



## **PRESIDENT'S WEEK IN REVIEW December 31, 2018 – January 6, 2019**

Hello all,

The Christmas/New Year period is generally a slow one for the Office, with few meetings, phone calls, emails, etc. This is in part because the holidays draw attention elsewhere, and in part because our Company counterparts take holidays. If you were working over Christmas and New Year, thank you! I hope you were still able to find time to spend with friends and family.

Last week was cut short by the New Years' Holiday, and was spent largely tying up loose ends, a conference call with members regarding changes to the Marine Personnel Regulations as they relate to Cable Ferries, and dealing with a horrible cold/flu.

The conference call for members who work on the Cable Ferry was well attended, and we were happy to share with them the information that we know: new regulations are set to be released for cable ferries, these regulations indicate certificated personnel will be required for large cable ferry operations like the Baynes Sound Connector, and these regulations are expected to be in gazette 2 (into force) sometime in 2020.

The loose ends included assessing a proposal from a media firm regarding a campaign on customer abuse of front line workers, on-going concerns about vessel availability for emergency ambulance call-outs, and finishing a piece for a year end newsletter.

Next week: A review of customer facing signage at BC Ferries, drafting a couple of reports and recommendations for the Provincial Executive, the SailSafe Advisory Council, and the BC Ferries Hockey Tournament.

Thanks for reading, and I hope to see you soon!

In Solidarity,

**BC FERRY & MARINE WORKERS' UNION**

Brother Graeme Johnston  
Provincial President