



# Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority

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## Notice of Public Hearings/Meetings on Proposals to Provide High-Speed Passenger Ferry Service to/from New Bedford, Oak Bluffs, Nantucket and/or Hyannis

The Woods Hole, Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket Steamship Authority ("SSA") will hold four public hearings/meetings on:

1. The application of SeaStreak, LLC to operate a high-speed passenger ferry service between New Bedford and Nantucket, either directly or with stops along each way at Oak Bluffs, commencing in May 2016. SeaStreak proposes to operate this high-speed passenger ferry service on a summer seasonal basis (generally from the Memorial Day weekend through the Labor Day weekend), with two round trips on a daily basis during the summer (using a 149-passenger capacity ferry) and an additional round trip on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays (or, if operating its schedule calling for stops at Oak Bluffs, an additional round trip on Saturdays and Mondays of summer holiday weekends using a 500-passenger capacity ferry). This service would be in addition to the summer seasonal high-speed passenger ferry service that SeaStreak already operates between New Bedford and Oak Bluffs (using another 149-passenger capacity ferry).
2. The application of Hyannis Harbor Tours, Inc. ("Hy-Line") to retire its traditional ferry, the *M/V Brant Point*, which Hy-Line operates on a summer seasonal basis between Hyannis and Oak Bluffs, and to operate a new high-speed passenger ferry (with a capacity of between 300 and 350 passengers) between Hyannis and Oak Bluffs in lieu of its high-speed passenger ferry, the *M/V Lady Martha* (that has a capacity of 149 passengers), for five of the *M/V Lady Martha's* six daily round trips, and to operate the *M/V Lady Martha* between Oak Bluffs and Nantucket, providing three round trips a day in addition to a morning daily trip from Hyannis to Oak Bluffs and an evening daily trip from Oak Bluffs to Hyannis. Hy-Line's proposed service generally would run from the Memorial Day weekend through the Labor Day Weekend, with a reduced number of daily trips beginning earlier in May until the Memorial Day weekend and again beginning after Labor Day through late October.

The hearings/meetings will take place at:

October 26, 2015      4:00 PM      Community Room of the Public Safety Facility  
4 Fairgrounds Road, Nantucket, MA

October 27, 2015	2:00 PM	1st Floor Meeting Room of the Oak Bluffs Public Library 56R School Street, Oak Bluffs, MA
October 28, 2015	4:30 PM	SeaLoft Room of the Waypoint Event Center 185 MacArthur Drive, New Bedford, MA
October 29, 2015	3:00 PM	2nd Floor Meeting of the SSA's Hyannis Ferry Terminal 141 School Street, Hyannis, MA

Room assignments at the various hearing/meeting locations are subject to change based upon availability.

The public is invited to attend and be heard. The SSA also encourages the public to submit written comments regarding the applications. All comments from the public must be received by the SSA's General Manager, Wayne C. Lamson, no later than Thursday, October 29, 2015, either at the following address: Steamship Authority, P.O. Box 284, Foot of Railroad Ave., Woods Hole, MA 02543, or by email at [wlamson@steamshipauthority.com](mailto:wlamson@steamshipauthority.com).

The public can also view documents regarding SeaStreak's and Hy-Line's applications by going to the SSA's website, [www.steamshipauthority.com](http://www.steamshipauthority.com), and selecting the ABOUT tab on the home page, followed by selecting the NEWS tab and then clicking on "Ferry License Requests." All of those documents will also be available for inspection during regular business hours at the Authority's General Offices, located in its Woods Hole terminal, Foot of Railroad Avenue, P.O. Box 284, Woods Hole, MA 02543. For further information, you may contact the Authority's General Counsel, Steven M. Sayers, at (508) 548-5011, ext. 301 or by email at [ssayers@steamshipauthority.com](mailto:ssayers@steamshipauthority.com).