

Alaska Marine Highway Vessels

Amenities: All Alaska Marine Highway Vessels feature forward observation lounges, solariums, gift shops, and cafeterias. Some vessels have cocktail lounges, theatre areas that show scheduled films, small video arcades, card rooms, reading rooms, and toddler play areas, and public showers.



M/V Matanuska

745 passengers
88 vehicles (20' lengths)
4 four-berth cabins
23 three-berth cabins
81 two-berth cabins

The M/V Matanuska travels the Mainline Route through the Inside Passage from Bellingham, WA as far north as Haines and Skagway, AK. The Matanuska is 408 feet long, and has a service speed of 16.5 knots. This ferry has been serving the Alaska Marine Highway since 1963.



M/V MALASPINA

500 passengers
88 vehicles (20' lengths)
46 four-berth cabins
27 two-berth cabins, one of which is wheelchair accessible.

The vessel was built in Seattle in 1963, then lengthened and renovated in 1972 at the Willamette Iron and Steel Company shipyard in Portland. The Malaspina is now 408 feet long, with a service speed of 16.5 knots.

M/V TAKU began service in 1963. Renovated in 1981, the vessel is 352 feet long, with capacity for 69 vehicles (20' lengths), and operates at a service speed of 16.5 knots. It can carry 450 passengers, and has 8 four-berth, and 36 two-berth cabins, two of which are wheelchair accessible.

M/V TUSTUMENA was built at Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin in 1964, sailed Alaskan waters for five years, then was renovated in San Francisco in the winter of 1969. The vessel is 296 feet long, with capacity for 36 vehicles (20' lengths), and operates at a service speed of 13.5 knots. It can carry 210 passengers, and has 8 four-berth, and 18 two-berth cabins (one wheelchair accessible).



M/V AURORA The Aurora operates on short routes and has capacity for 300 passengers and 34 vehicles. There are no cabins on this ferry.

M/V FAIRWEATHER is a new *fast ferry* that began service in 2004. The Fairweather travels between Juneau and Sitka, Haines and Skagway in southeast Alaska. The hull form is a 235-foot catamaran that has been shown to provide the highest transport efficiency of any high-speed ferry of this size.



Beginning in August 2005, the *fast ferry* **M/V CHENEGA** will sail in the Prince William Sound area of south-central Alaska, connecting the ports of Cordova, Valdez, and Whittier.

There are no cabins on the fast ferries. Both fast ferry vessels are powered by four MTU medium-speed diesel engines.



M/V Kennicott

800 passengers
80 vehicles
51 four-berth cabins
34 two-berth cabins
24 two-berth roomettes



The M/V Kennicott began service in the summer of 1998. The Kennicott is 382 feet long, 85 feet wide, with nine decks. She is driven by two 6,690 HP Wartsilla 32E diesel engines, and has a service speed of 16.75 knots. The vessel is ocean certified and is also designed to serve as a command and logistics center during an oil spill or other natural disaster.

M/V COLUMBIA is the largest vessel of the Marine Highway fleet. Launched by Lockheed Shipbuilding in Seattle in 1974, the Columbia is 418 feet long, with capacity for 625 passengers and 134 vehicles (20' lengths). Operating at a service speed of 17.3 knots, its 104 total cabins include 45 four-berth units, and 59 two-berth units, 3 of which are wheelchair accessible. The Columbia boasts both a fine dining room and a cafeteria.



M/V LeCONTE, joined the fleet in 1974. The LeConte is 235 feet long, with capacity for 250 passengers and 34 vehicles (20' lengths), and operates at a service speed of 14.5 knots. The LeConte is used for shorter runs, so it does not have staterooms, but food service and a solarium are provided.