



Nova Scotia International Ferry Service Yarmouth, NS to Portland, ME

Binational Connections in the Northeast



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Yarmouth Ferry History 1956 - 2018

- 1956 Canadian National (CN) introduces first regular ferry service (**Bluenose**) to Bar Harbor, ME.
- 1982 Lion Ferry introduces the **Scotia Prince** to Portland, ME
- 1986 Government of Canada acquires CN's interest in Marine Atlantic, takes over responsibility of ferry service.
- 1998 BFL introduces **Cat** ferry to Bar Harbor, ME.
- 2014 **Nova Star** ferry launches service to Portland, ME.
- 2016 BFL relaunches **Cat** service to Portland, ME.

Yarmouth International Ferry Service

- Bay Ferries Limited (BFL) operator of the service.
- BFL signed a 10-year agreement with NS government.
- Sailing season June to mid-October.
- Passenger capacity 800 passengers & 200 passenger vehicles.
- Sailing time 5.5 to 6 hours.
- Departs Yarmouth 8:30 am & Portland 2:30pm daily.
- Sailing distance: 186 nautical miles or 212 miles or 341 km.
- Passenger origin: USA 75%, Canadian 22% and other 3%
- Ferry does carry motor coach traffic, but does not carry commercial vehicles.

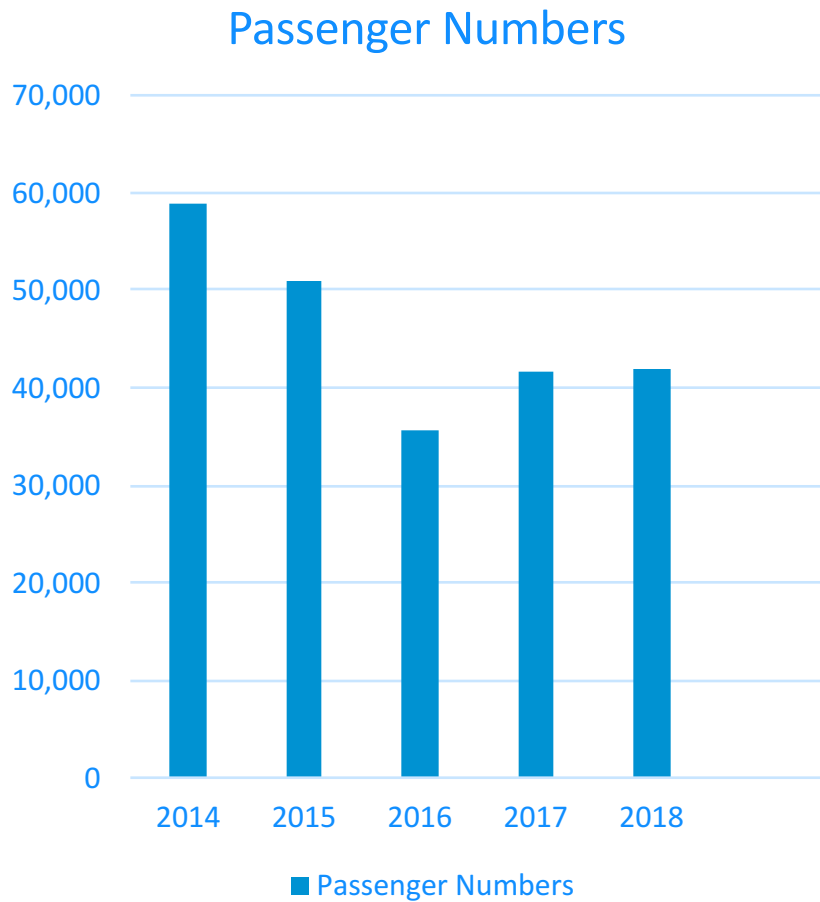
“The Cat” Ferry

Yarmouth, NS – Portland, ME.

- High speed passenger ferry
- Length 349 feet
- Speed 40 mph
- Vessel owner by USA Military Sealift Command (MSC)
- Bay Ferries Limited (BFL) operator of the service.
- Vessel is US flagged
- Seaward Services Inc. provides the ships crew who are USA citizens.
- Currently providing service to Portland, Maine.



Passenger Volumes





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