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- Use the end of the waiting area closest to land, enter and leave SeaBus by the end door, sit in the rear section and hold the bicycle clear of doors and aisles.
- Enter and leave SeaBus last, remaining behind other passengers.
- Respect the convenience of other passengers and take every precaution to avoid marking the facilities.

TRICYCLES, TANDEM AND MOPEDS
CANNOT BE CARRIED.

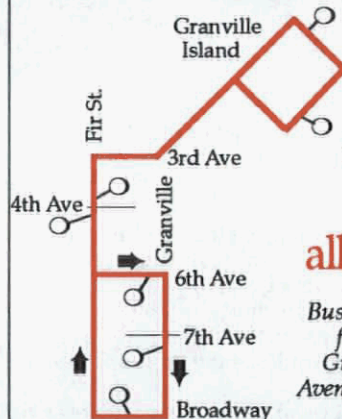
Time flies like an arrow, fruit flies like a banana

"There is only one success - to be able to spend your life in your own way"
Christopher Morley

1st Annual False Creek Open House September 12 & 13

Discover what makes False Creek such a unique neighbourhood during this first Open House.

The Vancouver Maritime Museum will offer a children's boat building workshop and harbour tours. Granville Island will present "Scenes from a Studio" where you'll be able to meet Granville Island artists or you can join the "Garbage Can Painting" contest at the Public Market. Learn about the history of trains at Science World and take in "Making a Living, Making a Life" at the Vancouver Museum. It's a full weekend of special events down at the creek....for more information, contact the Granville Island Information Centre at 666-5784.



Free service on
the 51 Granville
Island route
all day Sept. 12 & 13

Buses will follow the regular route from Granville & Broadway to Granville Island, via Fir and 3rd Avenue. No transfers will be issued

SkyTrain Sunday Service Rider Alert

To accommodate track maintenance, SkyTrain service east of New Westminster will be reduced on Sundays (all day and evening) from September 13th until the end of November. Trains serving Columbia and Scott Road Stations will run approximately every 10 minutes instead of the usual 5. Please allow a few extra minutes for your bus connections at these stations. Additional trains will operate between Waterfront and New Westminster, so passengers on most of the line should not be affected.

ODDS & ENDS

The Royal City Youth Ballet invites young people aged 6 to 25 to audition for the Company, Sept 20, noon to 3 pm at Douglas College, 8th St & Royal Ave. Open auditions will also be held for the Nutcracker from 1 to 4 pm. Info: Nadine Nicholas at 524-5078 or Diane Johnson at 521-7290 • Registrations are now being accepted for the Fall Writing and Publishing Program at SFU, Harbour Centre. Phone 291-5000 or fax 291-5060 • Continuing Education Programs at VCC this Fall include Floral Design, Art, Electronics, Photography, Jewellery Making, Fashion Arts, and Graphic Design. For information call 443-8380 • Metro Theatre's new season has begun with *Wife Begins at Forty*, Wed-Sat 'til Oct 3. Rsv advised at 266-7191, 1:00-4:30 Tues-Sat, or 6:30-8:00 on performance evenings. • An exhibition of new works by Vancouver artist Al McWilliams, at Presentation House Gallery. The wall works made of lead, glass and beeswax utilize photographic images of 13th to 15th century narrative sculptural details. • Elder's Heritage Day, hosted by the Vancouver Elders' Native Society, Sept 12, 10:00-4:00 at the Aboriginal Friendship Centre, 1607 East Hastings. Entertainment, crafts, displays, demonstrations, door prizes. Free Adm. • Women & Surrealism is one of the first serious investigations into the influence of Surrealism on current feminine art practice. Surrey Centre Gallery • You can explore your creative potential by signing up for Fall workshops at Surrey Arts Centre. Info: 596-7461 • The Surrey Symphony Society is holding auditions for Junior Strings players (5 to 12 years) and Youth Orchestra members (12 to 20 years), Sept 12, 9:30-11:30 am in Newton. Info: 572-9225 • BCIT Student Association 24th Annual Shinerama, Sept 16. Hundreds of students will be shining shoes and washing cars around the Lower Mainland to raise funds for Cystic Fibrosis research • Family Services of Greater Vancouver offers groups on Parenting/Families and on Life Skills. To register, call 525-9144 • Benefit performance, Showcase of Stars, for the Royal City Musical Theatre Company and other Arts groups, Sept 20, 8 pm, Massey Theatre. TX 280-4444 • The Fringe Festival, 'til Sept 20, offers international, multicultural and affordable performances, from respected classics to cutting edge works. Over 500 performances with all tickets under \$10. The Festival Program Guide is available at 100 locations and in the Sept 4-11 issue of The Georgia Straight. Phone 873-3646 for information. • Family Fun Night for the whole family, Sept 25, 6-8 pm, Eastburn Community Centre, 7435 Edmonds, Burnaby. Sports, arts, crafts, games, bingo, face painting, etc. • The People's Law School offers a wide and stimulating array of free public legal education classes at locations throughout the Lower Mainland. For a schedule of classes, phone 688-2565. Fax 688-2566 • Nutrition for a Fit & Healthy Lifestyle, a workshop offered by West End Community Centre, 870 Denman, Sept 15, 7:00-9:00. \$16. Info: 689-0571 • The West End Community Centre offers a wide variety of art classes, from figure drawing to silk painting. Info: 689-0571 • Antique, classic and contemporary cars at the 4th Annual British & American Car Meet, Sept 13, 10:00-3:30, Canadian Museum of Flight & Transportation, 13527 Crescent Road, Surrey. Info: 535-1115 •

COMING EVENTS

Sept 12/13 - Garage Sale, S.P.C.A. Aux., 1205 East 7th, 10:00-2:00. Good used clothing, white elephant items.
Sept 19 - Garage Sale, St. Matthews, 3019

East 23rd, 10:00-2:00.
Sept 24 - Thrift Shop Sale, South Burnaby United, Rumble & Gray, 10:30-2:30. Toys, clothing, housewares, books, etc.

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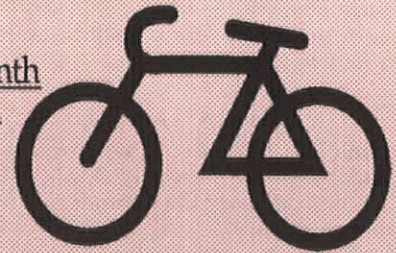
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The Buzzer



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Six-month
trial



Bicycles can now
be taken on board SeaBus
during rush hours
(up to 20 per sailing)

Since cyclists were granted increased accessibility to SeaBus (October 1990) and the fare for accompanying bicycles was dropped (December 1, 1990) ridership has increased dramatically.

In the year ending March 31, 1991, 4049 bicycles were carried. The following year saw a 334 per cent increase, to 17,956.

With this strong evidence of the popularity and usefulness of the service, the Vancouver Regional Transit Commission decided to test the possibility of increasing the number of bicycles carried per trip, from 6 to 20, and allowing bicycles on rush hour sailings.

Passengers with a valid fare can now take their bicycles on board at any time throughout the service day. This is the procedure to be followed:

- Retain control of the cycle at all times and walk it while on SeaBus property, including ramps, walkways, sidewalks and the bus loop.

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GoCards for Grades 8 to 12

A GoCard/Student I.D. identifies the legitimate owner as someone eligible to travel on the Vancouver Regional Transit System for a Concession fare.

The necessary photograph is taken at an in-school session and the GoCard is issued approximately two weeks later. There is no charge for GoCards issued in this manner.

To be eligible for a GoCard a student must:

- live within the transit service area
- be aged 14 to 19 (inclusive) or in Grade 8 at the start of the school year
- attend classes full time at a public or private school - Grades 8 to 12 (inclusive)

In the meantime

Students with 1991/92 GoCards, who are still attending secondary schools, can use them until October 31, 1992. If a GoCard has been lost over the summer it should be replaced immediately by going to:

Photo Ident

3640 Vanness Avenue, Vancouver (near Joyce SkyTrain Stn)
Phone 434-1321

Hours are 9:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. No appointment is necessary*. (See requirements below)

New Grade 8 students are able to pay Concession fares without GoCards until October 31, 1992. These students should advise the driver of their age, grade and school when boarding. If any difficulties are encountered the student is requested to pay the adult fare, then note the time of travel, bus number and operator number and call BC Transit Operations at 264-5266 with this information.

If you miss the school photo session

You will pay a \$5 fee to have a GoCard produced.

GoCard photography sessions will be provided by Apple Photographic Services during October and November, in a mobile unit which travels to locations throughout Greater Vancouver. Watch for details.

Or students may go to **Photo Ident, 3640 Vanness Ave, Vancouver**, between 9:00 am and 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. No appointment is necessary*.

* Students going to Photo Ident or a mobile unit must have a GoCard application form (available at the school office) signed by a school official, proof of age (birth certificate or passport) and a \$5 fee. GoCards will be issued immediately.

Public Meetings to review Accessible Transit Services



BC Transit and the Vancouver Regional Transit Commission provide a family of transit services for people with disabilities – handyDART, accessible buses, SkyTrain, SeaBus and Taxi Savers. We would like to know what you think about these services and how they might be better tailored to meet your needs.

You are welcome to attend any of the following meetings:

Thursday, September 24 – 7:30 to 9:30 pm

G.F. Strong Rehabilitation Centre Gym
4255 Laurel Street, Vancouver

Wednesday, September 30 – 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Lion's Gate Hospital Gym
231 East 15th Street, North Vancouver

Thursday, October 8 – 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Spruce Room, Century House,
620 8th Street, New Westminster

Wednesday, October 14 – 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Surrey Municipal Hall, Cafeteria,
14245 - 56th Avenue, Surrey

Wednesday, October 21 – 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Westminster Room, Richmond Inn,
7551 Westminster Highway, Richmond

Written or oral presentations can be made at the meetings or in writing to: BC Transit, 1110 - 1200 West 73rd Avenue, Vancouver. V6P 6M2.

A BC Transit discussion paper describing accessible transit issues and trends is available. To book a place on the program, to obtain a paper, or for more information call 264-5000, local 5101 or 5138.

If you wish to speak, call ahead and ensure a place on the program at one of these meetings. You may also sign up to speak at the meeting if you cannot phone in advance..

Local handyDART service to attend meetings can be booked by passengers up to 48 hours in advance.

Timetable Revision: 29 29th Avenue Station/Elliott

Please note that the first trip leaves Nanaimo at Fraserview at 6:12 am., Monday through Friday.

Service note: 148 Ioco/New Westminster Station

Seasonal weekend service to White Pine Beach has been discontinued until Spring.

West Vancouver "Blue Bus" Service Changes

EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 8

250 Horseshoe Bay/Vancouver

The early morning weekday schedule of the 250 Horseshoe Bay has been revised to improve connections with the #251, 252, and 239 at Park Royal.

The early morning Saturday schedule has been revised to include a new trip that leaves downtown Vancouver at 8:00 am. Other early morning trip times have been adjusted to improve connections with the #251/252 and with the #239 at Park Royal.

New Horseshoe Bay Terminus

Horseshoe Bay Blue Bus services (the #250, 257 and 259 routes) are now operating from the new terminus on Keith Road, adjacent to the ferry terminal. The new terminus will be more convenient for ferry users.

A reminder about "Courtesy" seats

The first forward facing seats, on both sides of the aisle, are designated as "Courtesy" seats for the use of seniors and passengers with disabilities.

These seats are particularly appropriate for blind and visually impaired passengers accompanied by dog guides. The dogs can crouch under the seat and stay safely out of the aisle.

This doesn't mean, of course, that others can't use these seats, just make sure that when they are needed they are made available to the people for whom they are intended.

In regard to assisting passengers with visual impairments, many people aren't sure if an offer of help would be welcomed. The CNIB assures us that in most cases it would and offers the following suggestions:

At a bus zone you could help by making certain that the prospective passenger is at the right spot for boarding and then by reading off the route numbers of approaching buses.

When boarding you could indicate an empty seat by placing one of his/her hands on the back of the seat. If the "Courtesy" seats are full, another seat near the driver would be the most appropriate choice.

By the way, the CNIB has asked us to remind passengers again that dog guides should never be petted or fed.

