not a full time Block Island resident, you can still purchase discounted (frequent user) tickets (10 for the price of 9).
  6. Block Island Ferry also has reduced rates in effect for all children under 12 and seniors 65 and over, whether or not you are a full time Block Island resident.
  7. If your application for an Islander Card is denied, you may appeal the denial in writing to Joshua Linda, Vice President, Interstate Navigation Co., P.O. Box 482, New London, CT 06320. Please state why you feel you are a full time Block Island resident (at least 9 months per year). Please include with your written appeal any evidence of your Block Island residency that you wish Mr. Linda to review.

#### EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS

No. = Number

P.O. = Post Office

R.I. = Rhode Island

R.I.P.U.C = Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission

NA = Not Available

PLF. = Per Linear Foot

**PASSENGER RATES**  
**(Rates in Dollars and Cents Per Passenger)**

ITEM:

Between Newport and Block Island Apply Column A Rates  
 Between Point Judith and Block Island Apply Column B Rates  
 Between Point Judith and Newport Apply Column C Rates

**COLUMN**

A	B	C					
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**5 ADULT PASSENGER FARES**

ONE WAY ADULT	\$25.00	\$12.55	\$25.00				
ROUND TRIP ADULT	\$50.00	\$22.90	\$50.00				

**10 CHILDREN PASSENGER FARES**

ONE WAY	\$13.00	\$6.35	\$13.00				
ROUND TRIP	\$26.00	\$11.50	\$26.00				

**Commuter Rate \$14.60 (See Rule 100)**

**Senior Discount (over 65 years):**

\$.50 off one way  
 \$1.00 off round trip

NOTE a. The passenger rates for children published in Item No. 10 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 in Item No. 5 will be charged.

NOTE b. Children under five (5) years of age when accompanied by an adult will be transported free.

FOR EXPLANATION OF ABBREVIATIONS AND REFERENCE MARKS SEE PAGE 6.

## VEHICLE RATES

ITEM:

Between Block Island and Newport Apply Column A Rates  
 Between Block Island and Point Judith Apply Column B Rates  
 Between Point Judith and Newport Apply Column C Rates

RATES IN DOLLARS AND CENTS PER UNIT (one way)

		COLUMN		
		A	B	C
15	Automobiles (See Rules 20, 25, 35, 50, 55, 60, 65 and 70 herein and Rule 20 of Freight Tariff)	n/a	39.60	n/a
16	Bicycles	6.00	3.50	6.00
16a	Bicycle wagons, whether or not attached to a bicycle	6.00	3.50	6.00
16b	Tandem Bicycles, whether or not attached to a bicycle	6.00	3.50	6.00
16c	Electric Bicycles, motorized skateboards, and mini-motorcycles	8.30	9.15	8.30
17	Motorcycles	n/a	24.00	n/a
18	Pick-up trucks, vans, and SUV's (See Rules 20, 25, 35, 50, 55, 60, 65 and 70 herein and Rule 20 of Freight Tariff)	n/a	48.70	n/a
19	Trucks* (See note)	n/a	6.25/lf	n/a
20	Hazardous Trucks* (See note)	n/a	9.50/lf	n/a

Commuter Vehicle Rates:

- Standard-sized Automobiles \$30.00  
 (See Rules 20, 25, 35, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, and 100 herein and Rule 20 of Freight Tariff)
- Standard-sized Pick-up Trucks, Vans, and SUVs \$36.15 (See Rules 20, 25, 35, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, and 100 herein and Rule 20 of Freight Tariff)

\* Note: Except as set forth below, trucks carrying hazardous materials or dangerous goods, as defined by 49 CFR, Subchapter C Hazardous Materials Regulations, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the International Maritime Organization, can not be transported aboard passenger vessels. Therefore, except as set forth below, when carrying these materials, the vessel must operate strictly as a cargo vessel, and the per foot rate is as set forth above for hazardous trucks. For this purpose, the Carrier will make a vessel available as a cargo vessel on a reservation only, as available basis, at the rate set forth above per same day round trip run from Point Judith to Block Island and return (maximum 4 hours). When available, the cargo vessel must be scheduled to leave Point Judith and complete the run at the discretion of the Carrier.

Trucks which carry sludge for the New Shoreham Sewer Commission will be required to travel on the hazardous truck cargo vessel, and will not be allowed to travel on a vessel with passengers, but will be allowed to travel at the regular truck rate of \$6.25 per linear foot, because the sludge is not a hazardous material or dangerous good as defined by 49 CFR, Subchapter C, but odor from the truck is a problem for ferry passengers. In addition, trucks which carry garbage for the Town of New Shoreham will also be allowed, on an as-needed basis, to travel on the hazardous truck cargo vessel, but at the standard truck rate of \$6.25 per linear foot, or they may travel on the usual passenger ferry.

Trucks which have a gross weight of 50,000 pounds or more and are not tractor trailer trucks and are not carrying property for the Town of New Shoreham will be required to pay, in addition to the per linear foot truck rate, a weight premium of \$61.80 per one way trip due to the weight limitations imposed upon the ferry vessels.