

Maine to Nova Scotia Ferry

Eastern Boarder Transportation Coalition
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International Connection



- ▶ The Maine to Yarmouth ferry is Nova Scotia's international connection to the United States.
- ▶ Historical connection with steamship service starting in the 1880's
- ▶ Customs and Border Control services provided at both Ferry Terminals.

Ferry Operations

- ▶ Bay Ferries, on behalf of the Province of Nova Scotia, provides the international transportation link between Yarmouth, Nova Scotia and Bar Harbor, Maine.
- ▶ *The CAT* high-speed car ferry operates seasonal service from Memorial Day through Canadian Thanksgiving.
- ▶ *The CAT* has a crossing time of just 3.5 hours.

Departure Times

Yarmouth: 9:30am Atlantic

Bar Harbor: 3:00pm Eastern



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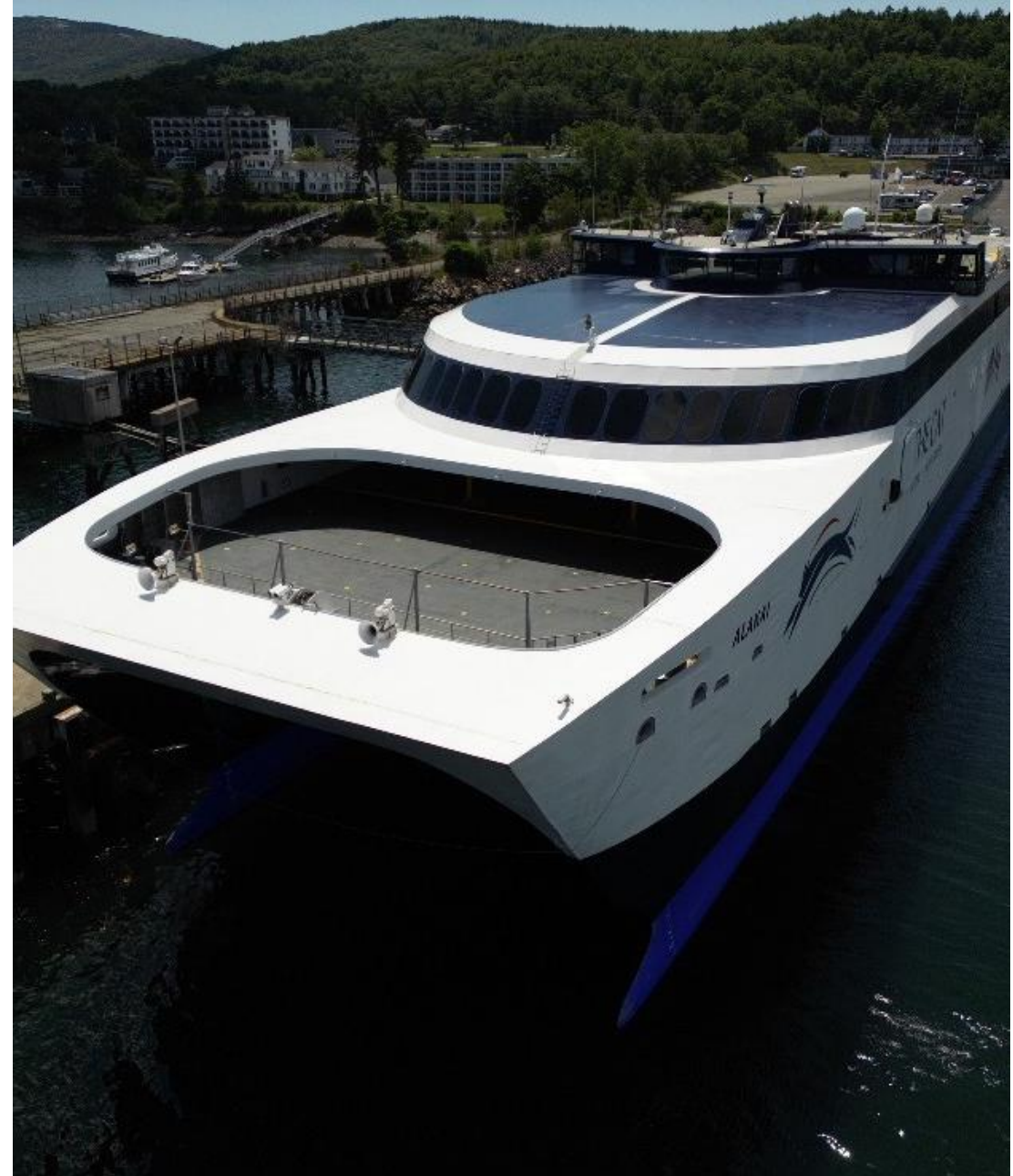
- ▶ The service received \$17.6 million from the Province to support the 2022 sailing season.
- ▶ The ferry transported 36,151 passengers and 14,972 vehicles in 2022.
- ▶ The ferry made 113 round trips last year, and 12 round trips were cancelled because of weather.



Meet *The CAT*

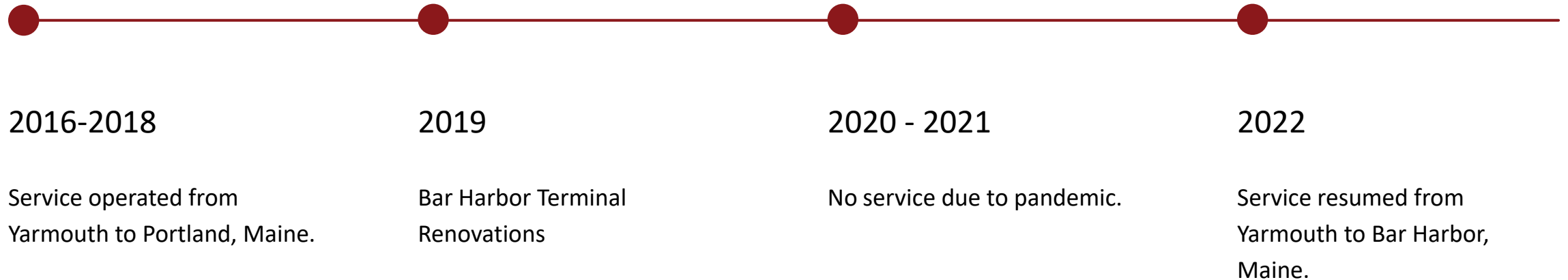
The CAT high-speed ferry accommodates passengers and vehicles on its 3.5-hour journey between Maine and Southwest Nova Scotia with impressive features including:

Length	106 metres or 349 feet
Installed Power	Four MTU-8000 diesel engines
Top Speed	43 knots or 51 miles per hour
Propulsion	Four Rolls Royce KaMeWa 125 MkII water jets
Capacity	866 passengers and 200 cars
Vehicles	Autos, bicycles, motorcycles, RVs, buses
Travel Distance	181 kilometres/98 nautical miles/112 statute miles



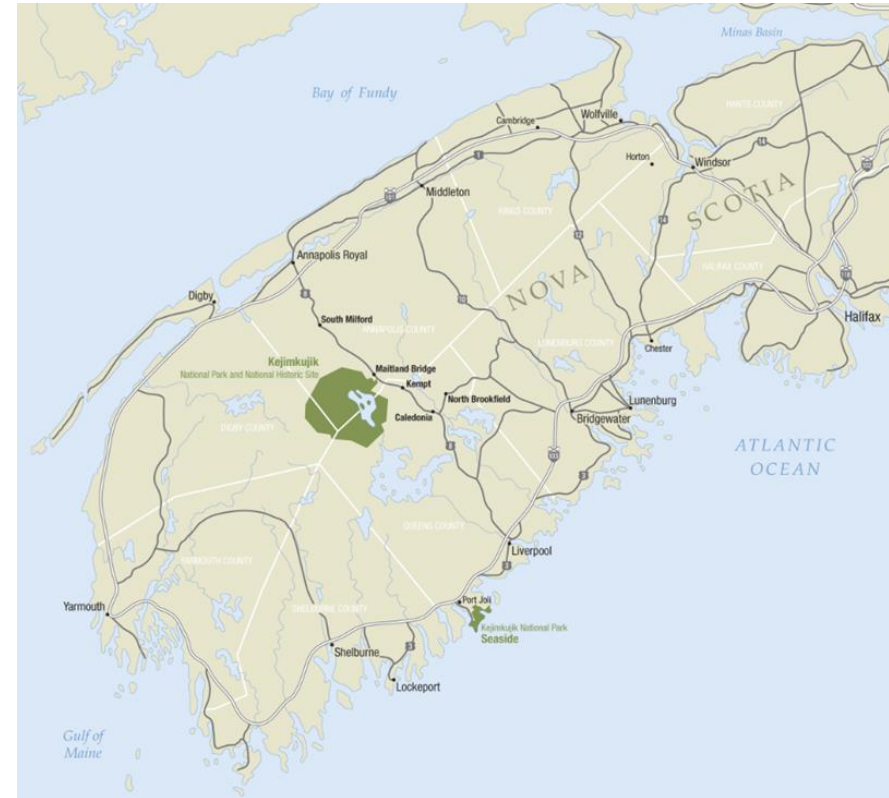
Timeline of Current service

The vessel, known as *Alakai*, or “sea path” in Hawaiian, operated between the Hawaiian islands of Oahu and Maui. Now a U.S. Naval vessel, this high-speed catamaran is chartered by Bay Ferries, branded and operated as *The CAT*.



Economic Impact Study

- ▶ The Province has engaged consultants to lead a broad economic impact study of the ferry service. The results will be ready in late 2024.
- ▶ The study will look at data over two sailing seasons and started in the Fall 2023.
- ▶ The Province is looking to understand the value to Nova Scotian taxpayers.



Thank You

