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Two Washington state ferries are heading to Ecuador after a combined 100 years of service in the Puget Sound.



Do you remember when a retired Washington State ferry came to Coos Bay?

The Port of Coos Bay would probably like to dis-remember the time it owned the ferry "MV Crosline".

The MV Crosline was a wooden, diesel ship launched in Seattle on June 22, 1925 for the Crosby Direct Line Ferry Company. It could carry 300 passengers and 65 cars.

Crosline was originally built for the Alki-Manchester Ferry route on Puget Sound in Washington state.

On May 20, 1942, the Crosline arrived in Vancouver BC to join the Burrard Inlet ferries. It was purchased because of the need for more ferries to take shipyard workers to the north shore. In 1947, after the war, the Crosline was sold to the ferry system of the Washington State Department of Highways where it was rebuilt into a double-ended ferry with a pilothouse and propulsion on both ends of the ferry. It served with the MV Skansonia on the route between Gig Harbor and Point Defiance until 1950, when the second Tacoma Narrows Bridge opened. In 1951, Washington State Ferries was formed when the state acquired almost all of the Black Ball Line's assets, and the Crosline joined WSF's fleet.

The Crosline's last trip was the 9:55 p.m. departure on Labor Day of 1967. The ferry system sold the ship later in the year on December 19. It was first used as a warehouse on Lake Union, than sold again in 1975, where it was moved to Coos Bay, Oregon to be used as a restaurant. The restaurant failed, and instead her superstructure was removed to become a warehouse again, but this time shore-based. The superstructure was used by Emory Hansen as his home, charter, "Northwest" and marina headquarters in the area that is now the Charleston Shipyard. Crosline's hull was eventually disassembled, and the remaining timbers and planks became part of a fishing boat and a dock. When the Port acquired the area the superstructure was demolished.



MV Crosline HISTORY

Designed by L.H. Coolidge Built by Marine Construction Co., Seattle, WA. Launched June 22, 1925, In service 1925. Length As built : 150 ft (45.72 m), Beam As built :48 ft (14.63 m) Installed power; Originally : 750 HP Sumner diesel engine. Out of service 1967

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Every year, dozens of local boat owners in Wisconsin band together to move a giant floating island on Lake Chippewa, also known as the Chippewa Flowage. This floating island, known as the "Forty Acre Bog," is composed of peat, plant roots, mud, and even mature trees. These trees act as sails, catching the wind and moving the island around the lake. When the bog drifts and blocks a crucial bridge connecting the east and west sides of the lake, it requires a community effort to push it back into position using their boats.

The floating bogs formed over time as peat bogs from the lake's swampy bottom rose to the surface, creating a habitat rich in biodiversity. Moving the bog is a complex task that relies on favorable wind conditions, and it often requires multiple attempts to place it correctly, or it will drift back within days. This annual task, while challenging, highlights the community's dedication to preserving the natural environment and maintaining access across the lake.

The floating bog is legally protected and cannot be broken apart, adding to the complexity of the task. Despite their best efforts, there are occasions when the bog gets stuck on obstacles like rocks, necessitating repeated efforts to clear the passage.



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September 15, 1200 Tugman Park near the boat ramp at our next social gathering.

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