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# BHI Questions?

## BHI Transportation



As more people come back to Bald Head Island for the summer, there are always many questions about the ferry, tram, parking and barge. The ferry and tram systems are currently privately owned by BHI Limited, leased by BHI Transportation and regulated by the NC Utilities Commission (NCUC). These systems include the ferries, trams, docks, barge and parking, and BHI Limited has been working with the BHI Transportation Authority (BHITA) toward the possibility of acquiring the assets since 2017. Progress is temporarily on hold while the Local Government Commission (LGC) seeks additional information for its June 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Meanwhile, the information in this article details the current situation, which may change in the near future.

Ferries are back to a full capacity of 150 passengers. According to the federal and North Carolina executive orders, **all passengers are still required to wear a “hands free” facial mask/covering at all times on ferries, trams and shuttles whether inside or outside, and to practice social distancing whenever possible.** For timely ferry announcements and schedules, and to make online tram reservations, visit [BaldHeadIslandFerry.com](http://BaldHeadIslandFerry.com). For tram reservations departing Deep Point Marina and going to BHI homes, call 910-457-5003. For tram reservations departing BHI, call 910-457-5006. Call in advance, especially during busy times on BHI (such as rental turnover days). During emergency evacuations, make tram reservations as far in advance as possible.

### The Barge

The Barge is available for carrying cargo, vehicles, supplies and equipment to Bald Head Island. Wind/weather permitting, the barge runs Monday through Friday, and the last barge off the Island is 4:00pm. For appointments, fees, details and announcements, call 910-457-5205 or visit [BHIBarge.com](http://BHIBarge.com). Barge office hours are 7:30am-2:30pm Monday-Friday. Make reservations as much in advance as possible, with a minimum of two weeks in advance recommended, especially if returning on the same day.

Keep in mind that barge reservations must be canceled at least 24 hours in advance to avoid being charged the full amount. And only one person is allowed in the vehicle while on the barge, which is a Coast Guard regulation.

Delays and cancellations due to inclement weather such as fog and high winds can affect the barge schedule, so contact the barge office for timely information. If the barge cannot run and your service provider is stuck on Bald Head Island, contact the Dockmaster at 910-457-7380. Make sure that your service provider is aware of all of this information in advance. If the barge cannot run, the internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicle driver will have to make arrangements to return to Deep Point on the contractor or passenger ferry and then come back to BHI for the vehicle’s return trip the next business day.

If, however, your service provider missed the barge for another reason, such as being late, he/she has to report to Contractor Services. This affects the ICE daily permit, parking and arrangements to return to Deep Point on the contractor or passenger ferry. **Remember that no ICE vehicles can be parked at a residence overnight.**

**Fun fact:** the BHI barge can hold up to 137 long tons, or 306,880 pounds.