

BC Ferries Route 19

Nanaimo – Gabriola Island



Comparing similar ferry routes
updated for year ending March 31, 2024

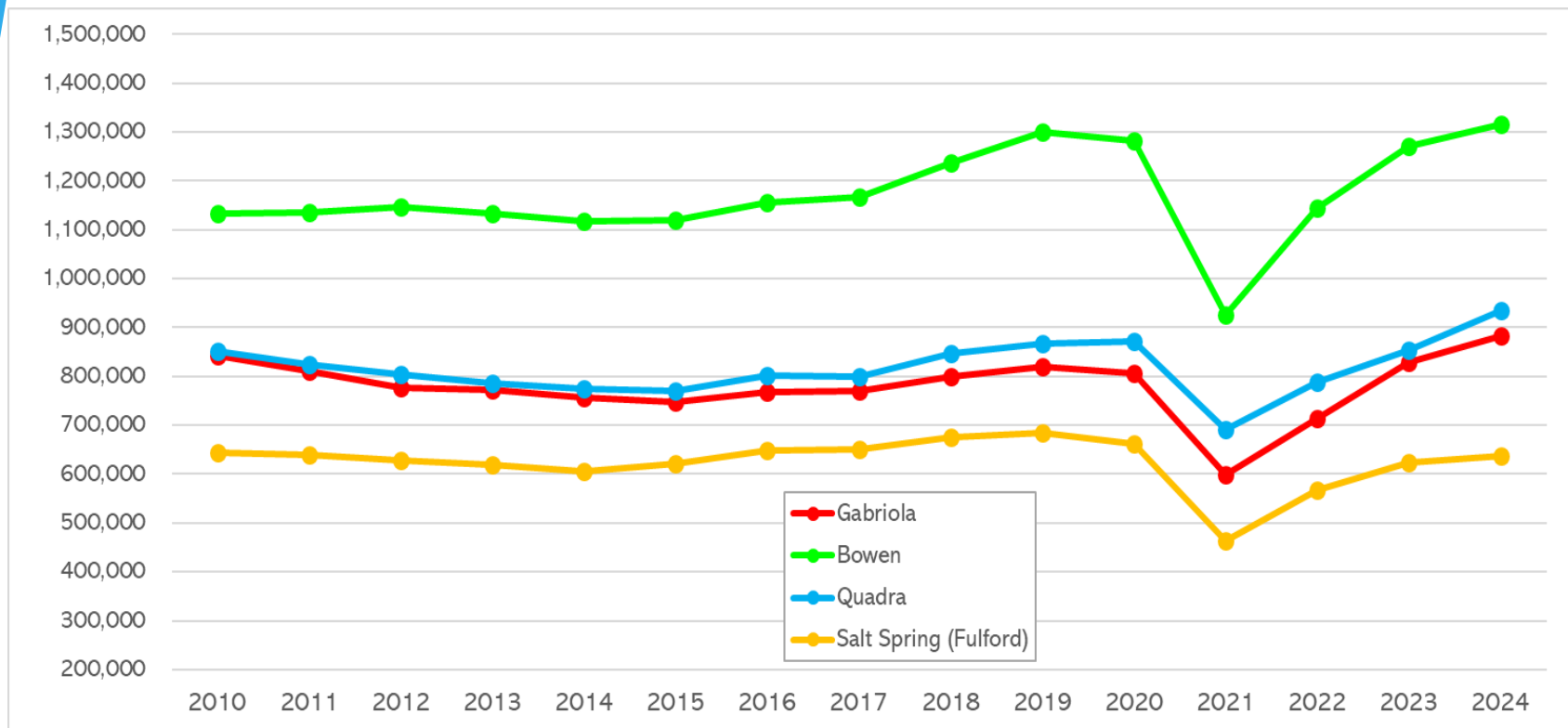
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These are the routes selected to compare performance:

- Route 19 (to and from **Gabriola Island**) – serving a resident population of approx. 4,500 with 2 x 47 AEQ ferries replacing 1 x 63 AEQ ferry in 2022
- Route 8 (to and from **Bowen Island**) – serving a resident population of approx. 4,250 with 1 x 100 AEQ ferry
- Route 23 (to and from **Quadra Island**) – serving a resident population of approx. 4,000 on Quadra and Cortes Islands with 2 x 47 AEQ ferries replacing 1 x 64 AEQ ferry in 2023
- Route 4 (one of three routes to/from **Salt Spring Island**) – jointly serving a resident population of approx. 12,000 with 1 x 92 AEQ ferry

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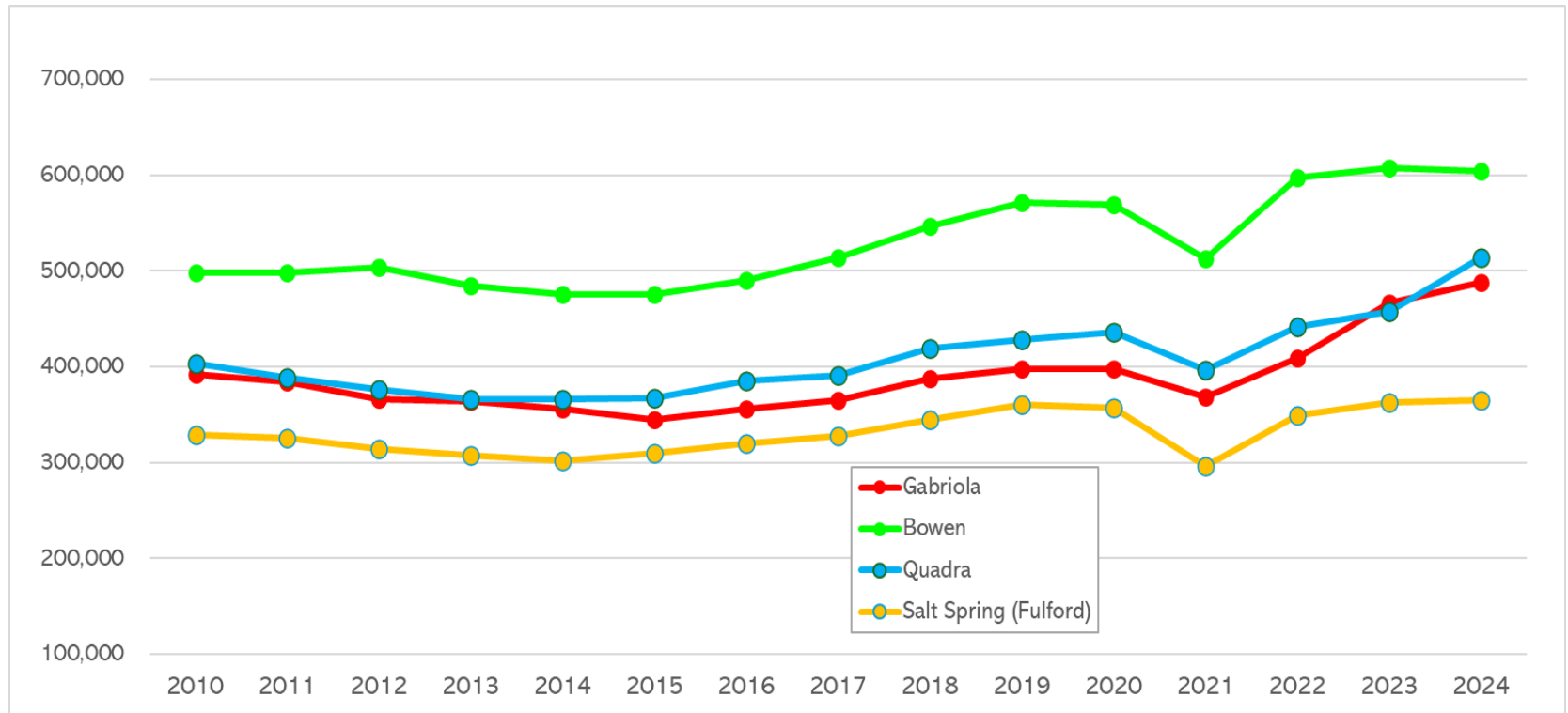
Passengers carried each year since 2010



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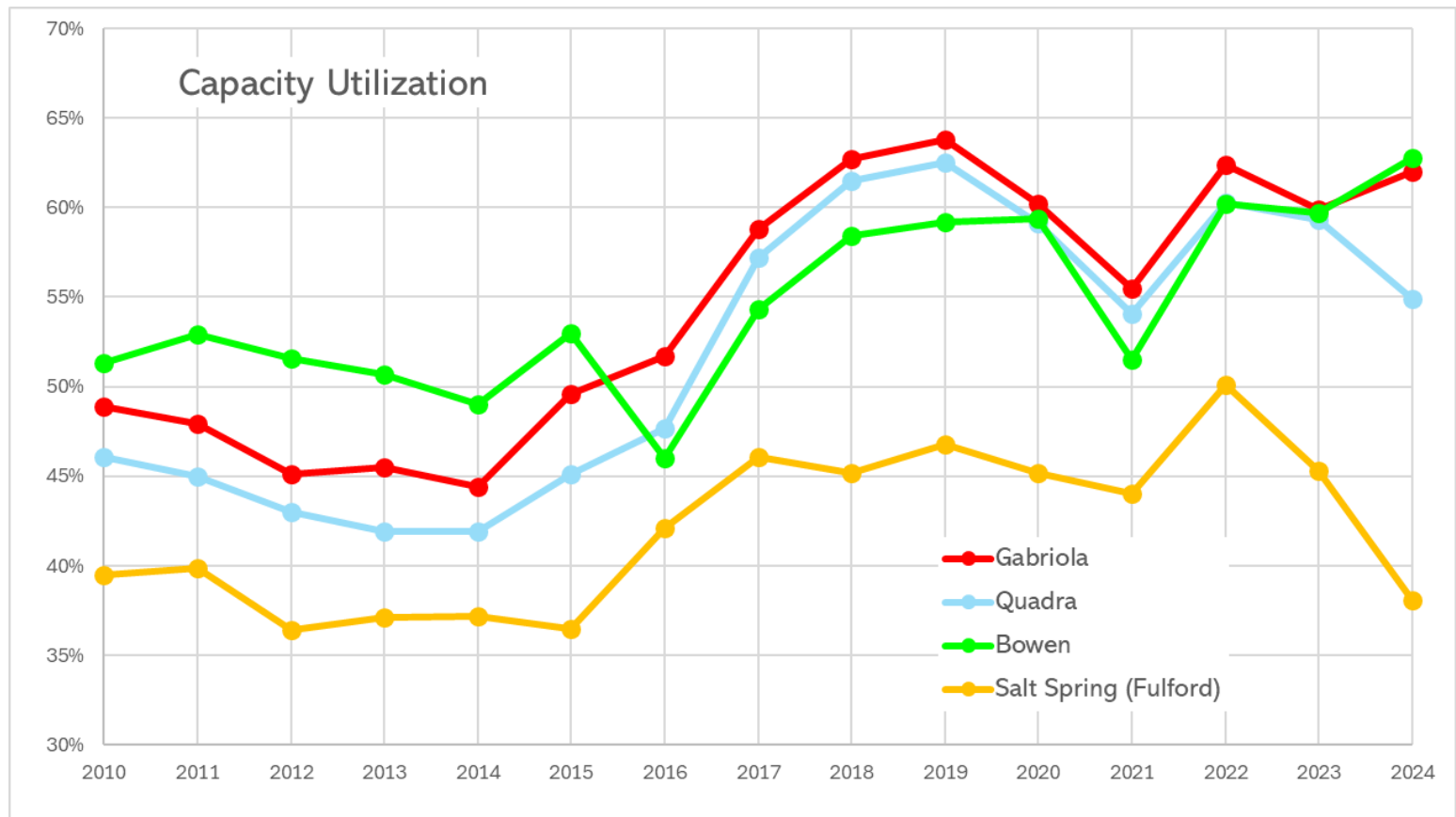
Vehicles carried each year since 2010



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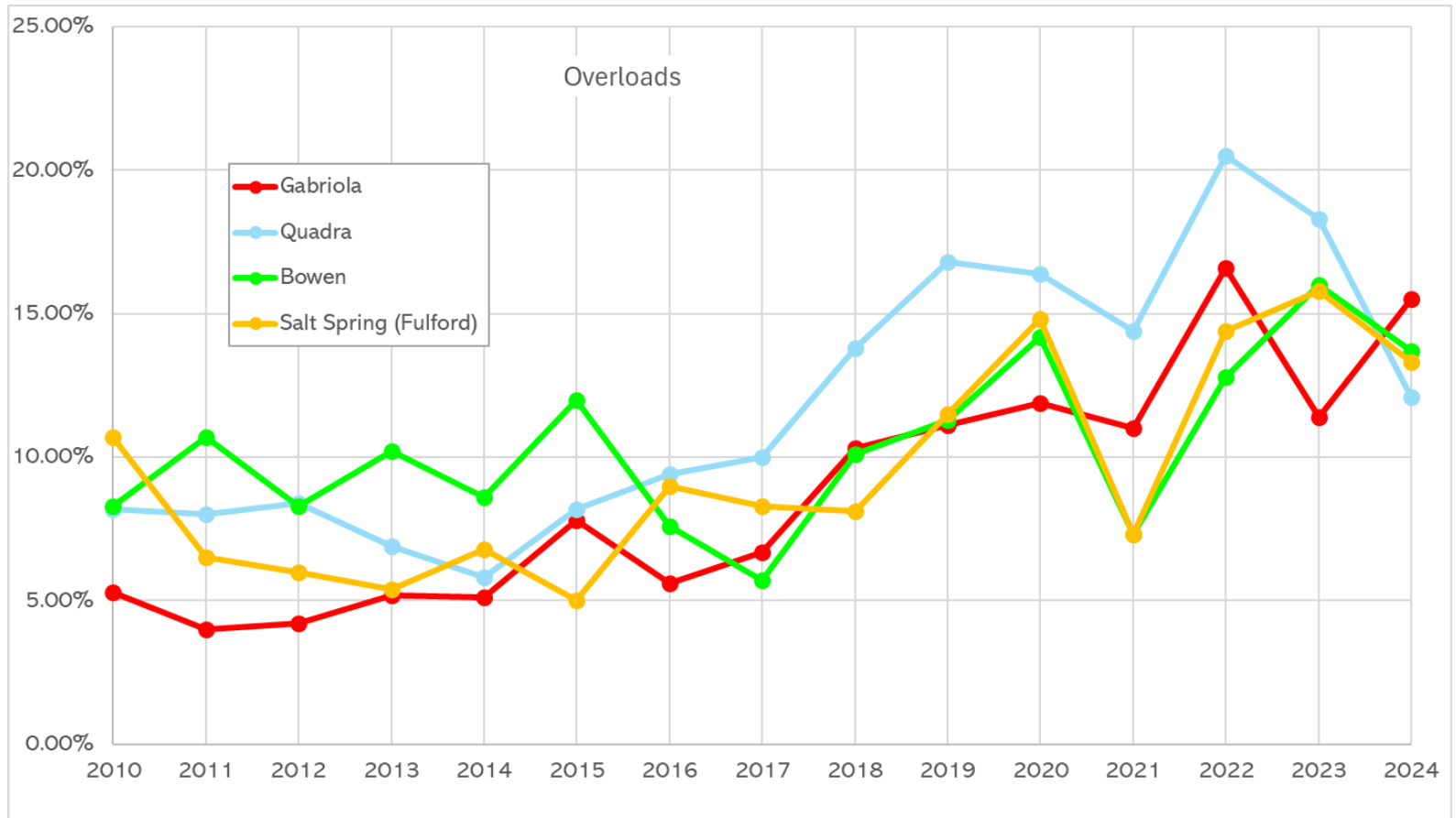
Vehicle capacity utilisation since 2010



Note that capacity utilisation fell slightly on the Gabriola route in 2023 after extra capacity was provided but recovered in 2024. The same pattern is evident on the Quadra route one year later.

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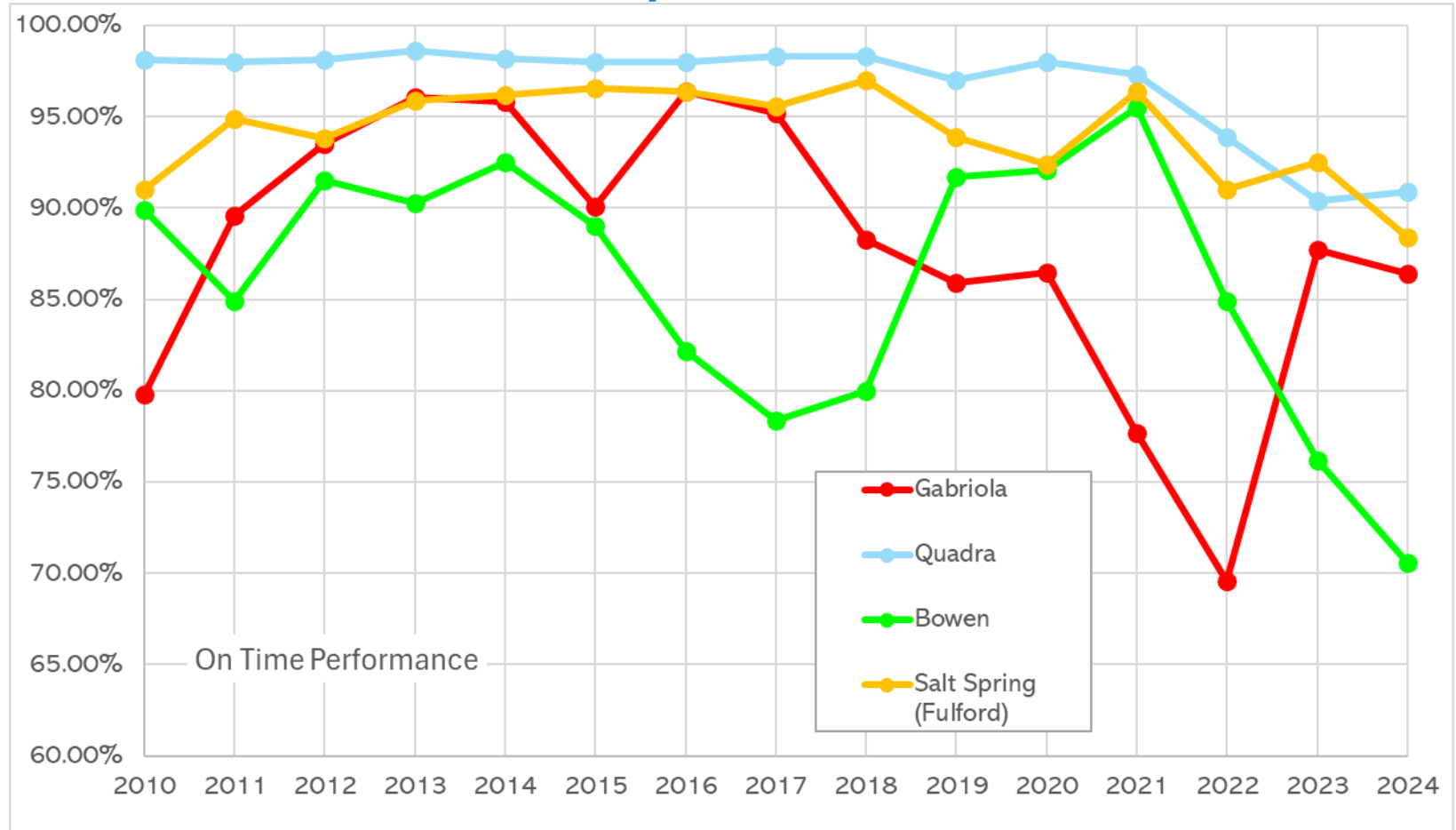
Vehicle overloads each year since 2010



Vehicle overloads rarely occurred on more than 10% of sailings before 2015, but have significantly increased since then (other than during the COVID pandemic of 2020/21)

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On-time performance since 2010



Note how on-time performance on the Gabriola route declined as traffic volumes increased. Poor performance on the Bowen route is often associated with berth congestion at Horseshoe Bay