

The Cranberry Isles Futures Group

1999 Boat Survey

These summary results are compiled from the questionnaire mailed out to all known residents of Great Cranberry and Islesford in the winter of 1999.

Question	Response	
	Year Round Residents	Summer Residents
1. Do you live on Islesford or Cranberry Island?		
year round	14	0
more than 6 months/yr.	2	0
summer only	0	52
2. Do you operate an off island business that provides services on island?		
yes	0	1
no	14	51
3. If so, how many employees ride the mailboat between October and May?		
less than once a week	0	0
1-3 times a week	0	0
5-6 times a week	0	3
4. If a resident, how many in your household?		
adults	32	72
children	12	25
5. How many in your household ride the mailboat?		
less than once a week	12	32
1-3 times a week	24	42
5-6 times a week	2	6
6. How many members of your family regularly work off island?		
daily	3	1
several times a week	2	5
several times a month	0	0
7. Have you ever moved off the island to work or for school reasons because boat schedules did not meet your needs?		
yes	6	5
no	8	1
8. If you lived off island, did you commute back to the island to work?		
yes	3	3
no	5	1
9. If the boat schedule was different would you ride more often?		
yes	9	16
no	4	22

Note: The results of questions 10-15 are summarized in the [graph](#) below.

10. If there were only three trips each day, when would you most like to see boats leave the islands in the morning?

6-7am	6	6
7-8am	7	23
8-9am	2	14
other	0	0

11. What time would you like to leave Northeast Harbor in the morning?

6-7am	2	4
7-8am	7	18
other	0	3

12. What time would you like to have the mid-day boat leave the islands?

10-11am	5	5
11-12am	10	25
12-1pm	0	8
other	0	0

13. What time would you like to have the mid-day boat leave Northeast?

10-11am	1	1
11-12am	8	12
12-1pm	6	22
other	0	0

14. What time would you like the afternoon boat to leave the islands?

3-4pm	3	8
4-5pm	9	15
5-6pm	0	13
other	0	0

15. What time would you like the afternoon boat to leave Northeast?

3-4pm	4	3
4-5pm	4	9
5-6pm	7	24
other	0	5

Remarks by Bruce Komusin

The survey seems to apply only to winter boats, when the current schedule is only 3 boats per day.

Everyone who responded wants to spend more time on the mainland. Both year-round and summer residents want the morning boat to leave the islands at least 1 hour earlier (2 hours for year-rounders), and the evening boat from Northeast Harbor to return 2 hours later.

Everyone wants the midday boat from Northeast Harbor 1 hour later.

Everyone also seems to want the evening boat from the islands 1 hour later, the summer residents more markedly so.