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Who Do I Call?

The Bald Head Island Barge

News to no one on Bald Head Island, BHI is an island with no bridge to the mainland. For property owners who have contractors needing to get ICE (Internal Combustion Engine) vehicles onto Bald Head Island — for one day, a few days or longer — the BHI barge is the answer.

If you are working with a service provider familiar with BHI and barge logistics, great. If not, you can help inform your contractors coming to BHI about the logistics of getting onto and back from Bald Head Island. Important details include parking at Deep Point, ferries and tickets (passenger vs. contractor), barge reservations, ICE permits (daily or annual) and BHI parking (if necessary).

Daily ICE permits can be purchased when you pay the barge reservation fee at the barge office at Deep Point, located at 1301 Ferry Road, Southport, NC.

Wind/weather permitting, the barge runs Monday through Friday, and the last barge off the Island is 3:00pm. For appointments, fees and details, call 910-457-5205 or visit 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 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.