

GOLDEN GATE GAZETTE



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A FOND FAREWELL TO THE M.V. GOLDEN GATE

After an illustrious 33-year career, on Friday, March 26, 2004 the M.V. Golden Gate Ferry made its last weekday commute between San Francisco and Sausalito. This commuter favorite carried approximately 21,129,850 passengers between San Francisco and Sausalito during its life.

A fond farewell party took place on two evening commute runs from San Francisco (4:05 and 5:30 p.m.) with live music from Bay Area (and ferry) favorite jazz musician Jules Broussard and his band, who rocked the boat for two hours. Complimentary appetizers were provided by Scoma's, Outback Steakhouse and Chevy's and ice cream was provided by Lappert's Ice Cream. A drawing was also held offering several prizes donated from Poggio's,

Horizons, Waterstreet Grille, Valhalla, the Spinnaker and the Alta Mira Hotel. Many commuters and off-duty Golden Gate Ferry crew members spent the evening reminiscing of the M.V. Golden Gate's glory days, while others danced to the great beat of Jules and his band.

Photographer Larry Burgess spent the evening snapping lots of people having fun. If you were there that night, and would like a photograph of the event, please contact Larry direct at 415/332-5484.

If you're curious as to what happens to the M.V. Golden

Gate, a Request for Bids will be released in June 2004 to sell this vessel. For additional bid information, please contact Rex McCardell at 415-925-5582 or visit www.goldengate.org.

Jules Broussard and band provide an upbeat farewell to the M.V. Golden Gate.



Photo by Larry Burgess

Whale Bus **FOR SALE** on eBay!



George and Donnalei Sumner next to their traveling masterpiece, the Golden Gate Transit Whale Bus.

Golden Gate Transit's famous Whale Bus will be for sale on eBay starting June 19, 2004. This traveling piece of art was designed and hand-painted with oils in early 1993 by well-known local and international artist George Sumner. Sumner's life-sized Humpback whales adorn each side of the

bus, and kissing bottlenose dolphins frolic on the front and back of the bus. Sumner donated all of the paint needed for this project, as well as donating over 100 hours creating this mobile masterpiece.

The Whale Bus has been an important educational part of Golden Gate Transit's fleet and appeared at many schools in the service area. Sumner's wife, DonnaLei, traveled with the Bus, educating children about the role of public transportation and its positive impact on the environment.

The Whale Bus will appear at the Marin Art Festival at Marin Civic Center's Lagoon Park on Saturday and Sunday, June 19 and 20. The bus will serve some Route 57's during the Festival weekend and, in between runs, will be parked at the entrance gate. Come take a look at this unique work of art and pick up a brochure on how to bid on eBay. Visit Sumner and DonnaLei, who will be at the Festival displaying his latest work.

JOIN THE

Valley of the Moon Commute Club!

Residents of the Valley of the Moon have a direct commute option to and from San Francisco. The Valley of the Moon Commute Club, formed for Sonoma Valley residents commuting to and from San Francisco, operates one bus in the morning and one in the evening, leaving from various stops in both cities. Monthly membership fees are \$250. Single-use service is also available for non-members – one-way fare is \$10 and round trip fare is \$20. For more information about this service, please email VOMCC2002@yahoo.com or call 707-938-2466.

TEN COMMANDMENTS OF GOOD CELL PHONE ETIQUETTE

COMMANDMENT #9:

If thou must answer the phone, keep thy conversation to a minimum.

Don't engage in lengthy, personal conversations while your fellow riders are trying to rest or read. Be courteous – keep your necessary conversation to a minimum.

Bus Service Adjustments

Effective Sunday, June 13, 2004

Routes 2,4,18, 24,26/27,32,34, 38,54,56,70,72, 75,80 Schedules will be adjusted to improve connections and running times. Check the Summer 2004 Transit Guide for modified schedules, as some trips have been adjusted EARLIER.

Route 10 Service between Marin City and Strawberry will be discontinued on Route 10 and replaced by Route 15. Some Route 10 trips will be extended to Mission & 1st.

Route 15 Service extended between Marin City and Strawberry via Mill Valley. Weekday and weekend northbound 6:40 pm, 7:40 pm, 8:40 pm, 9:40 pm trips and southbound 7:08 pm, 8:08 pm, 9:08 pm trips discontinued between Strawberry and Tiburon. Southbound 10:07 pm (week-day) and 10:08 pm (weekend) trips canceled due to low ridership. Seminary Drive area no longer served.

Route 18 Southbound 6:13 am trip canceled.

Route 22 Southbound weekday 5:50 am trip canceled due to low ridership.

Route 23 Westbound 7:37 pm trip added from San Anselmo.

Route 24 Southbound 7:48 am trip canceled. Northbound 6:30 pm trip canceled.

Route 26/27 Southbound 6:22 am trip canceled.

Route 29 Last three eastbound and last three westbound trips canceled on weekdays and Saturdays due to low ridership.

Route 35/36 11:56 pm and 12:56 am weekday and weekend trips from Tiburon canceled due to low ridership.

Route 53 Last three southbound trips canceled and last four northbound trips canceled due to low ridership.

Route 54 Northbound 3:25 pm trip canceled.

Route 55 Last five northbound and last five southbound trips canceled due to low ridership.

Route 56 Southbound 6:18 am trip canceled. Northbound 5:31 pm trip canceled.

Route 57 Last northbound trip canceled on weekdays and weekends due to low ridership. Sunday service to Marinwood will only be offered from 10:11 am to 5:11 pm (southbound) and 10:30 am to 7:29 pm (northbound).

Route 58 Northbound 4:33 pm trip canceled.

Route 70 Select NB trips to start at SF Civic Center.

Route 72 Southbound 6:11 am trip canceled. Southbound 6:04 am trip to serve Cotati Hub. Northbound 4:12 pm and 5:30 pm trips canceled. Northbound 4:26 pm trip to serve Cotati Hub.

Route 74 Northbound 5:54 pm trip canceled.

Route 76 Southbound 6:55 am trip canceled.

For new schedules, pick up the Summer 2004 Transit Guide on your bus or ferry, visit www.goldengate.org or call 511 (toll-free) 711 (TDD).

BUS AND FERRY FARE INCREASE Effective Thursday, July 1, 2004

Bus transit and ferry fares will increase by 10%, effective Thursday, July 1, 2004. This fare increase applies to adult, seniors/persons with disabilities and youth fares. Discounts still apply based on the new

fares. As part of the new fare structure, Golden Gate Transit will now offer a Marin County Adult Discount Ticket Book, which will provide a 10% discount on Marin local travel.



Avoid the parking blues – ride the bus or ferry.

NEW GOLDEN GATE FERRY SCHEDULES – Change July 1, 2004

Staff incorporates Ferry customers' suggestions

On Friday, May 14, 2004, the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) Board of Directors approved changes to the Golden Gate Sausalito and Larkspur Ferry schedules effective July 1, 2004. The modifications will achieve an annual savings of \$875,000 while preserving nearly the same level of services as currently provided.

The new schedules were developed through a combination of public input and operational efficiency considerations. To obtain feedback on the proposed schedules, staff surveyed Larkspur and Sausalito ferry customers in April, held information workshops at the Larkspur Ferry Terminal and aboard the Sausalito Ferry, had several meetings with the District's Ferry Passenger Advisory Committee, and worked with members of the Sausalito business community.

Staff refined and reconfigured the originally proposed schedules based on 1,100 survey responses. To address customers' concerns regarding overcrowding, a larger capacity Spaulding vessel will be retained to serve the 5:20 pm departure from San Francisco to Larkspur. The 5:30 am Route 97 bus will remain, and not be replaced by an earlier ferry trip. Staff reworked the proposed Larkspur Ferry schedule to address customers' concerns regarding gaps in service. Most trips leaving San Francisco during the evening commute period have minimal changes and, in some cases, the departure time

will remain unchanged. The Sausalito Ferry schedule will keep the popular 7:10 am Sausalito departure and the weekend schedule was modified to address concerns regarding the hours of service.

Approximately \$750,000 will be saved when the Larkspur-San Francisco weekday service is provided almost exclusively by two high-speed vessels. The new weekday schedule has eliminated only one trip and will make 41 crossings instead of the current 42. To address customer concerns regarding continuity of service, an alternative schedule has been developed for days when a catamaran is undergoing maintenance. Larkspur weekend service will be operated by a Spaulding vessel, have minor time adjustments and one less trip.

An additional \$125,000 will be saved on the Sausalito-San Francisco service. Operating a Spaulding vessel (which replaced the retired MV Golden Gate) will result in savings from no longer needing overnight vessel storage in Sausalito and reduced maintenance. With the exception of minor schedule adjustments, Sausalito weekday service will be similar to the current 18 crossings and weekend service will be provided using a Spaulding vessel with modest schedule adjustments and one additional earlier trip from San Francisco.

For complete survey results, visit www.goldengateferry.org.

LARKSPUR FERRY

Weekday Schedule

Vessel	Depart Larkspur	Arrive SF	Depart SF	Arrive Larkspur
Mendocino	5:50	6:20	6:30	7:10
Del Norte	6:40	7:10	7:15	7:45
Mendocino	7:10	7:40	7:45	8:15
Del Norte	7:50	8:20	8:30	9:05
Mendocino	8:20	8:50	9:10	9:45
Del Norte	9:15	9:50	10:10	10:45
Mendocino	10:10	10:45	10:55	11:30
Del Norte	11:10	11:45	11:55	12:30
Mendocino	11:40	12:15	12:25	1:00
Del Norte	12:40	1:15	1:25	2:00
Mendocino	2:15	2:50	3:00	3:30
Del Norte	2:50	3:25	3:35	4:05
Mendocino	3:40	4:15	4:25	4:55
Del Norte	4:15	4:45	4:55	5:25
Spaulding*	—	—	5:20	6:05
Mendocino	5:10	5:45	5:55	6:25
Del Norte	5:35	6:10	6:20	6:50
Mendocino	6:35	7:10	7:20	7:50
Del Norte	7:20	7:55	8:10	8:40
Mendocino	8:10	8:45	8:50	9:20
Del Norte	8:50	9:25	9:35	10:05

Weekend and Holiday Schedule

Spaulding*	9:40	10:30	—	—
Spaulding*	11:00	11:50	12:30	1:20
Spaulding*	1:30	2:20	2:30	3:20
Spaulding*	5:30	6:20	7:00	7:50

SAUSALITO FERRY

Weekday Schedule

Depart Sausalito	Arrive SF	Depart SF	Arrive Sausalito
7:10	7:35	7:40	8:10
8:20	8:45	10:15	10:45
10:55	11:25	11:35	12:05
12:15	12:45	12:55	1:25
1:55	2:25	2:35	3:05
3:20	3:50	4:05	4:35
4:50	5:20	5:30	6:00
6:10	6:35	6:45	7:10
7:20	7:50	7:55	8:20

Weekend and Holiday Schedule

—	—	10:40	11:10
11:20	11:50	12:00	12:30
12:45	1:15	1:25	1:55
2:10	2:40	2:50	3:20
3:35	4:05	4:15	4:45
5:00	5:25	5:35	6:05
6:20	6:45	6:30	7:00

* Denotes regular ferry crossing.
Bold type denotes pm times.

Grace period for Ride Value Discount Ticket Books

Due to a printing delay of the new Ride Value Discount Ticket Books, Ride Value Discount Tickets with a printed expiration date of June 30, 2004 will be accepted through July 31, 2004 without having to make up the difference between the old and new fares. After that time, the tickets with the June 30 expiration date will no longer be valid for use. Tickets books are non-refundable and not exchangeable.



SAN FRANCISCO SUPERVISOR ALIOTO-PIER APPOINTED TO GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE BOARD



On Friday, April 23, 2004, San Francisco Supervisor Michela Alioto-Pier took the oath of office becoming a member of the Board of Directors of the Golden Gate Bridge Highway and

Transportation District. Supervisor Alioto-Pier was appointed to this position by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, replacing San Francisco Supervisor Maxwell. Alioto-Pier currently serves as San Francisco's Vice Chair of the Rules Committee, as well as the Vice Chair of the Transportation Authority.

Prior to joining the Board of Supervisors, Alioto-Pier served as a Port Commissioner working on Port security. Previously, she was the democratic nominee for Secretary State of California in 1998 and lost to Republican Bill Jones by only 90,000 votes statewide. In 1996, Alioto-Pier was also the democratic nominee for Congress from California's First Congressional District, which encompasses the Northern Coast of California, from Napa County to the Oregon border.

Prior to entering electoral politics, Alioto-Pier worked for Vice-President Al Gore, advising him on domestic policy matters and as liaison to the Department of Health and Human Services. In 1984, President Reagan appointed Alioto-Pier, at the age of 17, to his National Council on Disabilities Advisory Board. Alioto-Pier is a member of the National Women's Political Caucus, the Women's Leadership Forum, and the Majority Council of EMILY's List.

Alioto-Pier earned a degree in Anthropology from the University of California at Los Angeles and spent a year studying at Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan. She resides in San Francisco with her husband, Tom, and their two children, Nicolas and Giovanni.

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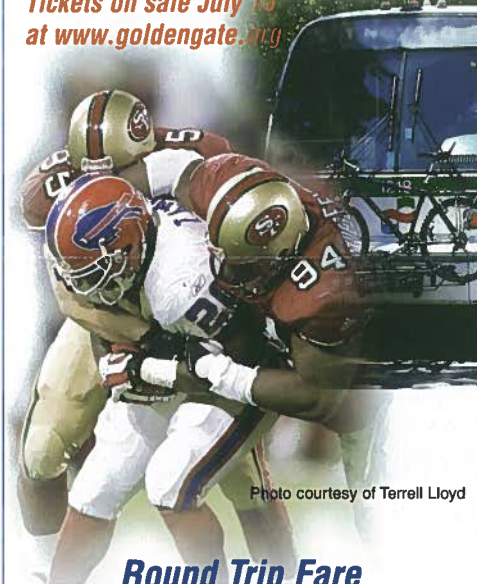


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Round Trip Fare

\$16.00 Larkspur Ferry Terminal

\$20.00 Santa Rosa Bus Terminal

\$22.00 Sonoma (Broadway Market)

For more information, call toll-free: **511** (say "Golden Gate Transit") 711 (TDD)

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ROUTE 10 ROUTE 15

DEMONSTRATION PROJECT DEVELOPED TO RESPOND TO CUSTOMER FEEDBACK

Schedule Changes Effective Sunday, June 13, 2004

Beginning Sunday, June 13, Route 10 will no longer serve Mill Valley, however Route 15 will be extended to provide service to Tiburon and Mill Valley via Miller, Sunnyside and E. Blithedale Avenues.

This six-month demonstration project is designed to decrease overall travel time for southern Marin customers, as well as provide more direct service between Tiburon and Mill Valley. Previously, Route 10 held at Marin City for up to 30 minutes prior to continuing to Mill Valley or San Francisco. For customers traveling to or from San Francisco, there will be a direct connection with Route 70/80 service. Customers traveling to or from Sausalito or Geary Blvd. will have an approximate 15-minute wait period at Marin City, rather than the previous hold time of up to 30 minutes.

The demonstration project was developed in response to numerous customer comments on the excessive wait time for Route 10 buses to arrive and depart at Marin City as well as on the lack of convenient service between Tiburon, Strawberry and Mill Valley. At the conclusion of the demonstration period, staff will evaluate customer responses and operational issues and, if appropriate, announce a public hearing to gather comments on the changes to these two routes.

For further information, visit www.goldengate.org and look under "Top News & Events."