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Long Beach Transit Water Taxi Season Begins With New Features

New Look, New Passes and Credit Card Sales

LONG BEACH, CALIF. (April 11, 2017) – Long Beach Transit’s newly redesigned AquaLink and AquaBus water taxis will commence regular season service on April 14, 2017. The start date adds an additional month of service compared to previous years.

From April 14 through May 21, LBT’s water taxis will operate a three-day (Friday through Sunday) weekend service. The AquaBus will run every hour from 11 a.m. to 6:05 p.m. It will dock at The Queen Mary, Hotel Maya, Aquarium of the Pacific (Dock 4), Pine Avenue Circle (Dock 7) and Shoreline Village (Dock 9). The AquaBus costs \$1 one way and is cash-only. The AquaLink will run every 90 minutes through most of the day from 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. It will dock at The Queen Mary, Aquarium of the Pacific (Dock 4) and Alamitos Bay Landing (Berth 3). For the 2017 season, The AquaLink will not dock at Belmont Pier due to damage to the dock caused during a heavy storm in February. The AquaLink costs \$5 one way. For the first time, customers can pay for their AquaLink ride by credit card while boarding. Cash payment will remain available.

“As LBT water taxi ridership continues to grow, we want to make it even easier to access. With that said, we are debuting a couple new features this season,” said Lee Burner, LBT’s Executive Director/VP Transit Service Delivery and Planning. In addition to the unlimited-ride three-day weekend pass we introduced last season, a five-day weekday pass will be available. Also, customers can pay for their AquaLink ride with credit card – making it more convenient than ever!”

The weekend and weekday water taxi passes will be available for purchase while boarding or at the Transit and Visitor Information Center at 130 E. 1st Street in downtown Long Beach. The weekend pass is \$15, and the weekday pass is \$30. The pass is good for unlimited rides during the timeframe selected. Passes can be purchased ahead of time and be used at a later date during the 2017 water taxi season that runs through October 29.

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AquaLink Schedule		
April 14 – May 21 (Friday – Sunday Service)		
Aquarium of the Pacific (Rainbow Harbor Dock 4)	The Queen Mary	Alamitos Bay Landing (Berth 3)
		11:00 a.m.
11:45 a.m.	11:55 a.m.	12:30 p.m.
1:15 p.m.	1:25 p.m.	2:00 p.m.
3:15 p.m.	3:25 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
4:45 p.m.	4:55 p.m.	5:30 p.m.
6:15 p.m.	6:25 p.m.	7:00 p.m.
8:15 p.m.	8:25 p.m.	9:00 p.m.
9:45 p.m.	9:55 p.m.	10:30 p.m.*
*Last boat to the Aquarium of the Pacific and The Queen Mary		

AquaBus Schedule				
April 14 – May 21 (Friday – Sunday Service)				
The Queen Mary	Hotel Maya	Aquarium of the Pacific (Rainbow Harbor Dock 4)	Pine Avenue Circle (Rainbow Harbor Dock 7)	Shoreline Village (Rainbow Harbor Dock 9)
11:00 a.m.	11:05 a.m.	11:20 a.m.	11:30 a.m.	11:35 a.m.
11:50 a.m.	11:55 a.m.	12:20 p.m.	12:30 p.m.	12:35 p.m.
12:50 p.m.	12:55 p.m.	1:20 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	1:35 p.m.
1:50 p.m.	1:55 p.m.	2:50 p.m.	3:00 p.m.	3:05 p.m.
3:20 p.m.	3:25 p.m.	3:50 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	4:05 p.m.
4:20 p.m.	4:25 p.m.	4:50 p.m.	5:00 p.m.	5:05 p.m.
5:20 p.m.	5:25 p.m.	5:50 p.m.	6:00 p.m.	6:05 p.m.*
*Last departure to all docks				

Commencing, May 26, 2017, Memorial Day weekend, water taxis will commence a seven-day service with more frequent service. Schedules for the entire season can be obtained at www.lbtransit.com.

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(Photo: AquaLink with new paint scheme)

About Long Beach Transit

Long Beach Transit serves 26 million annual boarding customers in Long Beach, Lakewood and Signal Hill—as well as portions of Artesia, Bellflower, Carson, Cerritos, Compton, Hawaiian Gardens, Los Alamitos, Norwalk, and Paramount and Seal Beach. Water taxi services via AquaBus and AquaLink are available spring through fall. For more information visit, www.lbtransit.com.

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