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## **SUMMER BOOKINGS RETURN TO NORMAL FOR STRAIT OF BELLE ISLE FERRY**

Summer season, extra crossings starting June 19

**(Happy Valley-Goose Bay)** – Labrador Marine Inc. (LMI) stated today that summer travel is expected to return to normal on the Strait of Belle Isle this summer. Summer bookings for the *Qajaq W* have returned to normal levels and bookings by tour bus companies have returned to pre-COVID levels.

“The June-to-August period is the busiest season for travel on the Strait of Belle Isle,” says LMI General Manager Captain Austin Daley. “On a typical summer crossing, we handle 225 to 250 people and 75 vehicles. July is the most active travel month. In July 2019, the year before the pandemic, we transported 20,085 passengers, 7,334 passenger vehicles, and 1,077 commercial vehicles. With no capacity restrictions in place this summer, it will be easier for people to travel and that’s especially important since this is Come Home Year.”

Although COVID restrictions have been lifted across the province, LMI recommends that travellers follow public health guidelines. Face masks are recommended but not required.

Passengers have access to a wide assortment of prepared foods for sale on board the *Qajaq W*, including sandwiches, fresh fruit, salads, and beverages such as milk, fruit juices, water, tea, and coffee.

“The previous cafeteria-style food service required extensive preparation and cleaning in a short time period between crossings. Those factors made it impossible to safely offer that type of service at a reasonable price point for passengers,” says Daley. “We will not reinstate the cafeteria but will provide a canteen service as an alternative solution where we can safely provide healthy and nutritious foods from high-quality and trusted suppliers.”

The summer schedule on the Strait of Belle Isle begins on June 19 and continues until September 13. Further details on the schedule and the latest information can be found on the LMI website at [www.labradormarine.com](http://www.labradormarine.com). Updates are also available on the 511 app or through the 511 website at [www.511nl.ca](http://www.511nl.ca).

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