Gabriola Island - Nanaimo Harbour Ferry Schedule

Change to evening schedule starting April 1, 2025 shown in RED

Daily service (unless otherwise stated) - Crossing time 20-25 minutes

Leaving Gabriola Island (Descanso Bay)		Leaving Nanaimo Harbour	
5:15 am	Monday to Friday	5:45 am	Monday to Friday
6:20 am	Daily	6:55 am	Daily except Sundays
7:05 am	Monday to Friday	7:35 am	Daily except Sundays
7:35 am	Daily except Sundays	8:10 am	Daily
8:10 am	Daily	8:45 am	Daily
8:45 am	Daily	9:20 am	Daily
9:20 am	Daily	9:55 am	Daily
9:55 am	Daily	10:35 am	Daily except Wednesdays (DC)
10:35 am	Daily	11:15 am	Daily
11:15 am	Daily	11:50 am	Daily
11:50 am	Daily	1:10 pm	Daily
1:10 pm	Daily	1:45 pm	Daily
1:45 pm	Daily	2:20 pm	Daily
2:20 pm	Daily	2:55 pm	Daily
2:55 pm	Daily	3:30 pm	Daily
3:30 pm	Daily	4.05 pm	Daily
4.05 pm	Daily	4:40 pm	Daily
4:40 pm	Daily	5:20 pm	Daily
5:15 pm	Daily	6:30 pm	Daily
5:55 pm	Daily except Wednesdays (DC)	7:40 pm	Daily
7:05 pm	Daily	9:25 pm	Daily
8:15 pm	Daily from April 1, 2025 onwards	10:30 pm	Daily except Wednesdays
8:50 pm	Daily until March 31, 2025 (see above)	11:30 pm	Daily
9:55 pm	Daily		
11:00 pm	Daily except Wednesdays		

DC Dangerous Cargo only on Wednesdays (no other vehicle traffic or passengers permitted)

Holiday Schedule for Christmas Day 2025 and New Year's Day 2026 (December 25, 2025 and January 1, 2026)

Leaving Gabriola Island (Descanso Bay)	Leaving Nanaimo Harbour
7:35 am	8:10 am
8:45 am	9:20 am
9:55 am	10:35 am
11:55 am	11:50 am
1:10 pm	1:45 pm
2:20 pm	2:55 pm
3:30 pm	4:05 pm
4:40 pm	5:20 pm
5:55 pm	6:30 pm
7:05 pm	7:40 pm
8:15 pm	9:25 pm
9:55 pm	10:30 pm
11:00 pm	11:30 pm

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