

GOLDEN GATE GAZETTE



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SAIL & RAIL PROMOTIONAL FARE FOR GOLDEN GATE FERRY & SMART!



Photo by Tom Rennie

Golden Gate Ferry and Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit (SMART) have teamed up to offer a promotional fare for non-commute riders! With Sail & Rail, traveling between Sonoma, Marin, and San Francisco just got easier and more affordable. For a flat rate of \$12, riders can purchase a one-way combo ticket for travel on Golden Gate Larkspur Ferry and the SMART train.

The discounted ticket is available for use during the following times only:

- Weekdays when traveling south on ferry departures AFTER 8:20 a.m.
- Weekdays when traveling north on ferry departures BEFORE 3:30 p.m.
- Weekends & holidays at any time

The Sail & Rail ticket is only available through the SMART mobile payment app. Download the free app at the Apple Store or Google Play store.

You must activate your mobile ticket before boarding the train or ferry, and your activated ticket must be presented to train or ferry staff upon request. Tickets are valid for 4 ½ hours after activation. Non-activated tickets are valid for 90 days after purchase.

For SMART schedules, visit sonomamarintrain.org. For ferry schedules, visit goldengate.org.

TAKE THE GIANTS FERRY TO HOME GAMES!

San Francisco Giants season is right around the corner, so it's not too early to begin planning for game day. This year, take the fun, relaxing, and easy way to the game! The Giants Ferry provides service from Larkspur to home games and delivers you within steps of the ballpark. The ferry leaves 30 minutes after the last out, so you never miss any of the action, regardless of extra innings.

For ticket purchasing options, visit goldengate.org/giantsferry. Tickets to Oracle Park are not available at the Golden

Gate Ferry Terminals or at the Golden Gate Customer Service Center. Clipper

cards are not a valid form of fare payment for the Giants Ferry.

Tickets are \$14.50 each way, per person. Children 4 and under are FREE. Limit two free children per fare-paying adult. Please see special instructions when purchasing tickets.

For Larkspur Ferry Terminal parking, a \$2 daily parking fee must be paid Monday through Friday from 5:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., excluding some holidays.

Visit goldengate.org to see the complete Giants Ferry calendar (once available).



BRIDGE PATROL ON THE GOLDEN GATE

If you have been to the Golden Gate Bridge, you've seen our Bridge Patrol Officers making the rounds on the Bridge sidewalk, patrolling the parking lots, and interacting with the thousands of visitors who come to the Bridge each day. Get an up-close view of these special employees and their unique duties by watching "What We Do: On Duty with Bridge Patrol" at the Golden Gate Bridge District's YouTube channel.

[YouTube@goldengatebridgedistrict](https://www.youtube.com/@goldengatebridgedistrict)

GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE SUICIDE DETERRENT NET SYSTEM UPDATE

The Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District (District) continues work on installing the Suicide Deterrent System (SDS) to deter suicides at the Golden



Gate Bridge (Bridge) by placing a physical barrier between a person and the water below. The SDS consists of marine-grade

stainless steel netting attached to structural steel net supports placed 20 feet below the Bridge sidewalks and extending out 20 feet over the water.

Installation of the support arms (struts) for the net continues, with work ongoing day and night, five days a week. For drivers, this means weeknight lane closures will continue from 9 p.m. – 5 a.m. Monday through Friday.

The components of the SDS continue to be manufactured at facilities across the United States at a steady pace. Construction of the SDS on the Bridge is also progressing, but at a slower rate than initially planned.

While the contractor has not provided a firm final date for project delivery, the District estimates the project is likely about two years behind schedule. Completion was originally scheduled for January 2021, but that date has been pushed back to 2023.



Support arms extending from the side of the Bridge will hold the stainless steel net.

"We are frustrated by the delay in completing the Suicide Deterrent System," says General Manager Denis Mulligan. "The Bridge District continues to work with the contractor to advance the project as quickly as possible. In the meantime, our Bridge Patrol Officers continue to monitor the sidewalks and intervene when someone



Temporary access platforms beneath the Bridge enable workers to mount the struts.

attempts to harm themselves."

For more information on the SDS, visit goldengate.org/district/district-projects.

M.S. SONOMA REBUILD NEARS COMPLETION



The new pilot house, above the observation lounge.

The M.S. *Sonoma* rebuild is nearing the end of the structural modification phase and is expected to be back in service sometime this summer.

Some of the ongoing work includes installation

of piping systems, ventilation ductwork, and insulation. The main engines are expected to be installed in the engine room by the end of February. The pilot house structure was completely fabricated and then lifted into place on the vessel. The strut and stern tube were custom made to support the propulsion tail shaft. The shipyard used a specialized laser alignment tool to ensure that the driveline equipment will be precisely located. The rebuilt M.S. *Sonoma* will also be equipped with new, more efficient Tier 3 engines with lower emissions.

"Nichols Brothers Boat Builders is working safely and diligently to deliver the vessel this summer," said Jim Shea, Project Engineer, Ferry Division. "There have been zero recordable safety incidents since the project began, which is an extraordinary accomplishment."



The strut and stern tube were custom made for the M.S. Sonoma.

HYBRID BUSES PROVIDE A GREENER RIDE

We recently added 67 new hybrid buses to the Golden Gate Transit (GGT) fleet, and we're



Golden Gate Transit's Hybrid Buses.

beginning to see their impact. The buses use a combination of electricity and diesel, making them 25 percent cleaner burning than the buses they replaced. Their engines were specifically built to accommodate GGT's unique, hilly, long routes.

"We've already seen the benefits of having the buses in our fleet," says Keith Nunn, Director of Bus Maintenance. "They are 25 percent more fuel efficient, which means that we're paying less for fuel and we're cutting down on our emissions. Overall, the buses are a lot better for the environment, which we're really happy about."

FERRY CREW RECOGNIZED FOR BAY RESCUE

Recently, the District's Board of Directors (Board) recognized the crew of the M.V. *Mendocino* for their heroic efforts in rescuing an injured woman and securing her boat.

On the morning of Friday, January 17, the crew of the *Mendocino* responded to a distress call regarding a recreational boat adrift on the San Francisco Bay. As the *Mendocino* approached the boat, the crew called out to see if anyone was onboard. A woman responded, obviously in pain and asking for assistance due to what she described as a broken back.

Vessel Master Captain Curtis Brown pulled the *Mendocino* alongside the sailing vessel and Captain/Mate Dino Cobrador and Senior Deckhand Cameron Blackwell, assisted by Senior Deckhand Anthony Conway and Casual Deckhand Harvey Stafford, boarded the craft and found the female sailor lying in the cabin area, unable to move. Captain Cobrador and Deckhand Blackwell rendered assistance until the U.S. Coast Guard and Tiburon Fire Department arrived at the scene.

In addition to delivering first-class service to our customers every day, this rescue is a reminder that our Ferry staff acts as eyes and ears on the Bay and provides critical emergency response to those in distress.



(L-R) Casual Deckhand Harvey Stafford, Board President Barbara L. Pahre, Senior Deckhand Anthony Conway, Senior Deckhand Cameron Blackwell, and Captain/Mate Dino Cobrador. Not pictured: Vessel Master Captain Curtis Brown.

NEW LARKSPUR FERRY SCHEDULE

Effective Monday, March 23, through Sunday, June 14, 2020

On Monday March 23, a seasonal weekday round trip will be added to the Larkspur Ferry schedule. The new trip departs Larkspur at 11:40 a.m. and San Francisco at 12:25 p.m. The modified schedule is below.

The Sausalito Ferry and Tiburon Ferry schedules remain unchanged.

Weekdays (excluding Holidays)

Depart Larkspur	Arrive SF	Depart SF	Arrive Larkspur
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5:19 am Route 24 bus to Financial District

5:45	6:15	6:20	6:50
6:35	7:05	7:10	7:40
7:00	7:30	7:35	8:05
7:30	8:00	—	—
* 7:50	8:20	8:30	9:05
* 8:20	8:50	9:10	9:45
* 8:50	9:20	—	—
* 9:20	9:55	10:10	10:45
* 10:10	10:45	10:55	11:30
* 11:10	11:45	11:55	12:30
11:40	12:15	12:25	1:00
* 12:40	1:15	1:25	* 2:00
* 2:15	2:50	3:00	* 3:30
2:50	3:25	3:30	* 4:00
—	—	4:00	* 4:30
3:40	4:15	4:30	* 5:00
4:10	4:45	5:00	* 5:30
—	—	5:30	* 6:00
5:10	5:45	6:00	* 6:30
5:40	6:15	6:30	* 7:00
6:40	7:10	7:20	* 7:50
7:25	8:00	8:10	8:40
8:50	9:25	9:35	10:05

*Trips served by Route 25.

Saturdays, Sundays & Holidays

Depart Larkspur	Arrive SF	Depart SF	Arrive Larkspur
—	—	8:40	9:10
9:30	10:05	10:20	10:55
11:25	12:00	12:30	1:05
1:15	1:50	2:30	3:05
1:40	2:30	3:45	4:35
3:25	4:05	5:25	6:00
4:45	5:35	6:25	7:15
—	—	7:25	8:10

RIDE LARKSPUR FERRY TO CHASE CENTER EVENTS

Golden Gate Ferry provides service to & from basketball games and events!



For more information, visit goldengate.org or call 511/711 (TDD)

BIKE to WORK DAY

THURSDAY MAY 14, 2020

JOIN THE BIGGEST BIKING DAY OF THE YEAR!

For more information, visit 511.org



RIDE LARKSPUR FERRY TO BAY TO BREAKERS



EXTRA MORNING TRIPS ON SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2020. ARRIVE A SHORT DISTANCE FROM THE STARTING LINE!

For ticket and schedule information, visit goldengate.org or call toll-free 511 (TDD 711)

BUS SERVICE ADJUSTMENTS



Effective Sunday, March 8, 2020

Golden Gate Transit schedules are adjusted quarterly to improve system efficiency.

Routes 2, 24, 30, 70, 72, 72X, 74, 76

Schedules adjusted up to six minutes to improve connections and running times.

Routes 4C, 24C, 54C Bus stop at McAllister St & Polk St will move approximately 100 feet west, closer to Van Ness Ave. Routes 30, 70, 92, 101, and 101X will continue to serve original stop.

Route 30 No longer serves stops on Lindaro St and on Andersen Dr west of Bellam Blvd in San Rafael. For alternate service, use westbound Routes 40/40X or go to the San Rafael Transit Center.

Route 40 Due to construction, Route 40 will operate on a detour in Point Richmond for approximately four months. Check goldengate.org or call 511 for details.

Route 101 Northbound 10:25 a.m. trip on Saturdays and 10:27 a.m. trip on Sundays will be cancelled.

Golden Gate Ferry A seasonal round trip has been added to the Larkspur Ferry weekday schedule. No changes to the Sausalito and Tiburon schedules.

Marin Transit schedules can be found at marintransit.org or in the *Marin Transit Rider's Guide*.

For new GGT bus schedules, pick up the *Spring 2020 Golden Gate Transit Guide* on your bus or ferry, visit goldengate.org, or call toll-free 511/TDD 711. &

GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT INFORMATION AT YOUR FINGERTIPS!

Accessing real-time arrivals, alerts, and trip planning help has never been easier. GGT offers a variety of tools to help you find your bus and plan your next trip.



The District has partnered with Transit app to provide real-time arrivals, a trip planner with step-by-step directions, and service alerts with push notifications. To get started, just download the app from your mobile device's app store. Another option for service alerts is to follow us on Twitter @GoldenGateBus.



Dialing **511** (711 TDD), then saying "Golden Gate Transit" and "departure times" allows you to get real-time arrival information by entering your bus stop ID number or by identifying your bus stop location. You can also have bus arrival information messaged to you by texting GGT STOP# (example: GGT 40074) or "GGT STOP# ROUTE#" (example: GGT 40074 4) to 41411. Bus stop IDs can be found on the bus stop sign or shelter, or by visiting 511.org/transit/agencies/stop-id.

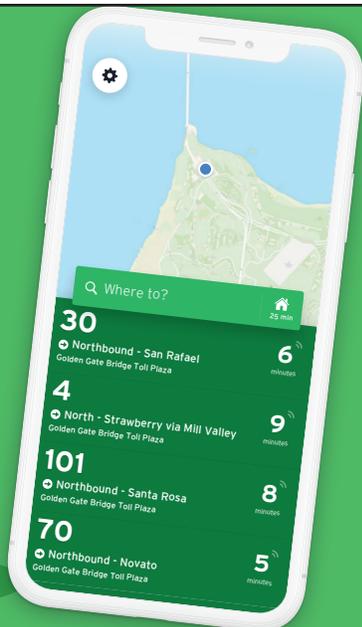


Visit goldengate.org for trip planning, real-time arrivals, fares, alerts, and transit schedules. Each route has an individual online map showing every bus stop location on the route, as well as other transit agencies that serve each stop. To view the online maps, click on "Bus," then "Bus Schedules & Maps," choose your route, then click "Map" at the top of the schedule.

If our self-service tools don't meet your needs, or you just prefer to talk to a real person, you can always visit or call our Customer Service Center. The Center is located on Platform D at the San Rafael Transit Center or you can call 511 (say "Golden Gate Transit," then "operator"). Representatives are available Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.



WHERE'S MY BUS?



Download Transit app  transit

CAUTION!

SUBJECT TO FLOODING

During unusually high tides (King tides), Manzanita Park & Ride is prone to flooding. Higher than normal tides are predicted for early April, early May, and early June.

Check tide tables at tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov before parking in the Manzanita lot.

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