

## NEWS RELEASE

### **Seaspan and BC Ferries celebrate the success of the Baynes Sound Connector** *The cable ferry connecting Denman Island and Buckley Bay was proudly built by Seaspan's Vancouver Shipyards in North Vancouver*

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North Vancouver, BC – Seaspan Shipyards (Seaspan) is pleased to celebrate the third successful year of service of the *Baynes Sound Connector* cable ferry. The vessel, built by Seaspan, has been in operation with BC Ferries since February of 2016.

Seaspan has an ongoing and long established relationship with BC Ferries and the Province of British Columbia. In addition to the construction of the *Baynes Sound Connector* Seaspan regularly performs maintenance, refit and refurbishment work on a variety of BC Ferries vessels. Thanks to its work on construction and maintenance contracts for BC Ferries, Seaspan is able to create and maintain hundreds of highly skilled middle class jobs in British Columbia.

With lower power requirements compared to a traditional ferry the commissioning of this vessel has enabled BC Ferries to significantly reduce fuel consumption. This has resulted in a considerably smaller carbon foot print from the route. Since entering service the *Baynes Sound Connector* has allowed BC Ferries to achieve more than 415,000 litres in fuel savings when compared to the traditional vessel that previously served this route.

At 1,900 meters between Buckley Bay and Denman Island, the *Baynes Sound Connector* currently has the longest saltwater crossing of any cable ferry in the world. At 78.5 meters long the vessel has maximum speed of 8.5 knots and is able to accommodate 50 vehicles along with 150 passengers and crew.

#### QUOTES

“The Baynes Sound Connector, built by Seaspan, has met and exceeded our expectations. Reducing our environmental footprint is a top priority for BC Ferries and we’ve seen a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions of approximately 50 per cent with the cable ferry over the traditional vessel that used to serve the route.”

- Corrine Storey, Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, BC Ferries

“Seaspan Shipyards values our longstanding relationship with BC Ferries and the success of our work together on projects like the *Baynes Sound Connector*. We take a special pride in building and delivering vessels that exceed the expectations of our customers. We look forward to continuing this positive relationship in the years ahead as BC Ferries adds to and upgrades its fleet as the largest ferry service in North America.”

- Mark Lamarre, Chief Executive Officer, Seaspan Shipyards

#### QUICK FACTS

- Seaspan operates three yards with a combined workforce greater than 2,300 people across its yards in North Vancouver & Victoria.

- At Vancouver Drydock, Seaspan performs regular refit and repair work for a range of customers including BC Ferries. Last year alone, this nimble and full-service yard successfully managed more than 50 different projects.
- Our ongoing service work for BC Ferries is helping to build a truly world-class industry that can compete for and win international work while creating hundreds of jobs, directly and indirectly.

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### **ABOUT SEASPAN SHIPYARDS**

With operations in North Vancouver and Victoria, Seaspan Shipyards is a leader in Canada's shipbuilding and ship repair industry. With modern facilities and a dedicated workforce, the company has proven itself to be a reliable partner on a range of complex projects for both government and the private sector.

Seaspan Shipyards is proud to be Canada's chosen non-combat shipbuilder under the National Shipbuilding Strategy (NSS). In this capacity, the company is building state-of-the-art ships in Canada for the Canadian Coast Guard and Royal Canadian Navy. Through its NSS-related work, Seaspan Shipyards is creating jobs, generating economic benefits and rebuilding Canada's shipbuilding and marine industries.

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